

## **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**September 1, 2009**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 1:30 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. Stan Fossick, Ms. Ivanetta Davis Samuels, Justice A. A. Birch, Jr., Mr. James Lawson, Mr. George Anderson, 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. Tim Netsch for Mr. Curt Garrigan/Planning and Facilities, Mr. Tommy Lynch/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 AUGUST 4, 2009 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis-Samuels, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, August 4, 2009.

#### **VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS**

#### **VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

#### **IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

**01-07-04**

### **BOARD APPROVES REVISED DESIGN OF ART PROJECT FOR INSTALLATION ON THE PUBLIC SQUARE**

Ms. Sandra Duncan, representing the Metro Arts Commission, was present to present to the board a revised design concept by artist Thomas Sayre for the Public Square art project previously approved at the July 2008 board meeting.

Upon motion of Ms. Davis Samuels, seconded by Justice Birch, the board approved the revision of the proposed artwork of Thomas Sayre to be installed in Public Square Park. This revision resulted from the completion of the Public Square and the artist visiting the park area to evaluate the space for the intended artwork.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

**01-07-04 (con't.)**

**BOARD APPROVES REVISED DESIGN OF ART PROJECT**  
**FOR INSTALLATION ON THE PUBLIC SQUARE**

A summary of the description of the revised public art project designated for Public Square as provided by the Arts Commission office states:

The new concept consists of two slender vertical elements in two spaces at the southeast and southwest corners of the Public Square imaging two citizens in conservation. Each of these two elements will be composed of a tall, vertical base, columnar in proportion with a person on top at approximately twice life in size. The persons will be composed of a radial pattern of glass "fins" which, in aggregate, will be clearly recognizable as humans pointing with an outstretched arm. The exterior of the column/base will be formed stainless which will act as a durable skin to a mechanical system which will allow the public at any time to slowly rotate the figures via a massive and indestructible crank. The roughly 18" high shaft itself will remain fixed keeping the moving parts well out of public reach. At night the figures will glow and act as beacons above most of the current lighting in the park and will be visible from various distances.

Two sets of engineers have sufficiently inspected the concept and agreed that it will work gracefully at aforementioned sites. These sites place it on the roof of the parking deck; however, it has been concluded that the weight of the sculptures, wind forces, and footings can be supported by the existing deck structure. As a result the footing to hold the sculpture up will be relatively simple and cost efficient to accomplish.

Please note that Curt Garrigan will continue as the coordinator and point person for this project.

**07-09-39**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE VANDERBILT BRIDGE EDUCATION**  
**ASSOCIATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PLANS TO CONSTRUCT**  
**A NEW FACILITY IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

Mr. Larry Hays, representing the Vanderbilt Bridge Education Association, was present to request permission to enter into a partnership with Metro Parks to construct a new facility at no cost to Metro on park property with opportunity to benefit the local community from the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board granted permission to the Vanderbilt Bridge Education Association to move forward with said request to construct a new facility at no cost to Metro on park property with opportunity to benefit the local community subject to Metro Parks' staff and the petitioning organization providing all appropriate documentation as required by other Metro departments.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

**07-09-39 (con't.)**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE VANDERBILT BRIDGE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW FACILITY IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

The board also requested that an additional review be presented to them before moving forward with the public hearing and submittal of recommendation to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Please note that Curt Garrigan will continue as the contact person for this project.

**08-09-42**

**BOARD DENIED REQUEST OF UPHILL GRIND PRODUCTIONS TO HOST THE 2009 CYCLOCROSS RACES**

Mr. Brian Gant, representing Uphill Grind Productions, was present to request permission to host the following Cyclocross Races with amplification from the board:

Saturday, October 3	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Cedar Hill Park
Sunday, October 4	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Cedar Hill Park
Saturday, October 31	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Cane Ridge Park
Sunday, November 1	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Cane Ridge Park
Saturday, December 5	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Seven Oaks Park
Sunday, December 6	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Seven Oaks Park
Saturday, January 23, 2010	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Two Rivers Park
Sunday, January 24, 2010	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Two Rivers Park

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis Samuels, the board denied this request because these races would limit access to designated parks to the general public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the above referenced weekends. Also, because cyclocross races are held rain or shine, significant turf and/or tree damage could occur if event was held during inclement weather.

**08-09-46**

**BOARD ACCEPTS THE LEBANON ROAD TRUSS BRIDGE AS A PORTION OF THE STONES RIVER GREENWAY**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board accepted the Lebanon Road truss bridge over Stones River from the Tennessee Department of Transportation to be designated as a portion of the Stones River Greenway subject to the Metro Legal Department reaching a satisfactory indemnification being incorporated into this agreement.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

**08-09-47**

**BOARD APPROVES LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY APPROACHES TO THE LEBANON ROAD TRUSS BRIDGE FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STONES RIVER GREENWAY**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved a license agreement for right of way approaches to the Lebanon Road truss bridge from the Tennessee Department of Transportation for use by on the Stones River Greenway.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED AS LEASE AGREEMENT BUT UPON CLARIFICATION OF THE METRO LEGAL DEPARTMENT BOARD APPROVED AS A LICENSE AGREEMENT.**

**08-09-48**

**BOARD ACCEPTS GREENWAY CONSERVATION EASEMENT FROM THE ROLLING RIVER HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION FOR THE HARPETH RIVER GREENWAY**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board accepted a greenway conservation easement from the Rolling River homeowners Association for the Harpeth River Greenway.

**07-09-43**

**BOARD DEFERS DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED REVISION OF POLICY 3000.2 USE OF FACILITIES BY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

Mr. Wilson, Director of Metro Parks, received the proposed amended revision of **Policy 3000.2 Use of Facilities by Religious Organizations** at 4:15 pm on Monday, August 31 preceding the September 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting. Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch and because the established board committee did not have adequate time to review the document, the board deferred this request to the October board meeting.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**09-09-01**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF BELLS BEND PARK FOR AMPLIFICATION AND USAGE FEE WAIVER DURING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BEAMAN TO BELLS BEND, A PARK2PARK CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009 IN BELLS BEND PARK**

Correspondence submitted by Ms. Sharon Work, representing Friends of Bells Bend, requesting permission for amplification and usage fee waiver during during the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Beaman to Bells Bend, **A Park2Park Celebration**, on Saturday, October 24, 2009, 4:00 – 7:00 pm, in Bells Bend Park.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

09-09-01(con't.)

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF BELLS BEND PARK FOR  
AMPLIFICATION AND USAGE FEE WAIVER DURING THE  
2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BEAMAN TO BELLS BEND, A PARK2PARK CELEBRATION  
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009 IN BELLS BEND PARK**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved 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 and waiver of the usage fee request meets Park Policy 3000. 28 Fee Waivers and Reductions as follows:

- A. The Park Board will consider a request for fee waiver only if the activity, program, or event:
  1. The event, program, or activity must be sponsored by or organized for the exclusive benefit of a department, agency, or entity of the Metropolitan Government other than the Board of Parks and Recreation; or
  2. The event, program, or activity must be sponsored by or organized for a not-for-profit entity and the net proceeds derived from such event, program, or activity must be devoted to the exclusive benefit of the Metropolitan Government. Evidence of not-for-profit status, which may include but is not limited to, certification and/or registration by or with the **Charitable Solicitations Division of the State of Tennessee** and or the **United States Department of Internal Revenue**, must be submitted with the application for fee waiver; or
  3. The event, program, or activity must demonstrably benefit the Department of Parks and Recreation as may be determined by the Director.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

09-09-02

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO CROSS TIMBERS FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A CARNIVAL, CONCERT, CHURCH SERVICE AND PICNIC ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009 IN BELLEVUE PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Jack Kettelman, representing Cross Timbers Freewill Baptist Church, requesting permission for amplification during a carnival, concert, church service and picnic on Saturday, October 10 (2:00 – 9:00 pm) and Sunday, October 11, 2009, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, in Bellevue Park (green space, amphitheatre and picnic pavilions) was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board unanimously 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.

09-09-03

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE SEXUAL ASSUAL CENTER FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING THE MAD HATTER FUNDRAISING EVENT ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009 AT THE PARTHENON**

An application submitted by Mr. Tim Tobill, representing the Sexual Assault Center, requesting permission for amplification during the Mad Hatter fundraising event on Saturday, September 12, 2009, 7:00 – 11:00 pm, at the Parthenon and surrounding Greenspace was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board unanimously 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.

09-09-04

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. SUSAN GRIDER FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING AN ENGAGEMENT PARTY TO BE HELD AT THE EVENT SHELTER OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009**

An application submitted by Ms. Susan Grider requesting permission for amplification during an engagement party on Sunday, September 13, 2009, 4:00 – 11:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved 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. CONSENT AGENDA**

**09-09-05**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. KELSEY REID FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009**

An application submitted by Ms. Kelsey Reid requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, September 26, 2009, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved 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.

**09-09-06**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. ELIZABETH JAMES FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING RECEPTION TO BE HELD IN THE PLAZA AREA OF THE PARTHENON IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009**

An application submitted by Ms. Elizabeth James requesting permission for amplification during a wedding reception on Saturday, September 26, 2009, 7:00–11:00 pm, in the plaza area (tented) of the Parthenon in Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved 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.

**09-09-09**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. AMBER ROSE HOWARD FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2009**

An application submitted by Ms. Amber Rose Howard requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, October 10, 2009, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved 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. CONSENT AGENDA**

**09-09-08**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. AMANDA FOWLER FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009**

An application submitted by Ms. Amanda Fowler requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, October 17, 2009, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved 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.

**09-09-09**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF LIVING WORD COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A CHURCH SERVICE/FELLOWSHIP OUTREACH TO BE HELD IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009**

An application submitted by Ms. Stephanie Beard, representing Living Word Community Church, requesting permission for amplification during a church service/fellowship outreach on Sunday, October 18, 2009, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Bandshell was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Ms. Davis Samuels, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board deferred this request and asked that a representative from said church attend the October board meeting as they expressed concern with regard to:

- the use of food vendors and if the appropriate permits were in place;
- the clothing give-a-way;
- ministering to park patrons who may not care to be approached.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**09-09-10**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE T. J. MARTELL FOUNDATION  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A FUN RUN/WALK A THON  
TO BE HELD IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009**

An application submitted by Ms. Melissa Goodwin, representing T.J. Martell Foundation, requesting permission for amplification during a fun run/walk-a-thon on Saturday, November 7, 2009, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Bandshell was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved 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.

**09-09-11**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF IGLESIA SO GRAN ALABANZOO CHURCH  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING AN EVANGELISTIC SERVICE  
TO BE HELD IN COLEMAN PARK ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2009**

An application submitted by Mr. Jorge Dominguez, co-Pastor of Iglesia So Gran Alabanzoo, requesting permission for amplification during an evangelistic service on Sunday, September 6, 2009, 5:00 - 9:00 pm, in Coleman Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved 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.

**09-09-12**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF PEACE COMMUNITY CHURCH TO HOST A  
FUNDRAISER WITH AMPLIFICATION IN PEELER PARK  
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009**

An application submitted by Mr. Michael O'Neal, representing Peace Community Church, requesting permission for amplification during a fundraising community event for King's Daughters Day Home on Saturday, October 24, 2009, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, in Peeler Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved request to host a fundraiser with amplification and the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel. Also, a financial report must be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**09-09-13**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MERCY MINISTRIES TO HOST A FUNDRAISER IN WARNER PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009**

An application submitted by Ms. Whitney Nall, representing Mercy Ministries, requesting permission to host *Run for Mercy 5K and Family Walk*, a fundraising event on Saturday, October 24, 2009, 9:00 – 11:00 am, in Edwin Warner Park shelters 9 & 10 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved request to host a fundraiser with the understanding that a financial report be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

**09-09-14**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE GREATER NASHVILLE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A FAMILY PICNIC TO BE HELD IN WARNER PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009**

An application submitted by Ms. Megan Moore, representing The Greater Nashville Association of Realtors, requesting permission for amplification during the Realtor Family Picnic on Saturday, September 12, 2009, 12:00 – 2:00 pm, at picnic shelter #9 in Edwin Warner Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved 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.

**09-09-15**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING THEIR ANNUAL PICNIC TO BE HELD IN WARNER PARK ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2009**

An application submitted by Ms. Paula Webb, representing The Finance Department of Vanderbilt University Medical Center, requesting permission for amplification during their annual picnic on Friday, October 2, 2009, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, at picnic shelters 9, 10 and 11 in Edwin Warner Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved 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**

**09-09-16**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE FRIENDS OF SHELBY PARK AND BOTTOMS TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING TO SUPPORT SHELBY PARK**

Ms. Carol Williams, President of the Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms, Vice Mayor Diane Neighbors and Ms. Laura Creekmore were present to request permission to apply for grant funding to support Shelby Park from the board.

Upon motion of Justice Birch, seconded by Ms. Davis Samuels, the board approved this request on behalf of the Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms to apply for grant funding to implement the Master Plan for Shelby Park, develop and implement a plan for the restoration and rehabilitation of the Shelby Park golf course, implement a long range maintenance plan for Shelby Bottoms to preserve its diversity of habitat and increase safety, and increase the sustainability of both Shelby Park and Shelby Bottoms.

**09-09-17**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE KENTUCKY TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY COACHES ASSOCIATION TO HOST A FUNDRAISING CROSS COUNTRY EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION AND TO CHARGE A FEE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009 IN WARNER PARK**

Mr. Frank Miklavcic, representing the Kentucky Track and Cross Country Coaches Association, was present to request permission for amplification and to charge a participation fee during a fundraising event to be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm in Warner Park from the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis Samuels, the board approved request to host a fundraiser with amplification and to charge a participation fee with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel. Also, a financial report must be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

**09-09-18**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BILL LAFOLLETTE TO HOST A FALL FESTIVAL AND BEER TASTING WITH AMPLIFICATION ON THE FRONT LAWN OF TWO RIVERS MANSION ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010**

Mr. Bill Lafollette, representing the Tennessee Beer Festival, was present to request permission to host a fall festival and beer tasting with amplification on the front lawn of Two Rivers Mansion, 12:00 – 6:00 pm, on Saturday, October 16, 2010 from the board.

**X. New Business**

**09-09-18 (con't.)**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BILL LAFOLLETTE TO HOST A FALL FESTIVAL AND BEER TASTING WITH AMPLIFICATION ON THE FRONT LAWN OF TWO RIVERS MANSION ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board granted permission for amplification and the consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages, as per Metro Ordinance, and contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

**09-09-19**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE BATTLE OF NASHVILLE PRESERVATION SOCIETY TO ESTABLISH THE FRIENDS OF FORT NEGLEY**

The Board deferred the request of Ms. Ellen Duer McClanahan, representing The Battle of Nashville Preservation Society, to establish Friends of Fort Negley as an official volunteer support group to Metro Parks until the October meeting.

**09-09-20**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE BELLE MEADE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A GATE ON PARK PROPERTY IN PERCY WARNER PARK**

Chief Timothy Eads, representing the Belle Meade Police Department, was present to request permission from the board with regard to the installation of a chain gate on park property off Belle Meade Boulevard from the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis Samuels, the board granted approval to the request of the Belle Meade Police Department to purchase and install a chain gate on Metro Park Parcel 13013003200 at the Belle Meade Entrance of Percy Warner Park with the understanding that this gate will be purchased and installed by the City of Belle Meade at no cost to the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

**X. New Business**

**09-09-21**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU TO CHANGE THE NAME OF HALL OF FAME PARK TO WALK OF FAME PARK**

Correspondence submitted by Mr. Butch Spyridon, representing The Nashville Convention & Visitors Bureau, requesting the name of Hall of Fame Park be adjusted to Walk of Fame Park was submitted to the board.

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board unanimously approved request to change the name of Hall of Fame Park to Walk of Fame Park in honor of Nashville's music heritage with the understanding that all expenses associated with the name change such as signage, etc. will be assumed by the Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**09-09-22**

**BOB PARRISH PRESENTS UPDATE OF CENTENNIAL PARK'S LAKE WATAUGA TO THE BOARD**

Bob Parrish, Metro Parks Superintendent of Natural Resources, presented the following update on Centennial Park's Lake Watauga.

Mr. Parrish reported that test results are inconclusive for the two dozen ducks and geese found dead in Lake Watauga in mid-July. Samples from two of the waterfowl found dead in the lake were sent to the Botulism Diagnostic Laboratory at the University of Pennsylvania in Kennett Square, PA, to test for avian botulism.

The report stated, "Both of the samples are positive for botulism, however, as discussed prior to testing, a positive results from the tissues of animals which are found dead does not mean that the animals died of botulism since the spores can grow and produce the toxin post-mortem. So this finding does NOT confirm a diagnosis of botulism."

Even though the tests are not conclusive, local and state officials believe that avian botulism, a bacterium that poses no threat to humans, may have played a role in the incident. The bacteria that causes botulism needs warm temperatures, a protein source and an anaerobic environment to produce toxin. Birds either ingest the toxin directly or eat fish and other invertebrates containing the toxin. The toxin affects the nervous system by preventing impulse transmission to muscles. Birds are unable to use their wings and legs normally or control their muscles. Birds with paralyzed neck muscles cannot hold up their heads and sometimes drown. The condition that caused the incident in Lake Watauga is a naturally occurring phenomenon in ponds, streams and lakes throughout the country.

**X. New Business**

**09-09-22 (con't.)**

**BOB PARRISH PRESENTS UPDATE OF CENTENNIAL PARK'S LAKE WATAUGA TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Parrish was very appreciative of the Metro Health Department, Metro Water Services, and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency for their technical advice and support in responding to the incident, and in the development of the Management Plan for Lake Watauga."

Key steps in the Management Plan for Lake Watauga include:

- Routinely sampling the lake water for dissolved oxygen, temperature, and pH;
- Pumping fresh spring water into the lake to supplement rainfall;
- Operating two or more aerators in the lake based on sampling for dissolved oxygen;
- Cleaning the sediment off the bottom of the lake;
- Maintaining controls on the amount of fertilizer used in the area;
- Continuing to stock the lake with a species of fish that eats algae; and,
- Extending the "no fishing" policy through the end of this warm season (late October-early November).

**XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**Community Garden Update**

Paul Widman reported that the West Nashville Farmer's Market is going strong after the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of operation. Laura Stinson, summer intern, has updated the **Grow Nashville** website and reported that the number of community gardens have tripled in the Nashville area.

**Shelby Park Master Plan/Miracle League Update – no report**

**XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

Jackie Jones reported the following upcoming events:

- Music City Jazz and Blues Festival – September 5 and 6  
Riverfront Park
- Live on the Green – Thursdays – September 3 – October 8  
The Public Square
- Australia's Strange Fruit – Parthenon Lawn- September 16
- Celebration of Cultures – Centennial Park – October 3
- Shakespeare in the Park – Centennial Park – Thursdays – Sundays  
August 27 – September 13

**XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

Jackie Jones reported the following upcoming events:

- TACA Craft Fair – Centennial Park – September 25, 26, & 27
- Brown Bag Lunch – Centennial Park – Wednesday, September 9

**XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Wilson relinquished his time to Paul Widman to report on the upcoming Celebration of Cultures event scheduled for Centennial Park on Saturday, October 3. Mr. Widman reported that this is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of this event with 30 cultures represented in one location. There is a world market, global village, food area, children’s area and for the first time this year there will be a teen area. Oasis Center is partnering with Metro Parks to accomplish this as this age demographic has been neglected during the past 3 events. The event hours are 10:00 am – 6:00 pm with the opening ceremony occurring at 12:00 noon.

**XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. George Anderson, board member, requested that the Centennial Park Master Plan be placed on the board agenda for a periodic update. He also inquired about the progression of the 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue Connector and how the design is advancing with regard to Centennial Park.

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

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**Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director**

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**Mr. Stan Fossick, Chairperson**