

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

November 6, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 1:30 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. Lamont Carter, Justice A. A. Birch, Jr., Mr. James Lawson, Ms. Ivanetta Davis Samuels, Ms. Tonya Jones and Ms. Karen Johnson.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. James Gray/Finance and Administration, Mr. Mike Bays/Consolidated Maintenance, Mr. Paul Widman/Recreation, Mr. Curt Garrigan/Planning and Facilities; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent of Community Affairs; Mr. Bob Parrish, Superintendent of Resource Management; Ms. Shain Dennison, Superintendent of Greenways Development; Lt. George Mitchell for Captain Rich Foley, Park Police and **Ms. Theresa Costonis, Metro Government Legal Counsel.** Mr. Tommy Lynch, Assistant Director of Parks/Special Services Division was not in attendance.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 7, 2008 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, October 7, 2008.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

SUSAN JONES RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE TO THE PARK BOARD

Mr. Stan Fossick, Board Chair, recognized Ms. Susan Jones for 15 years of service to the Parks Board. Mr. Roy Wilson, Director of Metro Parks, presented Ms. Jones with a beautiful bowl made from the wood of a fallen tree in Warner Park.

Ms. Jones expressed her gratitude for the time spent on the board and thanked all for the friendships gained.

**KIM BAILEY NAMED AS
TENNESSEE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR**

Sandy Bivens, Superintendent of Metro Parks' Nature Centers, introduced Kim Bailey to the Board as recipient of the Tennessee Environmental Educator of the Year.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

**METRO PARKS RECOGNIZED BY COUNCILMEMBERS COLEMAN AND TOLER
AND THE CANE RIDGE COMMUNITY CLUB FOR ASSISTANCE IN RESTORING
THE CLUB BUILDING TO MINT CONDITION**

Councilmembers Sam Coleman and Parker Toler expressed their appreciation to the board for their service to Nashville and Davidson County on behalf of the Metro Council and Vice Mayor Neighbors.

Mr. Steve Abernathy, representing the Cane Ridge Community Club expressed appreciation to the following parks' employees:

- Ken Jones for his punctuality in repair of the heating and air system.
- Curt Garrigan for his assistance with installation of an alarm system.
- Bobby Sandlin for having the locks changed to dead bolt locks.
- Lloyd McGinnis for assistance with plumbing matters.
- William Manual for the outstanding job of cleaning the building for their 100th anniversary celebration.

Mr. Wilson, on behalf of the Parks' Department, accepted from Mr. Abernathy a "Community Service Award" for restoration of the building to exceptional condition for the celebration in October.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

08-08-36

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF EDDIE PHILLIPS, DEVELOPER
REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REALIGNMENT OF STONES RIVER ROAD**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Karen Johnson, the board, approved the locations of the entrance monuments while deferring the maintenance and contributions requests with regard to request of E. Phillips Development, LLC for approval of proposed entrance gates, signage, landscaping easement or other permission for development of a road at Stone Hall (realignment of Stones River Road).

The board also agreed that Randall Lantz, Metro Parks' Horticulturist, will assist the landscaper representing E. Phillips Development, LLC and approve all plans with regard to the landscaping and vegetative buffer of the roadway and entranceway at no cost to Metro Parks.

The remaining items of the original request have been deferred indefinitely and at the appropriate time will be heard by sub-committee in order to bring full report to the board.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

10-08-10

REQUEST TO NAME THE IROQUOIS SOCIETY PAVILION LOCATED AT THE STEEPLECHASE SITE IN PERCY WARNER PARK THE BALFOUR BEATTY IROQUOIS SOCIETY PAVILION WAS DEFERRED

Mr. John Sparks representing Ms. Brenda Black, Director of Community Development for the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, was present to request permission from the board to name the Iroquois Society Pavilion located at the Steeplechase site in Percy Warner Park "The Balfour Beatty Iroquois Society Pavilion"

Upon motion of Justice Birch, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board deferred this request to the Metro Legal Department for determination if said request meets current Park Board policy.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

11-08-01

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF PREVENT CHILD ABUSE TN FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING THE JINGLE BELL 5K RUN/WALK TO BE HELD IN SHELBY PARK ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2008

An application submitted by Ms. Abbey Chamness, representing Prevent Child Abuse TN, requesting permission for amplification during the Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, December 13, 2008, 9:00 – 10:30 am, in Shelby Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved this request for amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

11-08-02

BOARD CONFIRMS REAPPOINTMENT OF KAREN JOHNSON AS A MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously confirmed the reappointment of Ms. Karen Johnson as a member of the Park Board representing the Nashville Board of Public Education, effective September 23, 2008. (Ms. Johnson's term will expire June 30, 2009.)

X. NEW BUSINESS:

11-08-03

**PROPOSAL TO CREATE AN ANNUAL PERMIT WITH TERMS AND
CONDITIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF HOT AIR BALLOONS
IN METRO PARKS DEFERRED
UNTIL THE FEBRUARY 2009 BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Michael Brent was present to address the board regarding a proposal for Hot Air Balloons, Annual Permits, Operation of Balloons, and Terms and Conditions for Balloonist Permit in Metro Parks.

Current Park Policy with regard to the operation of hot air balloons states:

3000.20 HOT AIR BALLOON LAUNCHING

Hot Air Balloon launching shall be allowed in Elmington, Cane Ridge and Warner Parks. These launchings must be authorized by permit issued by the Board of Parks and Recreation. Adequate liability insurance as determined by the Metropolitan Government must be provided by the launcher.

After much discussion by the board, upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, the board deferred action for two months with regard to request of Mr. Brent to amend current park policy with regard to Hot Air Balloon launching sites and development of a permitting process for operation of balloons in Metro Parks. Said request was deferred to committee and the Metro Legal Department to review your request and make recommendation to the full board at their February 2009 meeting.

11-08-04

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF CHRIS DAWSON
TO ESTABLISH A FRIENDS GROUP FOR PARMER PARK**

Mr. Chris Dawson was present to request permission from the Board to establish a friends group for Parmer Park. Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Davis-Samuels, the board deferred action on this request to establish the Friends of Parmer Park as an official volunteer support group to Metro Parks. This request will be presented to the acquisition committee at 12:30 pm preceding the December 2nd board meeting and committee will make recommendation to the full board at their December meeting.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

11-08-05

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE METRO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
TO ESTABLISH A PARK AND RIDE FACILITY IN RICHLAND PARK**

Mr. Eric Haga, representing Nashville MTA, was present to request consideration of the board regarding the use of the parking area around Richland Park as a Park and Ride facility. Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis-Samuels, the board deferred this request to the boards' acquisition committee and a board member also asked for a recommendation from Councilmember Jason Holleman of District 24.

This request will be presented to the acquisition committee preceding the December 2nd board meeting and this committee will make recommendation to the full board at their December meeting.

11-08-06

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF 2ND CHANCES TO ENTER INTO A
PARTNERSHIP WITH METRO PARKS TO HOST A CONCERT IN CONJUNCTION
WITH BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN FEBRUARY 2009 AT HARTMAN RECREATION
CENTER**

Ms. Tonya Sherrell, representing 2nd Chances a non-profit organization, and Ms. Gernell Floyd, Hartman Recreation Center Director, were present to request permission from the board to enter into a partnership with Metro Parks to present a jazz music concert as part of the Hartman Park Community Center's Black History Month Celebration.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis-Samuels, the board approved request on behalf of 2nd Chances to enter into a partnership with Metro Parks to present a jazz music concert with amplification with one half fee waiver as part of the Hartman Park Community Centers Black History Month Celebration in February 2009. The board also requested that proper security be provided during the event and that a financial statement from 2nd Chances be submitted at the conclusion of this event.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

11-08-07

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE RECREATION DIVISION FOR APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR USE BY THE PARTHENON

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of funds in the amount of \$3500 - \$7000, if awarded, from the Institute of Museum and Library Services of a grant from the Conservation Assessment Program. This grant will provide the Parthenon the ability to obtain a conservation assessment of its collections and facilities. As well as providing recommendations and priorities for conservation action, both immediate and long-term. It will also facilitate the development of a long-range conservation plan for collections care and preservation and may serve as a fund raising tool for future conservation projects.

Ms. Wesley Paine, representing the Parthenon, was present and stated that matching funds will be provided by The Conservancy of the Parthenon and Centennial Park.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Community Garden Update

Vera Vollbrecht reported that help was provided community groups upon request and as needed. Scott Potter, Director of Metro Water Services and Sonia Harvat, Director of Communications for Metro Waters Services met with Vera regarding the establishment of a workplace garden for employees of Metro Water Services.

Miracle League Update

Curt Garrigan reported that the evaluation committee has met with Metro Purchasing on the selection process.

Park Watch/Trail Watch Program – No Report

Park/School Wellness Program – No Report

XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson reported:

An induction ceremony for new members of the Music City Walk of Fame will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 2:00 pm in Hall of Fame Park. New members are Trace Adkins, Martina McBride, Michael McDonald, Jo Walker Meador, Elvis Presley, Little Richard, and Randy Travis.

“Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder” event is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2008, 6:00 pm, Hume-Fogg Academic High School. Richard Louv, Author of ***“Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder”*** has launched a growing movement to reconnect children with nature. Mr. Louv will be present for a book signing immediately following the program. Admission is free and seating is available on a first come, first served basis. Free parking for this event will be available at the Metro Library Garage.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Fossick reminded board members to stop by park facilities if they are in the vicinity and acquaint themselves with staff.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director

Mr. Stan Fossick, Chairperson