

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

February 3, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 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, and Ms. Tonya Jones. Ms. Karen Johnson was not in attendance.

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, Mr. 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 JANUARY 6, 2009 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis-Samuels, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, January 6, 2009.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Wilson recognized Michael Williams, a member of the Youth Life Learning Center staff at Kirkpatrick Community Center. Mr. Williams, who is married and the father of three, unselfishly donated a kidney to a child who attends Kirkpatrick when no one in the child's family were deemed a match.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

12-08-07

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE REAL PROPERTY SERVICES TO UTILIZE THE PARKING AREA NEAR THE WESTERN END OF THE CUMBERLAND MUNICIPAL PARK FOR OVERFLOW PARKING

Mr. Harvey Freeman, representing Real Property Administration of the State of Tennessee, was present to request approval from the board for the use of a parking area near the western end of Cumberland Municipal Park off of Mainstream Drive for overflow parking of state employees and motor pool vehicles.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Justice Birch, the Parks' Board deferred action for one meeting with regard to request for the use of a parking area near the western end of Cumberland Municipal Park off of Mainstream Drive for overflow parking of state employees and motor pool vehicles. This request was referred to Ms. Teri Costonis of the Metro Legal Department for review and once a recommendation has been established, the board will reconsider this request.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

01-09-06

BOARD ACCEPTS A SMALL LAND PARCEL FOR USE AS A PROPOSED MINI PARK ON MOORMAN'S ARM ROAD AS REQUESTED BY MR. SHAWN HENRY

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.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Board accepted this parcel of property to be designated as a proposed mini-park on Moorman's Arm Road contingent upon final approval by the Metro Council on March 3, 2009. All playground equipment for this area must be approved by Metro Parks' staff.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

02-09-01

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE HILLSBORO HOUNDS TO HOST THE POINT TO POINT RACES IN WARNER PARK ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009 WITH PERMISSION TO SERVE ALCOHOL

An application submitted by Mr. Henry W. Hooker, President of the Hillsboro Hounds, was presented to the board requesting permission to host the ***Hillsboro Hounds Point to Point Races*** in Percy Warner Park with appropriate usage fees and serve alcohol in a restricted area of the box seats on Sunday, March 15, 2009.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board granted unanimous approval to this request contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Permission was also granted for the Hillsboro Hounds to post temporary signage during this event. Please note that the signage must be removed at the conclusion of the races.

02-09-02

BOARDS GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TO HOST SIX FULL MOON PICKIN' PARTIES; SUNDAY IN THE PARK; BIKE TOUR; CHILDREN'S PICNIC; AND A GOLF SCRAMBLE IN WARNER PARK DURING 2009

Ms. Eleanor Willis, Executive Director of the Friends of Warner Parks, was present to request permission from the Board to host the following events in Warner Park with waiver of usage fees, alcohol consumption and to remain in park after 11:00 pm for evening events:

Full Moon Pickin' Parties

- Friday, May 15, 2009
- Friday, June 12, 2009
- Friday, July 10, 2009
- Friday, August 7, 2009
- Friday, September 11, 2009
- Friday, October 2, 2009

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02-09-02 (con't.)

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Bike Tour	Saturday, April 18, 2009
Children's Picnic	Saturday, May 2, 2009
FOWP Golf Scramble @ Harpeth Hills	Friday, June 26, 2009
Sunday in the Park	undetermined date in mid-October

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board unanimously approved request to host the Friends of Warner Parks Golf Scramble at Harpeth Hills Golf Course with waiver of one-half greens fee as it meets the required criteria established by the Board in May 2002 and the "**Sunday in the Park**" fundraiser on a yet to be determined date in October 2009 at Ridge Field in Edwin Warner Park with waiver of all usage fees with permission to consume alcoholic beverages.

02-09-03

BOARD APPROVES PACKAGE OF GRANTS TOTALING \$104,793.00 FROM THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS

A letter submitted by Ms. Eleanor Willis, Executive Director of Friends of Warner Parks, requesting acceptance of a package of grants totaling \$104,793.00 to continue funding staff positions in the Warner Parks from the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board unanimously approved this request effective calendar year January 1 through December 31, 2009.

02-09-04

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE TRIATHLON CLUB TO HOST THE 2009 DU RU RUN RACE EVENT WITH METRO PARKS AS A PARTNERING SPONSOR

A letter submitted by Ms. Caroline Butler, representing the Nashville Triathlon Athletic Club), requesting board consideration to host the 5th Annual **2009 Du Run Run** race event with amplification and waiver of usage fees on Sunday, June 21, 2009 was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board approved this request with the understanding that Metro Parks would be the recipient of 50% of the net proceeds of the event with all monetary donations and/or gifts being designated to the Metro Parks Gift Guide.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

02-09-05

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BELMONT UNIVERSITY
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING THE 9TH ANNUAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY
TO BE HELD IN E. S. ROSE PARK AND EASLEY CENTER
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009**

An application submitted by Mr. Tim Stewart, representing Belmont University, requesting permission for amplification during the 9th Annual Family Literacy Day on Saturday, April 4, 2009, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, in E. S. Rose Park and Easley Center was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

02-09-06

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF PROGRESS
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WALK/RACE
TO BE HELD IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2009**

An application submitted by Ms. Susan Jakoblew, representing Progress, requesting Approval from the board to host a walk/race with amplification on Saturday, April 18, 2009, 7:00 – 11:00 am at the Centennial Park Special Event Shelter.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

02-09-07

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE STUDENT
NATIONAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WALK
TO BE HELD IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009**

An application submitted by Ms. Shemika Sample, representing Meharry Medical College Student National Dental Association, requesting permission to host a fundraising walk with amplification benefiting oral cancer on Saturday, April 4, 2009, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Centennial Park Special Event Shelter was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

02-09-08

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE MARCH OF DIMES FOUNDATION
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WALK
TO BE HELD IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Lynda Ragsdale, representing the March of Dimes Foundation, requesting permission to host a walk with amplification on Sunday, April 19, 2009, 12:30 – 4:00 pm in Centennial Park was presented to the Board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

02-09-09

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF GREAT BIG SHOWS TO SELL ALCOHOL
DURING A TWO DAY CONCERT AND CRAWFISH BOIL
IN RIVERFRONT PARK ON FRIDAY, MAY 15, 4:00 – 11:00 PM
AND SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009, 12:00 – 11:00 PM**

An application representing Mr. Rick Whetsel of Great Big Shows requesting permission to sell alcohol during a concert and crawfish boil on Friday, May 15 (4:00-11:00 pm) and Saturday, May 16, 2009, 12:00 – 11:00 pm, in Riverfront Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved this request contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

02-09-10

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. JILLIAN OLSON FOR AMPLIFICATION
DURING A WEDDING TO BE HELD IN THE SUNKEN GARDENS
OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2009**

An application submitted by Ms. Jillian Olson requesting permission for amplification during a wedding on Saturday, April 11, 2008, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, in the Sunken Gardens of Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

02-09-11

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION BY THE RECREATION, CULTURE
AND WELLNESS DIVISION
AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT**

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance by the Recreation, Culture and Wellness Division of the following grant from the Metropolitan Development and Housing Authority:

Cleveland Park Community Center - \$20,000 This grant program will offer children in the neighborhood of Cleveland Park Community Center, enrichment activities during the summer. Children participating will be from low-income families. Activities will offer recreation, education, social activities, and cultural art activities. The budget will provide recreation equipment, supplies, field trips and transportation. If awarded, this will be the second year of funding for this program.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

02-09-12

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF PERCY PRIEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO
TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT AT THE WARNER PARKS EQUESTRIAN
CENTER WITH AMPLIFICATION, CONSUMPTION OF BEER/WINE AND TO
REMAIN IN THE PARK AFTER 11:00 PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009;
HOWEVER, BOARD DENIED REQUEST TO WAIVE USAGE FEES**

Ms. Mandy Gauldin, representing Percy Priest Elementary School PTO, was present to request permission from the board to host a fundraising event at the Warner Parks Equestrian Center with usage fee waiver, amplification, consumption of beer/wine, and to remain in the park after 11:00 pm on Friday, April 17, 2009.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, the board approved request to host this fundraising event with amplification, consumption of beer/wine, and to remain in the park after 11:00 pm on Friday, April 17, 2009. However, because of the current state of the budget within the Metropolitan Government, the board denied request for usage fee waiver for this event.

02-09-13

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP AND THE
NASHVILLE CIVIC DESIGN CENTER TO USE CHURCH STREET PARK
AS A CHECK IN LOCATION DURING THE DOWNTOWN HOME TOUR
ON SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009;
HOWEVER, BOARD DENIED REQUEST TO WAIVE USAGE FEES**

An application submitted Ms. Tamara Dickson, representing the Nashville Downtown Partnership and the Nashville Civic Design Center, requesting permission to use Church Street Park as a check in location during the Downtown Home Tour with waiver of usage fees, 12:00 – 6:00 pm, on Sunday, April 19, 2009 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board approved request to host this fundraising event on Sunday, April 19, 2009. However, because of the current state of the budget within the Metropolitan Government, the board denied request for usage fee waiver for this event.

02-09-14

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE FRIENDS OF BEAMAN PARK FOR
APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT
TO IMPROVE TRAILS IN BEAMAN PARK AND CONTINUATION OF THE INVASIVE
PLANT MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

Correspondence submitted Ms. Nancy Dorman, representing Friends of Beaman Park Requesting approval to utilize funds from the USDA Forest Service grant for the Non-native Invasive Plan Management and Landscape Restoration Program at Beaman Park (approved by the Parks Board February 2008) for the purpose of hiring a part-time Naturalist I was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis Samuels, the board approved request as submitted.

02-09-15

**BOARD APPROVES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND
THE METROPOLITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis-Samuels, the board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation and the Metropolitan Board of Public Education to allow afternoon transportation of students in the Glencliff School Cluster to Coleman Community Center.

02-09-15 (con't.)

**BOARD APPROVES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND
THE METROPOLITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made and entered into by and between the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Parks and Recreation (“Parks”) and the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Education (“MBPE”), both of which are departments of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, a governmental, municipal and public corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Tennessee (the “Metropolitan Government”) (collectively, the “Parties”).

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Charter, §11.1001 *et seq.*, creates and provides for Parks and assigns it with the responsibility within the area of the Metropolitan Government for supervision, control and operation of the park and recreation system of the Metropolitan Government, and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Charter, §9.01 *et seq.*, creates and provides for MNPS and assigns it, under the direction and control of the Metropolitan Board of Public Education (or “MBPE”), with the responsibility to establish, operate and maintain a consolidated school system for the Metropolitan Government, and,

WHEREAS, Parks and MNPS desire to cooperate in order to encourage the participation of MBPE students in after-school enrichment programs offered by Parks which include the social, emotional, academic, and recreational development of students.

WHEREAS, Parks and MBPE desire to work together to facilitate the use of Parks’ Community Center after-school programs by students from nearby schools. At this time, the parties desire to initiate a pilot program involving Coleman community Center and Whitsitt Elementary School.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

I. Roles and Responsibilities—The Parties

The Parties understand and agree that they remain separate departments within the Metropolitan Government, governed by separate leadership and operating pursuant to separate departmental policies, rules and regulations. The Parties understand and agree that departmental leadership directives, policies, rules and regulations do and may impact the operation of this MOU and that the Parties must operate within all applicable directives, policies, rules and regulations. Each Party agrees to provide written notice to the other Party of any departmental changes that may reasonably be anticipated to impact this MOU.

02-09-15 (con't.)

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- a. Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation Responsibilities:
 1. Provide necessary application forms and information packets to the Principal Whitsitt Elementary School for student participation on the After School Enrichment Program held at Coleman Community Center.
 2. Upon processing the application forms, Parks will provide a complete list of students who are approved for participation in the Program to the Principal. This list will be updated, as necessary, but at least every nine (9) week grading period.
 3. Parks will ensure that an adult staff person meets the school bus at Coleman Center, verifies attendance of the students marked by the Principal, and an adult staff person verifies the departure of each student (with a parent/guardian) on the same list.
 4. Parks will maintain completed application forms and required documentation for each approved student throughout the period of participation. This information will be shared with school officials as may be necessary in case of an emergency.

- b. Metropolitan Board of Public Education Responsibilities:
 1. The Principal at Whitsitt Elementary School will distribute the application forms and information packets to students, using his/her discretion as to which students are most appropriate for participation. Forms will be returned to Parks for processing.
 2. The principal will maintain the list of students approved for participation in the Program. A copy of this list (and any updates) will be provided to the MBPE Department of Transportation as it directs.
 3. The principal will ensure that the participating students are placed on the bus (as directed by Transportation) for transport to Coleman Community with a list indicating attendance.
 4. The Director of Transportation will provide school bus transportation service for approved students between Whitsitt Elementary School and Coleman community Center, as space is available.

02-09-15 (con't.)

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II. Amendments

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the parties.

III. Termination

Any party to this Memorandum of Understand may terminate this agreement by providing the other party with written notice of their intent to do thirty (30) days prior to the date of termination.

Chair
Metropolitan Board of Parks
And Recreation

Chair
Metropolitan Board of Public
Education

Director

Director of Schools

Coleman Community Center

Director of Transportation

Whitsitt Elementary School

02-09-16

**BOARD APPROVES ACQUISITON OF APPROXIMATELY 381 ACRES
IN NEELYS BEND FOR EXPANSION OF PEELER PARK**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board approved request to proceed with the acquisition of approximately 381 acres (Map 74, Parcel 43 and Map 63, Parcels 87 and 91) in Neelys Bend, located adjacent to Peeler Park, for the expansion of Peeler Park to meet recreational needs as identified in the Parks & Greenways Master Plan subject to all legal entities of the Metropolitan Government.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Community Garden Update – no report

Miracle League Update

Dottie Hale, Metro Parks Sports Supervisor, presented a documentary on the history of the Miracle League at the request of board member Lamont Carter. Mr. Carter requested that this film be shown again for the benefit of those board members who were not on the board when initially presented.

Park Watch/Trail Watch Program – no report

Park/School Wellness Program – no report

XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Ms. Carolyn German was present to invite the board members to “Jazz from the Heart” an event to be held at Looby Theater on Saturday, February 14. This event is a tribute to Z. Alexander Looby and proceeds will go toward funding a pictorial story of his life on the walls of Looby Theater.

Ms. Jackie Jones announced that Justice A. A. Birch, Jr., current board member, will appear on Talk of the Town in the upcoming week regarding his relationship with Mr. Looby.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

With the current budget constraints of the Metropolitan Government and the increased number of agencies requesting fee waivers from Metro Parks for fundraisers Justice Birch made motion, Mr. Lawson seconded, and the board granted Mr. Wilson, as Director of Metro Parks, the authority to deny fee waivers until further notice.

Eleanor Willis, Executive Director of the Friends of Warner Parks, announced that the FOWP steering committee has voted to purchase the Hill property which includes the Old Growth Forest.

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

Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director

Mr. Stan Fossick, Chairperson