

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2012**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 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 and and Mr. Phil Ponder. Ms. Kay Simmons was not in attendance.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. Mike Bays, Consolidated Maintenance; Mr. Paul Widman, Recreation; Special Projects Managers: Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; Mr. Tim Netsch, Planning/Facilities; Superintendents: Ms. Jackie Jones, Parks-Public Information; Ms. Monique Odom, Administration and Finance; Mr. Bob Parrish, Resource Management; Captain Chris Taylor, Park Police; and **Ms. Nicki Eke, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2011 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, December 6, 2011.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

IX. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

X. CONSENT AGENDA

01-12-01

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MR. JONATHAN SHULMAN
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY AND RECEPTION
TO BE HELD IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN AND EVENT SHELTER
OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2012**

An application submitted by Mr. Jonathan Shulman requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, April 28, 2012, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden with reception to follow in the Event Shelter was presented to the board.

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.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

01-12-02

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF WOMEN ON MAINTAINING EDUCATION AND NUTRITION TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT TO BE HELD IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2012

An application submitted by Ms. Shanna McCormick, representing Women on Maintaining Education and Nutrition, requesting permission to host a fundraising walk in Centennial Park beginning at the Bandshell, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm, on Saturday, June 23, 2012 was presented to the board.

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

01-12-03

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE FRINGE FESTIVAL FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING AN EVENT TO BE HELD IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN AND EVENT SHELTER OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2012

An application submitted by Ms. Jan Bossing, representing the Nashville Fringe Festival, requesting permission for amplification during an event on Sunday, June 24, 2012, 3:00 – 9:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden and Event Shelter 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.

01-12-04

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. ASHLEY RICHARDSON FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2012

An application submitted by Ms. Ashley Richardson requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, June 30, 2012, 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 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

01-12-05

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION
TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT TO BE HELD
IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012**

An application submitted by Ms. Lana Pargh, representing the American Diabetes Association, requesting permission to host a fundraising walk in Centennial Park beginning at the Bandshell, 7:00 am – 12:00 pm, on Saturday, November 10, 2012 was presented to the board for approval.

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

01-12-06

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF CRAFT
ARTISTS TO RESERVE FUTURE DATES FOR THE TACA SPRING
AND FALL CRAFT FAIRS TO BE HELD IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Hannah Cofer, Program Director of the Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA), requesting permission to reserve, in advance, future dates in Centennial Park for the TACA Spring and Fall Craft Fairs was presented to the board for approval.

TACA TENNESSEE CRAFT FAIR

TACA FALL CRAFT FAIR

May 3, 4, and 5, 2013

September 27, 28, and 29, 2013

May 2, 3, and 4, 2014

September 26, 27, and 28, 2014

May 1, 2, and 3, 2015

September 25, 26, and 27, 2015

May 6, 7, and 8, 2016

September 23, 24, and 25, 2016

May 5, 6, and 7, 2017

September 22, 23, and 24, 2017

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved request for juried fine craft fairs **subject to availability as determined by the construction schedule of the Centennial Park Master Plan. Please note that the Centennial Park Master Plan was approved by the board at their February 2011 meeting and the Parks Department will make every attempt to relocate this event, if deemed necessary.**

X. CONSENT AGENDA

01-12-07

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE TENNESSEE KIDNEY FOUNDATION
TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION TO BE HELD
IN SHELBY PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012**

An application submitted by Ms. Josie Hackworth, representing the Tennessee Kidney Foundation, requesting permission for amplification during a fundraising event, **GIFT OF LIFE WALK**, on Saturday, September 15, 2012, 6:00 – 11:00 am, in Shelby Park on the Greenway was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, 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.

01-12-08

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE D. P. THOMAS FOUNDATION
TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION TO BE HELD
IN SHELBY PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012**

An application submitted by Ms. Dolly Patton-Thomas, representing the D. P. Thomas Foundation for Obesity, Inc., requests permission for amplification during a fundraising event, **D P THOMAS FOUNDATION OBESITY WALK**, on Saturday, September 22, 2012, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, in Shelby Park on the Greenway was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, 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.

01-12-09

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE AMERICAN ADVERTISING FEDERATION
TO SERVE ALCOHOL DURING A RECEPTION WITH AMPLIFICATION IN
WALK OF FAME PARK, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, ON THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012**

An application submitted by Mr. Peter Casey, representing the American Advertising Federation, requesting permission for alcohol consumption and amplification during a reception on Thursday, April 12, 2012, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, in Walk of Fame was presented to the board for approval.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

01-12-09 (con't.)

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE AMERICAN ADVERTISING FEDERATION TO SERVE ALCOHOL DURING A RECEPTION WITH AMPLIFICATION IN WALK OF FAME PARK, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, ON THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board approved request to host event with amplification and to serve 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, if required.

01-12-10

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE BONNIE J. ADDARIO LUNG CANCER FOUNDATION TO SERVE/SELL ALCOHOL DURING A FUNDRAISING EVENT IN WALK OF FAME PARK, 6:00 AM – 1:00 PM, ON SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2012

An application submitted by Ms. Darby Anderson, representing The Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation, requesting permission for alcohol sales and consumption during a fundraising event, ***Your Next Step is the Cure Nashville 5K Walk/Run***, on Sunday, May 20, 2012, 6:00 am – 1:00 pm, in Walk of Fame Park was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board approved request to host a fundraising event with alcohol sales as per Metro Ordinance and contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, if required and subject to a financial report being submitted no later than 30 days following event.

01-12-11

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. TAYLOR GIBBS FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING AND RECEPTION AND TO SERVE ALCOHOL DURING THE RECEPTION ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012, 5:00 – 11:00 PM, AT THE STEEPLECHASE AREA OF WARNER PARK

An application submitted by Ms. Taylor Gibbs requesting permission for alcohol consumption and amplification during a wedding ceremony and reception on Saturday, October 6, 2012, 5:00 – 11:00 pm, at the Steeplechase area of Warner was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board approved request to host event with amplification and to serve 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, if required.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

01-12-12

**REQUEST TO ACQUIRE NASHBORO VILLAGE GOLF COURSE
WITHDRAWN BY COUNCILMEMBER KAREN JOHNSON**

A letter submitted by Councilmember Karen Johnson withdrawing request to acquire 144 acres currently known as Nashboro Village Golf Course was presented to the board.

Nashboro Golf Club, owned by the real estate group Southeast Venture, is appraised at more than \$900,000, and under the proposed deal, Metro was planning to purchase the land in which the company agreed to sale for \$595,000. The city's open space plan, which seeks to preserve land that could otherwise be developed, identifies southeast Davidson County and Antioch as areas in need of open space preservation; therefore, the acquisition Nashboro Golf Club with plans to convert its 144 acres to parkland seemed to fall in line with what was needed to add space in that area of Davidson County.

A community meeting sponsored by Councilmember Karen Johnson, who represents the southeast Davidson County district that includes the golf course and surrounding neighborhood, was held on Thursday, January 5 and it was very clear that the majority of the Nashboro Village neighbors in attendance purchased their homes in part because of the nearby golf club, which now sits vacant and stated a public park would attract more crime to the area. In order to respect the wishes of her constituents Councilmember Johnson sent a letter to the Parks Department the following day (Friday, January 6, 2012) to withdraw legislation authorizing said purchase.

Tommy Lynch, Director of Metro Parks, honored Councilmember Johnson's request and recommended to the Parks Board to withdraw the proposal.

01-12-13

**BOARD APPROVES RENEWAL OF LEASE BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE
AND THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN
AS HARPETH RIVER PARK**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. McTorry, the board granted approval to recommend to the Metro Council the approval of the renewal of a 25 year lease agreement between the State of Tennessee and the Metropolitan Government for property currently utilized by the Harpeth Youth Soccer Association.

This property known as Harpeth River Park was initially leased from the State of Tennessee in 1988 and is being used as a public park as a soccer complex. The original lease was for 25 years and the term of this proposed lease is 25 years beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2037 with the land to be used for recreational purposes only.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

01-12-14

BOARD DEFERS RENEWAL OF SUBLEASE BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT AND THE HARPETH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION FOR USE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS HARPETH RIVER PARK

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board deferred to the board's acquisition committee the approval of the renewal of a 25 year sublease agreement between the Metropolitan Government and the Harpeth Youth Soccer Association for property currently utilized by said Soccer Association for recreational purposes. The acquisition committee will hear this request preceding the February Parks' board meeting.

01-12-15

BOARD DEFERS APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT AND THE NASHVILLE METROS SOCCER CLUB FOR USE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS EZELL PARK

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board deferred to the board's acquisition committee the approval of a lease agreement between the Nashville Metros Soccer Club, LLC and the Metropolitan Government for property currently known as Ezell Park. The acquisition committee will hear this request preceding the February Parks' board meeting.

XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Jackie Jones presented the board with new Parks logo information in the form of a magnet and window sticker. She also distributed a current 2012 calendar of events (which is subject to change due to addition of events as they are scheduled) to the board.

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch reported that the 2013 budget process begins Tuesday, January 17th. The Capital Plan has been pushed back until spring 2012. He distributed an expenditure report comparing where we are now in comparison with where we were last year at this time and stated that we should have monies left, but a lot of that is dependent upon weather. December 2011 was the best December in over five (5) years at the golf courses. Mr. Lynch has also notified supervisors to approve purchasing only what is needed. Mr. Fossick asked Ms. Odom if he and Mr. Anderson would be able to review budget projections.

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch also reminded the board that Internal Auditors are currently reviewing golf course operations.

The Park Policy Committee is in the beginning stages of reviewing all fees and policies and a priority is to look at the permitting of food trucks in Metro Parks. Currently, Parks have food concession rights in all parks; however, a pilot program involving food trucks will begin soon and will be restricted to Centennial and Elmington Parks.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

Ivanetta Davis Samuels, Chairperson