

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**November 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, November 3, 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. 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 OCTOBER 6, 2009 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, October 6, 2009.

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

Bob Parrish reported that the prescribed burn in Bells Bend Park has received all appropriate approvals from the required agencies and staff is in the process of notifying neighbors. Currently Tuesday, November 10 is the anticipated date, weather permitting, of the burn.

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

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

**11-09-00**

#### **COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN ADDRESSES THE BOARD REGARDING RESOLUTION 2009-1009**

Mr. Sam Coleman, Councilmember of the 32<sup>nd</sup> District, was present to address the board with regard to Resolution 2009-1009 summarized as follows:

***A resolution requesting the Director of the Metropolitan Parks and Recreation Department to provide the Council with a list of rural and/or isolated parks and greenways for purposes of a possible exemption from the prohibition on carrying handguns.***

As per rule #8 of Council Rules, Councilmember must file notice to Director of Agency before said board may take action.

**VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**11-09-00 (con't.)**

**COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN ADDRESSES THE BOARD  
REGARDING RESOLUTION 2009-1009**

Mr. Wilson presented Councilmember Coleman the following preliminary list of rural and/or isolated parks/greenways to receive a possible exemption from prohibition on carrying handguns. This list is subject to change, therefore no action by the board was taken.

**Alvin Beaman Park (park and greenway)**

4111 Little Marrowbone Road

Zoning Classification/Acreage: AR2A, 1596 acres

Property includes primitive trails as well as a nature center programmed for educational field trips.

**Bells Bend Park (park and greenway)**

4107 Old Hickory Blvd

Zoning Classification/Acreage: AR2A, 808 acres

Property includes primitive trails, overnight camping facility, and a nature center programmed for educational field trips

**Cane Ridge Park**

419 Battle Road

Zoning Classification/Acreage: AR2A, 280 acres

Property includes active youth baseball and adult softball fields, playground, tennis courts, model airplane field, and picnic shelters. The Carothers Crossings subdivision, proposed for a maximum of 3000 units and which includes a potential school site, is contiguous with this property.

**Couch Tract (to be park and greenway)**

13591 Old Hickory Blvd

Zoning Classification/Acreage: AR2A, 40 acres

Property acquired in 2008; not yet opened to the public

**Cecil Rhea Crawford Park**

6043 Cane Ridge Road

Zoning Classification/Acreage: AR2A, 7 acres

Property includes the Cane Ridge Community Center, programmed by the Cane Ridge Community Club

**Hamilton Creek Park**

2901 Bell Road

Zoning Classification/Acreage: AR2A, 790 acres

Property includes the Hamilton Creek Marina and boat launch, BMX track, Mountain Bike trails, playground

**VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**11-09-00 (con't.)**

**COUNCILMEMBER COLEMAN ADDRESSES THE BOARD  
REGARDING RESOLUTION 2009-1009**

**Morgan Road Property (former TN Youth Center)**

3000 Morgan Road

Zoning Classification/Acreage: AR2A, 98 acres

Property is leased from the state, and currently closed to the public pending renovation/construction of recreational facilities. A gymnasium/community center building, athletic fields, and tennis courts exist, and a playground is being installed as part of the current project. Anticipated opening: Summer 2010

**Peeler Park (park and greenway)**

2043 Neelys Bend Road

Zoning Classification/Acreage: RS80, 662 acres

Property includes boat ramp, greenway and horse trails, model airplane field.

**Vulcano Tract (to be park and greenway)**

6006 Culbertson Road

Zoning Classification/Acreage: AR2A, 70 acres

Property acquired in 2008; not yet opened to the public

Greenway easements, which include specific language prohibiting firearms, exist on the Stones River, Downtown, Mill Creek, Richland Creek, Harpeth, Seven Mile Creek, Shelby Bottoms, Whites Creek and MetroCenter greenways. These contiguous systems of greenways, therefore, as understood, could not be considered for the purposes of a possible exemption from the prohibition on carrying handguns. The parks mentioned above which include greenway segments (Beaman, Bells Bend, Couch, Peeler, Vulcano) are fee simple properties and do not have easements associated with them.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

**07-09-39**

**THE VANDERBILT BRIDGE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION UPDATES BOARD ON  
PROGRESS OF PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW FACILITY IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

Mr. Larry Hays, representing the Vanderbilt Bridge Education Association, was present to update the board with regard to construct a new facility at no cost to Metro on park property with opportunity to benefit the local community as requested by the board at their September 2009 meeting. The board requested that this additional review be presented to them before the Bridge Association moves forward with the public hearing and submittal of recommendation to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**THE VANDERBILT BRIDGE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION UPDATES BOARD ON PROGRESS OF PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW FACILITY IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

Mr. Anderson began the discussion asking if the board and department were confident of the benefit of the proposed facility and does the Parks' Department really support this project? He stated that before the project proceeds any further it should be determined if the department does, in fact, totally support this project. At this point there was confusion among the board on the action that was taken by the board at the September meeting. (If the project had actually been approved or was the decision to be made after The Vanderbilt Bridge Education Association provided the update.) It was at this point that Justice Birch made a motion to reconsider new information as presented by staff, Ms. Johnson seconded, with Mr. Anderson and Ms. Davis Samuels in agreement. Mr. Lawson and Ms. Jones voted no.

***For clarification purposes, below is the motion from the September 2009 board meeting approving the project:***

***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.***

Mr. Garrigan began his staff analysis stating that this project would lend itself as a meeting and program space for area residents as well as Metro Parks' staff. The analysis follows (Please note that this analysis is the identical analysis presented to the board at a previous meeting):

**Background**

The proposal submitted by the Vanderbilt Bridge Education Association (VBEA) is to construct a building (approximately 6000 square feet) on two adjoining vacant parcels of park land on Parthenon Avenue. VBEA proposes to construct the building at its expense, which would be the property of Metro, and enter into a long term use agreement (term and mechanism to be determined).

VBEA currently is housed in a building owned by Vanderbilt University. Their lease with the Vanderbilt expires fall 2010, and will not be renewed as the university has other intentions for that property. There are approximately 44 parking spaces associated with the current facility.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**THE VANDERBILT BRIDGE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION UPDATES BOARD ON PROGRESS OF PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW FACILITY IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

**Staff Analysis**

The conceptual building layout would provide large meeting space (the bridge room) along with smaller classrooms, restrooms, administrative space, and kitchen facility. VBEA would be the primary user of the facility. The building could potentially serve as meeting space for the West End Park neighborhood west of Centennial Park, which has seen considerable transition over the last decade.

Potential Metro Park uses include space for training sessions, Board meetings, and possible program space should the department wish to offer activities such as board games, chess, bridge, book clubs, and other low-intensity uses.

VBEA operates currently with a schedule that is primarily afternoons and evenings. Metro Parks' use of the facility could potentially be mornings for administrative use (training and/or other meetings), possibly schedule evening use, and weekends. A scheduling agreement and system would need to be formalized should the proposal continue.

In addition to Park Board approval, a formal agreement (lease or otherwise) would likely require Planning Commission and Metro Council approval. If the Park Board opts to advance the proposal, Metro Legal should provide guidance on subsequent steps necessary to proceed (construction agreement, financing, lease or permit, etc.).

As directed by the Park Board, staff has met with Planning Department and Metro Zoning staff to review the conceptual plan developed by local landscape firm, Lose and Associates, for the Vanderbilt Bridge Education Association. The Lose plan provides for a building of approximately 6000 square feet (roughly 60 x 100) setback 20 feet from the curb, with 40 off-street parking spaces in the rear accessed by an out of service alley running east-west behind the property. A portion of park property across the alley would also be necessary to accommodate 40 spaces. The proposed concept would classify as a 'Recreation Center' under the zoning code, which requires that a 'Special Exception' (SE) be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals. All community centers built by Metro Parks have required a SE.

Additionally, a variance would also need to be granted by the BZA for front, side and rear setbacks, which otherwise would be 100' on this site. Setback variances have been granted for community centers. Planning Department staff indicated support for the variance as a 20 foot setback is consistent with the Urban Zoning Overlay (UZO) which encompasses most of West End Park, but not the north side of Parthenon Avenue. Development patterns across Parthenon Avenue and most of the new development throughout the neighborhood are consistently within the range of 20 feet.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**THE VANDERBILT BRIDGE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION UPDATES BOARD ON PROGRESS OF PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW FACILITY IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

**Staff Analysis (con't.)**

The BZA requires that a public notice and meeting be held in advance of a hearing before the board for all variances and Special Exceptions. Staff has not determined if the neighborhood would support the granting of the variances or SE. Given the conditions and preliminary review by Planning Department staff, it is reasonable to believe that approval of the variances may be granted but there is no guarantee.

The site is adjacent to single family residences on the east and west of the property. The two residences are the only privately owned properties on the north side of Parthenon Avenue between Oman Street and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue. To the north of the property is open green space which is contiguous with First Amendment Hill and the dog parks. A long term goal for Centennial Park, if feasible, should be to secure all properties on the north side of Parthenon Avenue.

With this goal in mind, the Board should determine the desirability and usefulness of a jointly managed building at that location. Should the privately owned parcels transition to park land, this proposed building could potentially serve as a community anchor to the west portion of Centennial Park. Conversely, any future acquisition of the privately owned property would likely be motivated to transition the properties to green space. There was no prior intention in the Parks and Greenways Master Plan or in prior Centennial Park planning for a building in this area of the park.

The proposed venture presents some opportunities for programming and use by Metro Parks and the neighborhood that would otherwise not be available, and likely not be a priority for future Metro funding. However, the program and use opportunities had not been identified as needs for the Centennial Park or the park system, so the determination of priorities and opportunities for these particular parcels over the long term should be considered by the Park Board.

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Mr. Wilson stated that Parks has been successful with this type of partnership and the proposed location will not interfere with daily park activities and thought it to be a good idea.

Ms. Johnson asked who will be responsible for building maintenance, would it be shared? Mr. Hays responded that the facility would be operated and maintained as per lease agreement with the Bridge Association fully expecting to provide all routine maintenance. Ms. Johnson stated that she thought this facility will be a plus for the community, but there has to be a clear understanding with regard to which organization is responsible for what in regard to maintenance.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**THE VANDERBILT BRIDGE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION UPDATES BOARD ON PROGRESS OF PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW FACILITY IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

Mr. Hays stated they are awaiting approval from the Board of Zoning and Appeals and once approved, he will submit to staff and board for their review. A public hearing will also be held so that the area residents can voice their concerns. The board asked if BZA approval and the public hearing would be finalized before the December 2009 board meeting and Mr. Hays answered yes. Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis Samuels, the board deferred to the December board meeting.

**10-09-00**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER STANLEY REGARDING PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT LEBANON ROAD AND STEWART'S FERRY PIKE**

Upon motion Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board deferred action at the request of Councilmember Bruce Stanley until the January 2010 meeting of the board regarding a parcel of property (ID 09600005800) located at the intersection of Lebanon Road and Stewart's Ferry Pike.

**10-09-14**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE BATTLE OF NASHVILLE PRESERVATION SOCIETY TO SET UP AND STOCK A GIFT SHOP IN THE FORT NEGLEY VISITOR'S CENTER**

A request submitted by Mr. James Kay, President of The Battle of Nashville Preservation Society, requesting permission to set up and stock a gift shop in the Fort Negley Visitor's Center was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson and upon committee recommendation, the board approved this request to set up and stock a gift shop in the Fort Negley Visitor's Center at no cost to Metro Parks contingent upon the revision of operating hours at the visitor's center.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

**10-09-15**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE BATTLE OF NASHVILLE PRESERVATION SOCIETY TO PLACE A ‘TRAILBLAZER’ SIGN AT THE ENTRANCE OF FORT NEGLEY PARK**

A request submitted by Mr. James Kay, President of The Battle of Nashville Preservation Society, requesting permission to allow Civil War Trails to place “Trailblazer” sign at entrance to Fort Negley was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson and upon committee recommendation, the board approved this request to allow Civil War Trails to place a “Trailblazer” sign at the entrance of Fort Negley Park at no cost to Metro Parks. Mr. Curt Garrigan will serve as contact person with regard to placement and installation of said signage.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**11-09-01**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO HOST A COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION TO BE HELD IN CHURCH STREET PARK ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2009**

An application submitted by Ms. Natasha Yokley requesting permission to host a community awareness event with amplification on Saturday, November 21, 2009, 12:00 – 3:00 pm, at Church Street Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis Samuels, 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.

**11-09-02**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF PARMER PARK TO HOST A CHRISTMAS CAROLING FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION TO BE HELD IN PARMER PARK ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009**

An application submitted by Mr. Chris Dawson, representing Friends of Parmer Park, requesting permission to host a Christmas Caroling fundraising event on Sunday, December 13, 2009, 4:00 – 7:00 pm, in Parmer Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis Samuels, 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**

**11-09-03**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF TITHE FOR LIVES MINISTRY TO HOST A  
FREE CONCERT TO BE HELD IN RIVERFRONT PARK  
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009**

An application submitted by Mr. Gene Boros, representing *Tithe for Lives* Ministry, requesting permission to host a free concert on Saturday, November 7, 2009, 2:00 – 9:00 pm in Riverfront Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis Samuels, the board approved request subject to monitoring by park personnel.

**11-09-04**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE HOMELESS POWER  
PROJECT TO HOST A HOMELESS MEMORIAL  
TO BE HELD IN THE COURT OF FLAGS AREA OF RIVERFRONT PARK  
ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009**

An application submitted by Mr. Jay Mazon, Executive Director of the Nashville Homeless Power Project, requesting permission to host a Homeless Memorial in the court of flags area of Riverfront Park, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, on Saturday, December 12, 2009 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis Samuels, the board approved request subject to monitoring by park personnel.

**11-09-05**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN TO HOST A  
FUNDRAISING BIKE RIDE BEGINNING AT TWO RIVERS PARK  
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009**

An application submitted by Mr. Bradley Pinson, representing the Human Rights Campaign, requests permission to host a fundraising bike ride for HRC members and supporters beginning at Two Rivers Park, 2:00 – 5:00 pm, on Saturday, November 7, 2009 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis Samuels, the board approved request subject to monitoring by park personnel.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**11-09-06**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE CENTER FOR JEWISH AWARENESS TO PLACE A MENORAH IN RIVERFRONT PARK ADJACENT TO THE HOLIDAY TREE**

Correspondence submitted by Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel, Executive Director of The Center for Jewish Awareness, requesting permission to place a nine-foot Menorah in Riverfront Park during the month of December 2009 and host a ceremonial lighting on a yet to be determined date was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis Samuels, the board unanimously approved this request subject to the same rules as any other structure that the Board and Department allow. All typical insurance requirements apply, reasonable safety-related limitations on the size and weight of the structure will be imposed with use of an approved licensed engineer with regard to the support and placement of the Menorah.

Also, the Board can reasonably require that expressive structures be accompanied by a sign to the effect that this display has been erected by a private organization and its presence does not constitute an endorsement by the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County of the organization or the display.

**11-09-07**

**BOARD APPROVES GRANT FROM THE CONSERVANCY OF THE PARTHENON AND CENTENNIAL PARK TO CONTINUE FUNDING ONE FULL TIME POSITION ON AN ON-GOING BASIS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

Correspondence submitted by Ms. Hope Stringer, Chairperson of The Conservancy for the Parthenon and Centennial Park, requesting the board to accept a grant in the amount of \$70,000 to fund the salary of Sylvia Rapoport, President of The Conservancy, effective November 1, 2009 with Metro Parks processing weekly timesheets and paychecks on an on-going basis.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis Samuels, the board granted approval effective November 1, 2009 to the Conservancy of the Parthenon and Centennial Park of a total grant base amount of \$70,000 plus any amount required to pay off accrued leave should employee terminate at a point in time which would otherwise extend past the end of this grant period. This amount will increase to provide any funding necessary for pay plan adjustments or merit increases to which other similarly situated Parks employees would be entitled. In the event that the Conservancy of the Parthenon and Centennial Park decides to discontinue or modify funding for this position a notice of 30 days will be given Metro Parks. Metro Parks may discontinue this agreement or modify funding for this position with a 30 day notice to the Conservancy. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CONSERVANCY OF THE PARTHENON AND CENTENNIAL PARK DOES NOT PAY INDIRECT COST CHARGES ON ITS GRANT AWARDS.**

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**11-09-08**

**BOARD APPROVES DONATION OF A BIKE RACK TO BE INSTALLED IN  
COMMERCE STREET PARK**

A request submitted by Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell and Berkowitz requesting permission to donate and install a bike rack in Commerce Street Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved this request of the donation and installation of a bike rack in Commerce Street Park at no cost to Metro Parks. Mr. Curt Garrigan will serve as contact person regard to design and placement of said bike rack.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**11-09-09**

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

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board confirmed the appointment Karen Johnson as a member of the Park Board representing the Metropolitan Nashville School Board, effective September 22, 2009. (Ms. Johnson's term will expire June 30, 2010.)

**11-09-10**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF YOUTH UNITED  
TO HOST A VIGIL AGAINST YOUTH VIOLENCE WITH AMPLIFICATION  
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009 IN PUBLIC SQUARE PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Jairus Cater, representing Youth United, requesting permission to host a vigil to stop youth violence in Nashville with amplification on Saturday, November 14, 2009, 1:30 – 5:00 pm, in Public Square Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Anderson, 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**

**11-09-11**

**BOARD DEFERS DONATION AND INSTALLATION OF A REGULATION TENNIS PRACTICE BACKBOARD IN WOODMONT PARK BY ANGIE PERKINS**

Mr. Angie Perkins was present to ask the board to approve donation and installation of a regulation tennis practice backboard in Woodmont Park at no cost to Parks.

Upon motion of Justice Birch, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and as per board policy 3000.25; the board deferred this request to the Acquisition Committee and recommendation will be presented to the full board at their December 2009 meeting.

**11-09-12**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU TO RE-SIGN AND INSTALL BOLLARDS IN WALK OF FAME PARK**

Correspondence from The Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau requesting permission to develop a plan to re-sign and install bollards in Walk of Fame Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board granted unanimous approval to the Nashville Convention and Visitor's Bureau to develop a plan to re-sign and install bollards in Walk of Fame Park for the protection of and to ensure the integrity of the Walk of Fame plaques. The board also designated Mr. Randall Lantz to act as liaison from Metro Parks to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau with regard to design and construction of this project.

**11-09-13**

**BOARD DEFERS THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT MT. VIEW ROAD AND HAMILTON CHURCH ROAD INDEFINITELY**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, the board deferred the acquisition of property at Mt. View Road and Hamilton Church Road previously approved for acceptance through donation indefinitely.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**11-09-14**

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FRIENDS OF SHELBY PARK  
FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS FROM  
THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Upon motion of Ms. Davis Samuels, seconded by Justice Birch, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of grant opportunity in conjunction with the Friends of Shelby Park for Transportation Enhancement Funds from the Tennessee Department of Transportation to assist in the implementation of the Shelby Park Master Plan. The result of a public planning process our department facilitated with the community and a consultant team, the Shelby Park Master Plan embodies the vision and consensus of many Nashvillians to improve and enhance one of Nashville's most significant city parks.

This grant application seeks the opportunity to implement components of the overall plan. Specifically, these funds would be used to make critical improvements in Shelby Park, providing pivotal connections between Downtown and East Nashville to Shelby Bottoms and the Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge. The proposed improvements in Shelby Park would provide for pedestrian and bicycle traffic in a regional network of 26 miles from the Percy Priest Dam to the Bordeaux area.

**XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Community Garden Update – no report

Shelby Park Master Plan/Miracle League Update – no report

**XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – no report**

**XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

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

As the result of a special called meeting by the Finance Department last week, board members were given the opportunity to ask questions referencing a letter received from the Finance Department.

- **Stan Fossick asked if departments are permitted to ask for supplemental funding and if so, did Parks submit a request in spring 2009?**  
Mr. Riebeling stated no.

**XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (con't.)**

As the result of a special called meeting by the Finance Department last week, board members were given the opportunity to ask questions referencing a letter received from the Finance Department.

- **Karen Johnson asked how do the departments know this?**

Mr. Riebeling stated the budget analyst assigned by the Finance Department makes the department aware. He also stated that two elective offices completed the budget year without supplemental; however, all others requested supplementals. A Resolution approving supplementals is submitted to the Council and at the time it looked as if Parks would finish within budget. Budgetary problems arose in April and May.

- **Stan Fossick stated the board is relative to pressing forward by implementation of the following:**

- 1. Transfer salary of Riverfront Project liaison to the Capital Budget.**
- 2. Implementation of the lay-off plan approved by the Civil Service Commission on October 9, 2009.**
- 3. Installation of credit card terminals.**

- Mr. Riebeling stated that the above actions will not cover the projected deficits for 2010 as Parks is 1.7 million dollars over budget because of the following:

1. Carryover of 2009 expenses
2. Delay in receiving approval to Parks' layoff plan.
3. Did not realize full value due to layoffs and the bumping process.
4. Department has not taken action with regard to modifications.

- **Ivanetta Davis Samuels asked with regard to 4% Capital - how quickly can Parks identify?**

Mr. Riebeling stated that he will know if the Riverfront position can be moved to the capital fund from the operating budget by the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- **George Anderson asked how does \$700,000 over budget just pop up?**

Mr. Riebeling explained that \$166,000 in deferred maintenance was taken out of the operating budget when in actuality it should have been taken from 4% and salaries of seasonal positions.

- **Tonya Jones asked if the corrective actions were taken?**

Mr. Riebeling said no, they were not.

**XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (con't.)**

As the result of a special called meeting by the Finance Department last week, board members were given the opportunity to ask questions referencing a letter received from the Finance Department.

- **Stan Fossick as if the 1.7 million can be rectified in the time left?**

Mr. Riebeling stated the cuts proposed in the area of 7-8 thousand are not close to meeting budget and Parks needs to do what it takes. Asking for additional funding from Metro Council puts the Finance Department in a difficult position with regard to other departments that meet their budget.

- **George Anderson stated that he does not think the Parks Department can handle the financial aspects of this budget and asked if the Finance Department will be able to assist Metro Park's staff?**

Mr. Riebeling responded yes.

- **Justice Birch asked if the Finance Department could lend a staff person to oversee Parks' budget?**

Mr. Riebeling stated that would not be a problem and Parks still has the option of asking for a supplemental this year.

**The next meeting regarding Parks' budget has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 10 at 10:30 am in the boardroom with the Metro Finance Department slated to offer recommendations to assist Parks with recapturing their budget.**

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**