

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING JULY 12, 2011**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Ms. Ivanetta Davis Samuels, Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. James Lawson, Mr. George Anderson, Mr. Charles McTorry, Mr. Phil Ponder and Ms. Kay Simmons.

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

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 7, 2011 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, June 7, 2011.

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

Ms. Sandy Bivens was present to introduce Ms. Zada Law, Mr. David Currey and Mr. Tim Walker, representatives from the Fort Negley Technical Committee, to the board. This committee includes representatives from Metro Parks and the Metro Historical Commission as well as others who possess knowledge and expertise on the stabilization and transition of Fort Negley to a public park.

This committee was appointed in October 2010 by Tommy Lynch, Director of Metro Parks, to oversee developments at Fort Negley and to ensure that all developments are in line with the Fort Negley Master Plan. The committee meets on a quarterly basis or as needed to advise and make recommendation on proposed developments and/or projects. To date the committee has made recommendations on cutting viewsheds from the fort and has worked with Metro Parks maintenance personnel to determine appropriate seed mix for use on an area cleared in August 2010.

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

Mr. Lynch introduced Captain Chris Taylor to the Board. Captain Taylor is now overseeing the Park Police Division of Metro Parks and comes to us from the Metro Police Department.

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Mr. Lynch introduced Hope Waterdown and Dottie Hale to the board. On Saturday morning, June 25 a young man (19 years of age) collapsed while playing basketball at East Regional Center and lost consciousness. He eventually quit breathing and went into cardiac arrest. East Recreation Leader, Ms. Hope Waterdown was the first to respond and administered rescue breathing and CPR keeping the young man alive until the paramedics arrived and transported him to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where unfortunately he died a short time later. Ms. Hale, Sports Superintendent, immediately went to the hospital upon learning of the incident to check on his condition and speak with the family. Ms. Hale exhibited great kindness and professionalism communicating the tragedy to his immediate family and remaining with the family through the initial crisis. Mr. Lynch voiced his appreciation not only for these two employees' heroic efforts, but the entire East Regional Center team. They represented Metro Parks honorably and demonstrated service above and beyond all expectations.

**VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**07-11-01**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER BO MITCHELL FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A PICNIC TO BE HELD IN BELLEVUE PARK ON SATURDAY, JULY 16 AND SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2011**

An application submitted by Councilmember Bo Mitchell requesting permission for amplification during a picnic on Saturday, July 16 and Saturday, July 23, 2011, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, in Bellevue Park was presented to the board for approval.

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

**07-11-02**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. ALLISON ARMSTRONG FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE CENTENNIAL PARK SUNKEN GARDEN ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2011**

An application submitted by Ms. Allison Armstrong requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, August 6, 2011, 5:00 – 8:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved 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**

**07-11-03**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE CONSERVANCY FOR THE PARTHENON AND CENTENNIAL PARK TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2011**

An application submitted by Ms. Sylvia Rapoport, representing The Conservancy for the Parthenon and Centennial Park, requesting permission to host a fundraising yoga event with amplification on the South Parthenon Lawn, 8:00 – 9:30 am, on Saturday, August 20, 2011 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, 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 with a financial report to be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

**07-11-04**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF LATOYA DAVIS FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A BIRTHDAY PARTY TO BE HELD AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2011**

An application submitted by Ms. LaToya Davis requesting permission for amplification during a birthday party on Sunday, August 14, 2011, 12:00 – 8:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the board for approval.

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

**07-11-05**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF LULULEMAN ATHLETICA TO HOST A YOGA EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2011**

An application submitted by Ms. Mindy Grimes, representing Lululeman Athletica, requesting permission for amplification during a yoga event on the Parthenon Lawn, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, on Saturday, September 10, 2011 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved 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**

**07-11-06**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. MEGAN WALKUP AND MR. LYLE GREGORY FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE CENTENNIAL PARK SUNKEN GARDEN ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2011**

An application submitted by Ms. Megan Walkup and Mr. Lyle Gregory requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, November 5, 2011, 4:00 – 7:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden was presented to the board for approval.

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

**07-11-07**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. CANDACE WINSLOW AND MR. SEAN RUTH FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN AND RECEPTION TO BE HELD AT THE EVENT SHELTER OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2011**

An application submitted by Ms. Candace Winslow and Mr. Sean Ruth requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony and reception on Friday, November 11, 2011, 4:00 – 11:00 pm in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden and the Centennial Event Shelter was presented to the board for approval.

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

**07-11-08**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2012**

An application submitted by Mr. Charlie Whitford, representing Bethany Christian Services, requesting permission to host a fundraising event, **2012 Strides for Adoption**, with amplification at the Centennial Park Event Shelter, 7:00 am – 2:00 pm, on Saturday, May 26, 2012 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, 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 with a financial report to be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**07-11-09**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF KIDS TRIATHLON, INC. TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012**

An application submitted by Mr. Wesley Hires, representing Kids Triathlon, Inc., requesting permission to host a fundraising event at the Centennial Park Bandshell and adjacent greenspace, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm, on Saturday, June 2 and 6:00 am – 1:00 pm on Sunday, June 3, 2012 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved this request with the understanding that a financial report to be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

**07-11-10**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF NASHVILLE HUNGER CROP WALK TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION IN FANNIE MAE DEES PARK WITH PICNIC SHELTER ON SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2012**

An application submitted by Ms. Julia Coulter, representing Nashville Hunger Crop Walk, requesting permission to host a fundraising event, **2012 Nashville Hunger Crop Walk**, with amplification at the Fannie Mae Dees Picnic Shelter and Park, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, on Sunday, April 1, 2012 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, 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 with a financial report to be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

**07-11-11**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE MERGE CHURCH TO HOST A BACK TO SCHOOL BASH WITH AMPLIFICATION IN HERMITAGE PARK ON SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2011**

An application submitted by Mr. H. L. Edwards, representing the Merge Church, requesting permission for amplification during a **Back to School Bash** on Saturday, July 30, 2011, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, on the greenspace of Hermitage Park was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved 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**

**07-11-12**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MR. CHARLES TAYLOR AND MS. VALIEN NEAL TO HOST AN EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION ON THE GREENSPACE BEHIND Z. ALEXANDER LOOBY CENTER ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2011**

An application submitted by Mr. Charles Taylor and Ms. Valien Neal requesting permission for amplification during an event on Saturday, August 20, 2011, 8:00 am-9:00 pm, on the greenspace behind Z. Alexander Looby Center was presented to the board for approval.

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

**07-11-13**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO LIGHTNING 100 TO SELL AND CONSUME ALCOHOL DURING LIVE ON THE GREEN WITH AMPLIFICATION IN PUBLIC SQUARE PARK ON THURSDAYS DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 2011**

An application submitted by Mr. Tom Hansen, representing Tune In Broadcasting, Inc, requests permission for amplification and to sell and consume alcohol during **Live on the Green** in Public Square Park on the following Thursdays: September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6 and 13, 2011 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board granted permission for the sale and 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. Amplification was also approved with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area.

**07-11-14**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BELMONT-HILLSBORO, HILLSBORO-WEST END AND 12SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS TO HOST A NASHVILLE NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION IN ST. BERNARD PARK ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011**

An application submitted by Ms. Lindsey Trella Moffett, representing Belmont-Hillsboro, Hillsboro-West End and 12South Neighborhood Associations, requesting permission for amplification during a **Nashville Night Out Against Crime** event on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, in St. Bernard Park was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved 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**

**07-11-15**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF HOPE CENTER TO HOST A  
FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION IN SEVIER PARK  
AND PICNIC SHELTER ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011**

An application submitted by Mr. Steve Flanigan, representing Hope Center, requesting permission to host a fundraising concert event with amplification at the Sevier Park Picnic Shelter and adjacent green space, 12:00 – 10:00 pm, on Saturday, August 13, 2011 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, 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 with a financial report to be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

**07-11-16**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MR. ERIC MCBROOM  
TO HOST A PICNIC WITH AMPLIFICATION AT PICNIC SHELTERS 3 AND 4  
IN TWO RIVERS PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011**

An application submitted by Mr. Eric McBroom requesting permission for amplification during a picnic on Saturday, August 13, 2011, all day, at picnic shelters 3 and 4 in Two Rivers Park was presented to the board for approval.

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

**07-11-17**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF COE COLLEGE TO HOST A  
BAND PERFORMANCE WITH AMPLIFICATION IN WALK OF FAME PARK  
ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2011**

An application submitted by Mr. William Carson, representing Coe College Touring Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band, requesting permission to host a band performance with amplification at Walk of Fame Park, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, on Thursday, August 4, 2011 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved 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**

**07-11-18**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION TO HOST THE ANNUAL NBA PICNIC WITH AMPLIFICATION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN WALK OF FAME PARK ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011**

An application submitted by Ms. Traci Hollandsworth, representing the Nashville Bar Association, requesting permission for amplification and consumption of alcohol during the annual NBA picnic in Walk of Fame Park, 5:00 – 9:00 pm, on Thursday, September 22, 2011 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board granted permission for the consumption of alcoholic beverages, as per Metro Ordinance, and approved amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**07-11-19**

**BOARD AFFIRMS APPOINTMENT OF PHIL PONDER AS A MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD REPRESENTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Board unanimously affirmed the appointment of Mr. Phil Ponder, representing the Metro Planning Commission, as a member of the Park Board, effective June 9, 2011. (Mr. Ponder's term will expire June 9, 2012.)

**07-11-20**

**BOARD APPROVES ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTEER SUPPORT GROUP TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATE NASHVILLE CULTURAL FESTIVAL**

Ms. Cindy Politte was present to request board approval to establish a non-profit group to support the Celebrate Nashville Cultural Festival (formerly known as Celebration of Cultures) scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2011 in Centennial Park.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board approved the formation of Celebrate Nashville, Inc. as an official non-profit volunteer support group to Metro Parks. The board thanked Ms. Politte for taking the initiative to establish an organization to support this event upon learning that the Scarritt-Bennett Center was no longer able to sponsor the Celebration of Cultures Festival. (Name change of event is due to Scarritt –Bennett Center having rights to name "Celebration of Cultures").

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**07-11-21**

**BOARD APPROVES MOU FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A 1.2 ACRE WETLAND IN BELLS BEND PARK**

Upon Motion of Mr. Ponder, seconded by Mr. Lawson and based upon committee recommendation, the board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Metro Parks, the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority, Friends of Bells Bend Park and the Federal Aviation Administration for the construction and maintenance of a 1.2 acre wetland in Bells Bend Park.

- Nashville Airport Authority will provide \$51,600.00 to fund the construction and maintenance of a 1.2 acre wetland mitigation project at Bells Bend Park.
- Friends Of Bells Bend Park will receive and disburse the funds for the design, construction, and maintenance of the wetland, to meet the requirements of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.
- Parks will oversee and approve all aspects of the project.

**07-11-22**

**BOARD APPROVES AMENDMENT OF THE CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY OF NON CIVIL SERVICE POSITION AT WARNER PARK HEADQUARTERS**

Correspondence submitted by Ms. Eleanor Willis, Executive Director of Friends of Warner Parks, requesting approval to amend the classification and salary of the existing grant funded non-civil service position at the Warner Park Headquarters was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board amended the classification and salary of the existing grant funded non-civil service position as follows:

Office Support Specialist 1, SR07, Step 8 . . . . . \$37,433.00  
to  
Office Support Specialist 2, SR08, Step 8 . . . . . \$41,592.00

and with the understanding that Metro Parks will continue to provide benefits.

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.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**07-11-23**

**REQUEST TO NAME THE PARK SPACE LOCATED AT 1810 WOODLAND STREET DEFERRED TO NAMING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD AS PER POLICY 3000.1**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and as per park policy 3000.1, the board deferred request to name the 2.3 acre park space located at 1810 Woodland Street "Lockeland Springs Park".

**07-11-24**

**REQUEST TO OFFICIALLY ACCEPT NAME OF THE RIVERFRONT PLAY PARK DEFERRED TO NAMING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD AS PER POLICY 3000.1**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and as per park policy 3000.1, the board deferred request to officially accept the name of the Riverfront Play Park located on the east bank of the downtown riverfront as "Cumberland Park".

**XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Public Information Staff**

Jackie Jones announced the upcoming following events:

- Brown Bag Concert Series on alternate Thursdays at the Centennial Event Shelter, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Red Caboose Concert Series in Bellevue Park on Fridays at 7:00 pm
- Big Band Dances at the Centennial Event Shelter on Saturdays at 7:00 pm
- Full Moon Pickin' Party in Warner Park on Friday, July 15 at 7:00 pm
- Soulfood Music Festival in Riverfront Park on Saturday, July 16 at 4:00 pm
- Music City Triathlon on Saturday, July 23.

**XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Lynch reported the following:

- Update on Wave Pool Incident – two weeks following Memorial Day crowds have been small; however attendance is increasing and currently averaging 1000 daily.
- McCabe Center will open as soon as positions are approved for funding.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> marked the end of the fiscal year and while we still have utilities and a partial payroll coming in Parks should meet our budget for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

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

Ms. Ivanetta Davis Samuels, Chairperson of the board, requested that Ms. Rita Roberts Turner, Director of Metro Human Resources, attend the August meeting with regard to beginning the selection process for Director of Parks.

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

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**Thomas M. Lynch, Interim Director**

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**Ms. Ivanetta Davis-Samuels, Chairperson**