

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

July 6, 2010

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 1:30 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. James Lawson, Mr. Charles McTorry, and Ms. Karen Johnson. Ms. Ivanetta Davis Samuels, Mr. George Anderson, and Ms. Tonya Jones were not in attendance.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. Mike Bays, Consolidated Maintenance; Mr. Paul Widman, Recreation; Ms. Shain Dennison, Superintendent of Greenways Development; Lt. George Mitchell, Park Police; Mr. Bob Parrish, Superintendent of Resource Management; Mr. Tim Netsch, Superintendent of Parks-Planning/Facility Development; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent of Parks-Public Information; Ms. Monique Odom, Budget Analyst and **Ms. Nicki Eke, Metro Government Legal Counsel.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 1, 2010 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Bob Parrish, Superintendent of Warner Parks, reported that the Friends of Warner Parks received the Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award in the category of Natural Heritage Conservation for their efforts in saving the Ancient Forest. This property known as the Hill Property is located between Highways 100 and 70 and consists of 244 acres with 124 acres already transferred to Metro Parks and 225 acres designated as a State Natural Area. Mr. Lawson Allen, Mr. Warner Bass, Ms. Jane Coble and Ms. Julia Landstreet were present representing the FOWP.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

01-06-05

JASON ROGERS PROVIDES UPDATE TO BOARD ON THE PROPOSED RENOVATION AND USE OF THE E.S. ROSE PARK ATHLETIC FACILITIES BY BELMONT UNIVERSITY

Mr. Jason Rogers, representing Belmont University, was present to provide the Board an update on the proposed renovation and use of the E. S. Rose Park athletic facilities by Belmont University.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

01-06-06 (con't.)

**JASON ROGERS PROVIDES UPDATE TO BOARD ON THE PROPOSED
RENOVATION AND USE OF THE E.S. ROSE PARK ATHLETIC FACILITIES
BY BELMONT UNIVERSITY**

Mr. Rogers reported to the board that the appeal submitted by the Organized Neighbors of Edgehill to the Tennessee State Court of Appeals was denied and this ruling cleared the way for the project. He also stated that construction will begin after the timetable with Parks has been agreed upon. Construction should begin at the beginning of Metro School year and without any major construction problems the completion date should be within 6 months of the starting date.

Arlene Lane, representing the Organized Neighbors of Edgehill, was present and stated that something new had been added to the existing plans. She said that a detention pond the size of a football field will be constructed and supposedly not to be fenced. She questioned the liability issue, if it would fall back on Metro Parks or Belmont University. The Board of Zoning and Appeals has assured her that they will monitor the construction process. The Northeast parking area behind the East Pavillion will draw more visitors and the adjacent property owners would like to have the fencing reinstalled to distinguish private property from park property and to discourage trespassing.

04-10-52

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO EXTEND HOURS
OF THE EDWIN WARNER PARK MODEL AIRPLANE FLYING FIELD**

Mr. Fred Milligan, Jr. was present to request permission to address the board with regard to the flying hours at the Edwin Warner Park Model Airplane Flying Field as proposed below was presented to the board for approval:

- Extend flying hours one day during the week until 5:00 pm during winter months and until 8:00 pm during summer months with Thursday as the designated day.
- Identify one weekend day for afternoon flying; Sunday afternoon, 3:00 – 5:00 pm during winter months and 3:00 – 8:00 pm during summer months.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. McTorry, the board deferred this request to the August Meeting in order for the Policy Committee of the Board to consider permitted and non-permitted activity with regard to the use of the park. Bob Parrish will monitor site usage for the next month to report to the committee.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

07-10-01

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF PAULINE WILSON TO HOST A PICNIC WITH AMPLIFICATION TO BE HELD AT CEDAR HILLS PARK PICNIC AREAS 1 AND 2 ON SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2010

An application submitted by Ms. Pauline Wilson requesting permission for amplification during a picnic on Sunday, July 18, 2010, 6:00 am – 11:00 pm, at picnic areas #1 and 2 of Cedar Hill Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, 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.

07-10-02

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF SOUTH CENTRAL MEDIA AND 96.3 JACK FM TO HOST AN ICE CREAM GIVEAWAY WITH AMPLIFICATION ON FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2010 IN CENTENNIAL PARK

An application submitted by Mr. Johnny Homco, representing South Central Media and 96.3 JACK FM, requesting permission to give away free ice cream with amplification during ***Moose Meets Every Listener*** on Friday, July 16, 2010, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, at the front parking area located on the front lawn of Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, 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.

07-10-03

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. AMANDA BREWINGTON FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2010

An application submitted by Ms. Amanda Brewington requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, August 28, 2010, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, in the Sunken Garden of Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, 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.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

07-10-04

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE WAY OF TENNESSEE FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A COFFEE HOUSE/CONCERT TO BE HELD IN THE EVENT SHELTER OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2010

An application submitted by Mr. Rocto Crommett, representing the Way of Tennessee, requesting permission for amplification during a coffee house/concert at the Centennial Park Event Shelter, 3:00 – 9:00 pm, on Saturday, September 11, 2010 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, 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.

07-10-05

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. ASHLEY ALMAND FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON THE GREENSPACE ADJACENT TO LAKE WATAUGA IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2010

An application submitted by Ms. Ashley Almand requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, August 28, 2010, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, in front of the fountain on the greenspace adjacent to Lake Watauga in Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, 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.

07-10-06

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION TO BE HELD AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010

An application submitted by Ms. Diana Castro, representing the Children's Miracle Network, requesting permission for amplification during a fundraising event, **Torch Relay**, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter, 7:30 am – 11:00 pm, on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 was presented to the board.

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

X. CONSENT AGENDA

07-10-07

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE CONSERVANCY FOR THE PARTHENON
AND CENTENNIAL PARK TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH
AMPLIFICATION TO BE HELD ON THE PARTHENON PLAZA
OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010**

An application submitted by Ms. Sylvia Rapoport, representing the Conservancy for the Parthenon and Centennial Park, requesting permission for amplification during a fundraising event to be held on the Parthenon Plaza of Centennial Park, 4:30 – 11:00 pm, on Saturday, November 6, 2010 was presented to the board.

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

07-10-08

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE RALLY FOUNDATION
TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION TO BE HELD AT
THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010**

An application submitted by Mr. Matt Peabody, representing the Rally Foundation, requesting permission for amplification during a fundraising event to be held in the Centennial Park Event Shelter, 6:30 – 11:00 am, on Saturday, November 6, 2010 was presented to the board.

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

X. CONSENT AGENDA

07-10-09

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A RACE/WALK AND PICNIC TO BE HELD IN THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2010

An application submitted by Ms. Lisa Lancaster, representing Bethany Christian Services, requesting permission for amplification during a race/walk and picnic, ***Strides for Adoption***, to be held in the Centennial Park Event Shelter, 7:30 am – 2:00 pm, on Saturday, May 7, 2011 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, 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.

07-10-10

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. TABATHA SHELDON FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN OF CENTENNIAL PARK AND RECEPTION IN THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER ON SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011

An application submitted by Ms. Tabatha Sheldon requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony in the Sunken Garden and reception on Saturday, May 14, 2011, 4:00 – 10:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the board.

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

07-10-11

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. MELODY STEWARD AND MR. FORREST LESTER FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2010

An application submitted by Ms. Melody Stewart and Mr. Forrest Lester requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony in the Sunken Garden and reception on Saturday, May 21, 2011, 2:00 – 10:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the board.

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

X. CONSENT AGENDA

07-10-12

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE HILTON GARDEN INN VANDERBILT FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A ONE YEAR BIRTHDAY PARTY TO BE HELD AT THE PICNIC SHELTER OF FANNIE MAE DEES PARK ON SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010

An application submitted by Ms. Merrily Bell, representing the Hilton Garden Inn-Vanderbilt, requesting permission for amplification during a one year birthday party for the Inn at the Fannie Mae Dees Park Picnic Shelter, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, on Sunday, July 11, 2010 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, 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.

07-10-13

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE FRIENDS OF FORT NEGLEY TO SELL AND CONSUME ALCOHOL DURING A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION ON AUGUST 12, 2010 AT THE FORT NEGLEY VISITOR'S CENTER

An application submitted Ms. Ellen Duer McClanahan, Acting President of the Friends of Fort Negley, requesting permission to host an invitation only fundraiser to benefit Fort Negley with alcohol consumption and waiver of all fees to be held Thursday, August 12, 2010, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, at the Fort Negley Visitor's Center was presented to the board.

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

X. CONSENT AGENDA

07-10-14

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK
OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A HUNGER RALLY
AND PICNIC TO BE HELD IN PUBLIC SQUARE PARK
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2010**

An application submitted by Ms. Heidi Tieslau, representing Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, requesting permission for amplification during a hunger rally and picnic on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, 12:00 – 10:00 pm in Public Square Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, 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.

07-10-15

**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 Chanukah Menorah in Riverfront Park, November 30 – December 30, 2010 and host a ceremonial lighting on Wednesday, December 1, 2010, the first night of Chanukah was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, 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.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

07-10-16

**BOARD AFFIRMS REAPPOINTMENT OF STAN FOSSICK
AS A MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD**

The Board unanimously affirmed the reappointment of Mr. J. Stanley Fossick as a member of the Park Board effective June 1, 2010. (Mr. Fossick's term will expire April 30, 2015.)

07-10-17

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL
ALLIANCE TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION
IN HADLEY PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AND
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2010**

Mr. Kwame Leo Lillard, representing the African American Cultural Alliance, was present to request permission to host a fundraising event, **20th Annual African Street Festival**, with amplification on Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19 in Hadley Park from the board.

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board unanimously approved request to host a fundraiser with amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel and a financial report must be submitted no later than 30 days following event. Please note that Councilmember's Gilmore and Langster were in support of the temporary change of location for this event. Festival organizer was notified that a meeting with Park Police should be scheduled to determine the impact of traffic and parking in the immediate neighborhood. If the determined park and neighborhood capacity cannot accommodate the crowd, traffic or parking, a secondary location is recommended.

07-10-18

**MS. HELENE HARVEY, DIRECTOR OF A NEW LEAF, WITHDRAWS REQUEST
TO UTILIZE RICHLAND PARK AS AN OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE**

Ms. Helene Harvey, Director of **A New Leaf**, withdrew request to utilize Richland Park as an outdoor learning space for use by their students in order to comply with the Board of Zoning Code 17.16.040 Educational Uses as this request was voted down by the Board of Zoning and Appeals at their July 1st meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

07-10-19

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE UNITED WAY OF METROPOLITAN
NASHVILLE TO CONSTRUCT BORN LEARNING TRAILS
IN 2 TO 4 OF METRO'S NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS**

Mr. C. Michael Allen, representing the United Way of Metropolitan Nashville, was in attendance to present a proposal to construct a *Born Learning Trail* in 2 to 4 of Metro's neighborhood parks to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board deferred this request to the boards' acquisition committee for recommendation to the full board at their August meeting as per Park Policy 3000.25 ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF PARK PROPERTY.

07-10-20

**BOARD ACCEPTS MONETARY GIFT FROM THE UNITED STATES TENNIS
ASSOCIATION FOR REPAIR TO THE SPORTSPLEX TENNIS COURTS**

Correspondence submitted by Ms. Robin Jones, representing USTA, requesting the Board to accept a donation in the amount of \$40,000 for repair to the Sportsplex tennis courts at no cost to Metro Parks was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. McTorry, the board accepted a \$40,000 gift from the United States Tennis Association. This gift does not require a match from the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and will be used for repair to the Sportsplex Tennis Courts at no cost to Metro Parks. This project will be filmed and shown on the Tennis Channel creating national exposure for Nashville and Metro Parks. Mr. Blaine Smith of the Sportsplex will coordinate project for Metro Parks.

07-10-21

**BOARD ACCEPTS GRANT FROM THE METRO DISASTER RESPONSE FUND
FOR SUPPORT OF THE DISASTER RECOVER EFFORTS
OF THE BELLEVUE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. McTorry, the board accepted a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Metro Disaster Response Fund for the purpose of supporting the disaster recovery efforts of the Bellevue Community Center. Please note that this grant does not include indirect costs.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

07-10-22

**BOARD APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSFER
OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY FROM MDHA TO METRO PARKS**

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board voted to recommend to the Metro Council approval of transfer of surplus real property located at 1810 Woodland Street (Lockeland Springs area) from MDHA to Metro Parks. Please note that Councilmember Jameson was in attendance to support said transfer.

07-10-23

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF STAFF TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY
FOR THE MILL CREEK GREENWAY SYSTEM**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. McTorry, the board deferred acquisition of 2.96 acres on Old Glenrose Avenue, map and parcel number 11907004400, for the Mill Creek Greenway system, in the amount of \$14,000 from property owner J.E. Crossman ETUX to the boards' acquisition committee for recommendation to the full board at their August meeting as per Park Policy 3000.25 ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF PARK PROPERTY.

XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Jackie Jones reported the upcoming events:

- Singing in the 60's at Looby Theater – July 9, 10, 15, 16, and 17, 2010
- Wednesday, July 14th – Rededication of the John Thomas Monument at 5:30 pm in Centennial Park
- Wednesday, July 14th – Final meeting for public input with regard to the Centennial Park Master Plan, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, at the Centennial Event Shelter

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch began his director’s report with an open discussion on fees assessed in Regional Centers. Signage has been posted that all patrons over the age of 17 will be required to pay fees in order to use facilities at the Regional Centers. However, when fees were passed by the Board, these new charges were to be implemented August 2010. Amidst the confusion this was not changed in the Policy Manual, however Mr. Lynch voiced that the said fees to be charged are for use of the fitness area of the Regional Centers, not for activities such as playing basketball or walking on the indoor track. These activities will still be offered at no cost to center patrons.

The new specialty use fees will go into effect August 16, 2010 as follows:

- Davidson County adult residents \$ 3.00 daily admission
\$30.00 - monthly membership
\$20.00 – 10 visit pass
- Seniors 62 and over \$ 1.50 daily admission
\$20.00 – monthly membership
\$10.00 – 10 visit pass

Mr. Lynch reported that the Hot Chicken went well at East Park on July 4 and thanked all board members who were in attendance.

Ms. Johnson asked Mr. Lynch if the Miracle Field was still on track to be completed within the Shelby Park Master Plan. Mr. Lynch stated that the field will be included in Master Plan.

XIIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Tommy Lynch, Interim Director

Ivanetta Davis Samuels, Chairperson