

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

January 6, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 1:30 pm at Coleman Regional Center, 384 Thompson Lane, 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. Curt Garrigan/Planning and Facilities, Mr. Paul Widman/Recreation, Tommy Lynch, Assistant Director of Parks/Special Services; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent of Community Affairs; Mr. Bob Parrish, Superintendent of Resource Management; Ms. Shain Dennison, Superintendent of Greenways Development; Captain Rich Foley, Park Police and **Ms. Theresa Costonis, Metro Government Legal Counsel.**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 2, 2008 AND
OF A CALLED MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2008 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, December 2, 2008 and a called board meeting on Friday, December 12, 2008.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Wilson recognized Councilmember Anna Page and she expressed her appreciation to the board for the renovation of Coleman center and park as well as the employees who staff the facility.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

VIII. OLD 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 MARCH 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.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

11-08-03 (con't.)

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

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.

A committee of all board members met preceding board meeting and made the recommendation to defer this request for 2 meetings to allow the full body of the board and Teri Costonis, Metro Legal representative, to review current policy. Therefore, upon motion of Justice Birch, seconded by Ms. Johnson the board accepted the recommendation of the committee. Justice Birch also asked that Ms. Costonis draft an outline to assist the committee with policy amendment/development. This request is deferred until the March 2009 meeting.

With regard to Hot Air Balloon launching sites and development of a permitting process for operation of balloons in Metro Parks committee has recommended:

- that a representative of Metro Government's Risk Management Division review request as per Ms. Costonis' suggestion.
- that the Balloon organization take the necessary steps to become a non-profit corporation as recognized by the State of Tennessee.
- that a list of proposed Metro Parks to be utilized by the Balloon organization be submitted to the Board for review.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. NEW BUSINESS:

01-09-01

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO CUMBERLAND HEIGHTS TO HOST
"CLEAN BREAK" IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009**

Mr. Asher Levine, outreach coordinator for Cumberland Heights was present to request permission to host "Clean Break" on the front lawn of Centennial Park with amplification, 12:00 – 6:30 pm, on Sunday, March 15, 2009.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

01-09-01(con't.)

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO CUMBERLAND HEIGHTS TO HOST
“CLEAN BREAK” IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009**

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Davis-Samuels, the board approved the request to host “Clean Break” on Sunday, March 14, 2009, 12:00 – 6:30 pm, in Centennial Park. Mr. Levine’s original request was to utilize the front lawn of Centennial Park, but at his request the board approved changing location of event to the bandshell in Centennial Park. The Board also asked that Mr. Levine communicate with Captain Foley of the Park Police Division the approximate number of event attendees at least one week prior to actual event.

01-09-02

**BOARD DENIES REQUEST OF MUSIC CITY INCORPORATED TO SET A
MARKERS MARK BOTTLE AS A PROMOTIONAL DISPLAY
IN HALL OF FAME PARK**

Mr. David Spencer, representing Music City, Inc., was present to request permission from the board to set a Music City Walk of Fame promotional display, a large Makers Mark bottle with guitar, in Hall of Fame Park during the time periods of: March 1 – April 20, 2009 and September 1 – November 15, 2009.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, the board denied request as it does not comply with Metro Ordinance 13.24.390 as follows:

ADVERTISING:

No person shall distribute, display, transport, carry or construct any flag, banner, sign, emblem, model, device, pictorial representation or any other matter within any park for advertising purposes. Nor, for the same purpose, shall any person display by means of aircraft, kite, balloon, aerial bomb, or any other device, any flag, banner, sign or any other matter above the surface of any park for advertising purposes, within the park. No person shall operate any musical instrument or drum or cause any noise to be made within any park for advertising purposes or for the purpose of attracting attention to any exhibition, performance, show or other spectacle. Provided, further, nothing herein shall be constructed as to prohibit any gathering or function of a political or of a religious nature.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

01-09-03

**REQUEST BY JELLY NYC, LLC, TO HOST FREE CONCERT SERIES
IN CENTENNIAL PARK WITHDRAWN**

Ms. Sarah Hooper, representing Jelly NYC, LLC, on January 5, 2009 withdrew request to host a free concert series on the front lawn of Centennial Park, 2:00 – 8:00 pm, on the following Sundays: July 12, 26, August 9 and 23, 2009. Approval to sell beer during the concerts was also requested.

01-09-04

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF TENNESSEE GREEK GAMES TO HOST
1ST ANNUAL GREEK GAMES IN EDWIN WARNER PARK
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009**

Mr. John Swift, Director of Events for the Tennessee Greek Games, was present to request permission from the board to host the 1st Annual Tennessee Greek Games in Edwin Warner Park with amplification, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, on Saturday, April 25, 2009.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board deferred this request indefinitely. The request to host event on Saturday April 25 does not meet with Park Policy 3000.18 (5) as follows:

Park staff will permit and schedule no more than one (1) such large special event in the special event area during a thirty (30) day period within the months of April through November.

Also, to host a fundraising event in Metro Parks, organization must be a bona fide educational institution, religious or other non-profit organization who has 501©3 status with the IRS. When asked by Justice Birch if organization had 501©3 status, Mr. Swift stated that they did not and had not applied.

01-09-05

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE OASIS CENTER TO RELOCATE
SCULPTURE “THE GATHERING” TO WILLIAM EDMONDSON PARK**

Mr. Hal Cato, Executive Director of the Oasis Center, and Councilmember Ronnie Steine were present to request approval from the board to relocate **“The Gathering”** sculpture from the present location of 1221 16th Avenue South to William Edmondson Park on Charlotte Avenue.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

01-09-05 (con't.)

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE OASIS CENTER TO RELOCATE
SCULPTURE "THE GATHERING" TO WILLIAM EDMONDSON PARK**

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved this request with the Oasis Center agreeing to the following:

- All costs of relocation and installation will be the responsibility of Oasis Center.
- Oasis Center will be responsible for all maintenance and upkeep of the sculpture.
- Oasis Center will be responsible for any other recurring or operational costs resulting from the installation, except for grass cutting.

Because Edmondson Park is located adjacent to the John Henry Hale HOPE VI development Metro Parks worked with MDHA to redesign Edmondson Park as a compatible and functional green space for the neighboring community. The relocation of these sculptural benches to this location was much needed as previously there was no seating or gathering space.

01-09-06

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF MR. SHAWN HENRY TO ACCEPT A SMALL LAND
PARCEL TO ESTABLISH A PROPOSED MINI PARK ON MOORMAN'S ARM ROAD**

Mr. Shawn Henry was present to request the board to accept a small parcel of property designated as a proposed mini-park on Moorman's Arm Road.

This request was deferred to the boards' acquisition committee and will be presented to said committee at 12:30 pm preceding the February 3rd board meeting. This committee will make recommendation to the full board at the February meeting.

01-09-07

**BOARD ACCEPTS MASTER PLAN FOR BASS PARK AS PRESENTED
BY THE LOCKELAND SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Ms. Mary Vavra, representing the Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association, was In attendance to request acceptance of the Bass Park Master Plan as presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board accepted the Master Plan for Bass Park as presented by you, Gloria Hauser and endorsed by Councilmember Michael Jameson.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

01-09-07 (con't.)

**BOARD ACCEPTS MASTER PLAN FOR BASS PARK AS PRESENTED
BY THE LOCKELAND SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

The proposed project description that was presented included sustainable elements in the Mayor's Green Initiative such as rain gardens, porous pavement, and a community garden, which will provide a venue for environmental education and serve as a neighborhood-gathering place. The board expressed their appreciation to the Neighborhood Association for assuming the financial responsibility to provide funds for implementation of this Master Plan.

01-09-08

**BOARD DEFERS EASEMENT REQUEST OF THE
BLAKEMORE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH UNTIL THE MARCH 2009 MEETING**

Mr. Alan Saturn, representing Blakemore Primitive Baptist Church, (church is adjacent to Fannie Mae Dees Park) was present to request the board to consider granting an easement on the present driveway solely for ingress and egress to the church.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board deferred action for two months with regard to request to obtain an easement on the present driveway to Blakemore Primitive Baptist Church adjacent to Fannie Mae Dees Park. It was understood that this easement is necessary to complete the sale of the property; therefore, the board referred petitioner to the Metro Legal Department for consideration of this easement and said department will make recommendation to the Board once decision has been determined.

01-09-09

**BOARD ACCEPTS 9 ACRES ADJACENT TO SHELBY BOTTOMS
FROM GREENWAYS FOR NASHVILLE FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES**

Upon Motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board accepted approximately 9.62 acres at 851 Beth Drive, part of the Cumberland Meadows subdivision, as an addition to Shelby Bottoms from Greenways for Nashville.

Ms. Shain Dennison, Director of Greenways, stated that this area was donated to Greenways for Nashville for the purpose of holding it until the Metro Government could accept its transfer in 2009 as per request of the donor. This acreage, an ecologically and scenic tract adjacent to Shelby Bottoms containing an unusual stand of mature pecan trees will certainly enhance the Shelby Bottoms Nature Park and the board expressed their appreciation for the assistance of Greenways for Nashville in facilitating this transfer.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

01-09-10

BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION BY THE RECREATION, CULTURE AND WELLNESS DIVISION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 FROM THE NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance by the Recreation, Culture and Wellness Division of funds in the amount of \$30,000, if awarded, from the National Recreation and Parks Association, Achieve Healthy Communities grant. If approved, this grant will be used to increase the scope of healthy eating programs offered in partnership with Metro Parks and Monroe Carrel, Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

01-09-11

BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION BY THE RECREATION, CULTURE AND WELLNESS DIVISION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FROM THE COMING UP TALLER AWARD FROM THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance for funding of \$10,000 from the ***Coming Up Taller*** award from the President's Committee on Arts and the Humanities. If approved, funding will be used to expand the Music City Ballroom Kids summer arts program.

Coming Up Taller is an initiative with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities to showcase cultural excellence and enhance the availability of out-of-school arts and humanities programs to children.

01-09-12

BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION BY THE RECREATION, CULTURE AND WELLNESS DIVISION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF A \$24,999 TECHNOLOGY GRANT FROM AT&T TO ESTABLISH A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SHELBY BOTTOMS NATURE CENTER AND VANDERBILT CENTER FOR SCIENCE

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of funds in the amount of \$24,999, if awarded, from AT&T to establish a partnership between Shelby Bottoms Nature Center and The Vanderbilt Center for Science Outreach. This funding will increase impact of programming by providing environmental educational content to supplement and complement traditional programming. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WAS APPROVED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WILL BE NO ADVERTISING FROM THE PARTNERING AGENT. (Mr. Lawson modified approval with submittal of this motion.)**

X. NEW BUSINESS:

01-09-13

**BOARD APPROVED THE ADDITION AND AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN FEES
WITHIN THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR 2009**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved 2009 fee structure as submitted by staff. Effective date of new and amended fees is February 1, 2009.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Community Garden Update – no report

Miracle League Update

Curt Garrigan reported that the firm of Everton, Oglesby Architects was selected and public meetings will be scheduled in February. Mr. Carter asked that the Miracle League DVD be shown at the February meeting to acquaint new board members with the league.

Park Watch/Trail Watch Program – no report

Park/School Wellness Program

Paul Widman reported that representatives from Dr. Barkin's staff were in the Coleman facility making preparations for the new Hispanic Family's Teaching Kitchen and Wellness Center. Coleman staff is intersecting with the Glencliff cluster of Metro Schools to make this venture successful through a family approach.

Staff members, utilizing the teaching kitchen, prepared a nutritious snack for board members.

XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – no report

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson announced:

- Parks' mid year budget review before the Metro Council is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2009.
- Metro Parks received the Whitney-Young Service Award to organizations implementing scouting. Mr. Wilson introduced Jeff Chatman and Mike Smith and expressed his appreciation to them for their great work with scouting in Metro Parks.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Metro Council recognized the “Swinging Seniors” of Metro Parks with the following Resolution (NO. RS2008-257)

A resolution recognizing the Metropolitan Parks Swinging Seniors.

WHEREAS, the Metro Parks Swinging Seniors is a group of energetic senior citizens ages 62-86 who perform beautifully staged dance routines throughout Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Parks Swinging Seniors was organized by artistic director Linda Everett in 1992 at the Metro Parks’ Douglas Senior Center, the group expanded in 1996 to include dancers from Metro Parks’ Elizabeth Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, these award-winning dancers began performing at other senior centers, including Donelson Station Senior Center, Knowles Senior Center, and Clarksville Senior Center and anxious for more time in the spotlight, the Metro Parks Swinging Seniors entered the senior dance competition at the Tennessee State Fair, winning first place several times; and

WHEREAS, their performance venues grew to include the Senior Expo, African-American History and Culture Show, Baptist Hospital Volunteer Luncheon, AARP presentation for state legislators, and retirement homes; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Metro Parks Swinging Seniors, under the leadership Mr. Roy Wilson, Director of Metro Parks, made more than a dozen appearances for social, civic, and religious organizations and among them were Discover Nashville, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and the annual birthday party for the Metro Development and Housing Agency’s Ninety-Plus Club; and

WHEREAS, this dynamic group truly gives new meaning to the phrase “age is just a number”; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognizes the Metro Parks Swinging Seniors and commend them for their love of performing, dedication and most of all, public service to the Nashville-Davidson County community.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director

Mr. Stan Fossick, Chairperson