

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 4, 2011

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 12:00 pm at McCabe Park Regional Center, 101 46th Avenue North, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Ms. Ivanetta Davis Samuels, Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. George Anderson, Ms. Kay Simmons, and Mr. Phil Ponder. Mr. James Lawson and Mr. Charles McTorry were not in attendance.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. Mike Bays, Consolidated Maintenance; Mr. Paul Widman, Recreation; Special Projects Managers: Mr. Tim Netsch, Planning/Facilities; Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; Superintendents: Ms. Jackie Jones, Parks-Public Information Ms. Monique Odom, Administration and Finance;; Captain Chris Taylor, Park Police; and **Mr. Ted Morrissey, representing the Metro Legal Department.** Ms. Shain Dennison, Special Projects Manager/Greenways, and Mr. Bob Parrish, Superintendent of Resource Management, were not in attendance.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Ponder, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

MS. BARBARA JONES, FORMER DIRECTOR OF MCCABE COMMUNITY CENTER, INTRODUCED TO THE BOARD

Ms. Barbara Jones, former Director of McCabe Community Center, stated that she was honored to be in attendance and even though the facility was rebuilt it stills feels like home. Ms. Jones worked at the McCabe Community Center in 1965 until she was promoted into the administrative office as a Sports Supervisor in the 1990's. She was impressed by what was done on such a small amount of land and hopes that the parks continue to grow.

AN UPDATE ON THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION PROVIDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP CLAIBORNE

Councilmember Phillip Claiborne was present to provide the following information to the board:

- April – Roof replacement in the amount of \$70,000 was begun on the 1802 House.
- May 22nd - **Phil the House** was held and the first in a series of print materials of the 1802 house and Two Rivers Mansion was presented for sale. Mr. Phil Ponder and Councilmember Phil Claiborne were the responsible artists.
- May 23rd - **Friends of Two Rivers Mansion** website launched.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

**AN UPDATE ON THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION
PROVIDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP CLAIBORNE (con't.)**

- August 20th – The first evening of *Music on the Lawn* was held with 450+ in attendance.
- September – detailed assessment of the mansion began starting with the rear veranda and the south façade. The assessment has been completed and construction will begin in a matter of weeks.
- October 15th – the 2nd annual Beer Festival will be held.
- October 29th – Free community Halloween Event for the family (hours 4-8 pm)
- December 2, 3, and 4th – Stones River Woman's Club Holiday Open House

Two Rivers Mansion will also be one of the 12 posters in the series of Metro Parks designed by Anderson Design Group. These posters will be for sale to the general public.

The beginning account balance of the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion was \$90.38 in January 2011 and as of September 30th it is \$13,442.91.

**FORMER METRO COUNCILMEMBER VIVIAN WILHOITE ADDRESSES
THE BOARD WITH REGARD TO A PARK IN SOUTHEAST DAVIDSON COUNTY**

Former Councilmember Vivian Wilhoite was present to address the board in regard to the acquisition of property for park/community center in Southeast Davidson County. Also in attendance with Ms. Wilhoite was Dave Coleman, President and Roz Raney, Vice-President of the Nashboro Woods subdivision. Ms. Wilhoite stated that plans to purchase the Nashboro Village Golf Course has not been discussed with the area neighbors nor has a community meeting been held; therefore, she asked the board to not pursue the acquisition without community input. Mr. Coleman stated that the majority of the community has great concern regarding these parcels of property especially the area around the lake. The community at large is very interested in the acquisition proposals. Ms. Wilhoite also asked why her options presented to the board six (6) months ago have not been investigated. Mr. Lynch stated that the board is not looking for park land, but the Open Space Office is readily looking on behalf of the City of Nashville.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

IX. OLD BUSINESS

08-11-19

UPDATE ON SEARCH PROCESS FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PARKS

Mr. Fossick, representing the sub-committee, stated the application process is closed and five (5) individuals applied with 2 being disqualified because they did not meet the requirements established by the Metro HR Department. Mr. George Anderson, board member, and two (2) other citizens of Nashville and Davidson County will interview the eligible applicants and bring recommendation to the board in November 2011.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

10-11-01

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A FAMILY FALL FESTIVA
TO BE HELD ON THE GREENSPACE OF ANTIOCH COMMUNITY CENTER
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011**

An application submitted by Mr. Ray McKelvy, representing Fellowship Bible Church, requesting permission for amplification during a Family Fall Festival on Saturday, October 22, 2011, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, on the green space adjacent to Antioch Community Center was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, 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.

10-11-02

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MUSIC CITY TANGO
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING MOONLIGHT TANGO IN THE PARK
TO BE HELD AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENTS SHELTER
ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011**

An application submitted by Ms. Tonya Miller, representing Music City Tango, requesting permission for amplification during *Moonlight Tango in the Park* on Friday, October 7, 2011, 6:30 – 10:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Events Shelter was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, 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

10-11-03

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. ERIN OARHON FOR
AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN
THE CENTENNIAL PARK SUNKEN GARDEN ON SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012**

An application submitted by Ms. Erin Oarhon requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, May 12, 2012, 4:30 – 7:30 pm, in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, 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.

10-11-04

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. SAVANNAH SOUVANNALCHIRY FOR
AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN
THE CENTENNIAL PARK SUNKEN GARDEN ON SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2012**

An application submitted by Ms. Savannah Souvannalchiry requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, May 26, 2012, 2:00 – 5:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, 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.

10-11-05

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET PARK FOR
AMPLIFICATION DURING SONGWRITERS IN THE PARK TO BE HELD IN
CHURCH STREET PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011**

An application submitted by Ms. Amy Walters, representing Friends of Church Street Park, requesting permission to host ***Songwriters in the Park*** with amplification on Saturday, October 15, 2011, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm in Church Street Park was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, 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

10-11-06

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO MADISON CAMPUS ELEMENTARY TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2011 IN PEELER PARK

An application submitted by Ms. Vicki Anderson, representing Madison Campus Elementary, requesting permission to host a fundraising event with amplification on the asphalt trail and parking area of Peeler Park, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, on Sunday, October 30, 2011 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, 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 and a financial report must be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

10-11-07

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE TENNESSEE TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011 IN SHELBY PARK

An application submitted by Ms. Carla Snodgrass, representing Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee, requesting permission to host a fundraising event, **Snowflake 5K**, with amplification in Shelby Park at the Riverside Pavillion, 7:30 am – 12:00 noon, on Saturday, December 10, 2011 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, 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 and a financial report must be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

10-11-08

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO COMMUNITY OPTIONS, INC. TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012 IN SHELBY PARK

An application submitted by Ms. Hollie Campbell, representing Community Options, Inc., requesting permission to host a fundraising 5K event with amplification in Shelby Park at the Riverside Pavillion, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm, on Saturday, February 11, 2012 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, 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 and a financial report must be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

10-11-09

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO MILES OF HOPE
TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION
ON SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2012 IN SHELBY PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Stefanie Macaluso, representing Miles for Hope, requesting permission to host a fundraising walk/run with amplification in Shelby Park at the Riverside Pavillion, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon, on Saturday, July 7, 2012 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, 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 and a financial report must be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

10-11-10

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS
TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION
ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011 IN WALK OF FAME PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Olivia Billingsley, representing Big Brothers/Big Sisters, requesting permission to host a fundraising event, *Men's High Heel Race*, with amplification in Walk of Fame Park, 5:00 – 6:30 pm, on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, 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 and a financial report must be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

10-11-11

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MUSIC CITY INC. FOR AMPLIFICATION
DURING MUSIC CITY WALK OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONIES TO BE HELD IN
WALK OF FAME PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011
AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011**

An application submitted by Mr. David Spencer, representing Music City Inc., requesting permission for amplification during Music City Walk of Fame Induction Ceremonies to be held in Walk of Fame Park, 12:00 – 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 21, and Sunday November 6, 2011 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, 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

10-11-12

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO I RUN FOR THE PARTY EVENT MANAGEMENT TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011 IN WALK OF FAME PARK

An application submitted by Mr. Emmit Martin, representing I Run for the Party Event Management, requesting permission to host a fundraising event, **Bridge 2 Bridge**, with amplification on Saturday, December 3, 2011, 5:00 am – 12:00 pm, in Walk of Fame Park was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, 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 and a financial report must be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

10-11-13

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMPANY PICNIC TO BE HELD IN WARNER PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

An application submitted by Mr. Kevin Pataluna, representing Acceptance Corporation, requesting permission to host their annual company picnic with amplification at picnic shelter 5 in Warner Park, 1:00 – 5:00 pm, on Saturday, October 22, 2011 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, 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.

10-11-14

BOARD APPROVES INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC ART

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, the Board approved the installation of a public art project series to be installed in the following parks as requested by staff: West, Antioch, Hartman, Harpeth Knoll, Shelby and Two Rivers.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

10-11-14

**BOARD AFFIRMS REAPPOINTMENT OF KAY SIMMONS
AS A MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Ponder, the Board unanimously affirmed the reappointment of Ms. Kay Simmons as a member of the Park Board representing the Metropolitan Board of Education effective August 23, 2011. (Ms. Simmons' term will expire June 30, 2012.)

10-11-15

**BOARD APPROVES SORBA'S REQUEST TO APPLY AND ULTIMATELY ACCEPT
FUNDS FROM THE RECREATION TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT**

Upon motion of Mr. Ponder, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board unanimously approved SORBA's (Southern Off Road Bicycle Association) request to apply and ultimately accept funds from the Recreation Trails Program (RTP) Grant for the purpose of constructing mountain bike trails in Bells Bend and Cane Ridge Parks at no expense to Metro Parks.

XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Mr. Tim Netsch, Special Project Manager presented the following information on McCabe Regional Center.

**MCCABE PARK REGIONAL CENTER
METRO PARKS' GREENEST BUILDING**

LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) is a green building certification program administered by the U.S. Green Building Council that recognizes and verifies environmentally sustainable and energy efficient development practices. The McCabe Park Community Center will be Metro's first LEED-certified community center.

SITE DESIGN - By building the McCabe Park Community Center on a previously developed site and in a densely developed, mixed-use neighborhood, Parks is reducing suburban sprawl and making economical use of existing city infrastructure. Walkways, bike racks and a greenway connection make walking or bicycling to McCabe an easy option.

STORMWATER - McCabe Park is located in the Richland Creek watershed. Like many urban waterways, Richland Creek's animals and plants aren't thriving as they should due in part to the polluted, warm stormwater that runs off into the creek after each rain. The community center utilizes several strategies to reduce run-off. In fact, the site generates less run-off today than it did when the old center was here.

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**MCCABE PARK REGIONAL CENTER
METRO PARKS' GREENEST BUILDING (con't.)**

STORMWATER - During a typical rain event, the green roofs absorb so much water that there may be no run-off at all. When the green roofs reach their capacity to absorb, the water that is discharged is cleaner and cooler than conventional roof run-off.

Site and roof run-off are both directed to rain gardens which hold rainwater while it percolates back into the ground and recharges the watertable. Pervious pavement in parking areas also allows stormwater to be reabsorbed into the ground rather than going into sewer pipes.

WATER CONSERVATION - The McCabe Park Community Center's irrigation system uses 50% less water than conventional irrigation through the use of drought tolerant plants and efficient fixtures. The high-efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances used throughout the center use 40% less water than conventional fixtures.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY - The McCabe Park Community Center uses at least 14% less energy than a conventional building. Outside, white-colored roofing materials, green roofs, and light colored pavement reflect heat instead of absorbing it. Inside, efficient heating and cooling systems, lighting, appliances and insulation further reduce demand. These strategies reduce our utility costs and lower our carbon emissions.

MATERIALS - Over 80% of the demolition debris from the old community center that once stood on this site was recycled, reducing demand for raw natural resources and saving landfill space.

Over 20% of the materials used to build McCabe contain recycled content, including restroom partition panels made from plastic bottles, fitness center flooring made from old athletic shoes, wallboard, doors, steel and other elements.

Over 10% of the material used in the center, including as block, brick and metals, were extracted and manufactured within a day's drive of Nashville. This makes use of regional natural resources and reduces transportation-related energy use, which reduces cost and cuts carbon emissions.

Half of the wood products used in the building are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council, which ensures long-term forest health, plant and animal habitat protection, clean rivers and economically stable logging communities.

The wood benches in the second storey lobby were made by Metro Parks' carpenters using roof rafters from the old gymnasium that once stood on this site.

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METRO PARKS' GREENEST BUILDING (con't.)

INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY - Thanks to adhesives, paints, carpets, and other building materials that emit significantly fewer chemical fumes than conventional construction, McCabe provides excellent indoor air quality.

The natural daylighting provided throughout the building lowers utility costs and carbon emissions by reducing the need for artificial lighting. It also provides views to a beautiful natural landscape that boosts productivity and wellness.

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Mr. Paul Widman reported on the 6th annual Celebrate Nashville (formerly known as Celebration of Cultures) event held in Centennial Park on Saturday, October 1st. This year all parking was outside of the park and Mr. Widman thanked Captain Taylor for traffic assistance. Parks' Maintenance Division worked over a week to transform the Park. An estimated 50-60,000 attended this free culturally diverse event. Mr. Anderson, board member, reported that he attended and it was a great event.

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Public Information Staff

- **Saturday, October 29th – Family Community Day at McCabe Regional Center – (10:00 am – 2:00 pm).**
- **Sunday, November 13 – Mayor's 5k Challenge beginning in Public Square Park.**

Ms. Jackie Jones also presented the board with a listing of upcoming public meetings as well as a poster for Musician's Corner.

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch presented a copy of Metro Parks' new logo to the board.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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