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METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. George Anderson, Mr. Edward Henley III, Mr. Crews Johnston, Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes and Dr. Michelle Steele. Ms. Christiane Buggs and Mr. Pete DeLay were not present. Ms. Macy Amos was present to represent Metro Legal.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. George Anderson.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 5, 2023, APPROVED

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes and seconded by Mr. Henley the December 5, 2023, meeting minutes were approved, as presented.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

Council Members Olivia Hill was in attendance.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Dede Byrd addressed the Parks Board regarding Brookmeade Park updates.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

12-23-06

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE ARMOUR STRONG TENNIS ASSOCIATION TO OFFICALLY NAME ONE TENNIS COURT AT THE CENTENNIAL SPORTSPLEX AFTER DEBORAH ARMOUR.

Upon motion of Dr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Johnston, and discussion, the Armour Strong Tennis Association's request to officially name one tennis court at the Centennial Sportsplex after Deborah Armour, a long-time tennis player and captain at the Sportsplex, was approved.

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VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

01-24-01

BOARD APPROVES JANUARY 2024 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Johnston, and seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the January 2024 Consent Agenda, was approved.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Planning Center's 80s Style Olympics Centennial Park Mon, Jan. 29, 2024
- Percy Priest Sprints Hamilton Creek Park April 5 - 7, 2024
- Featherston/Fitzpatrick Family Reunion Madison Park Sat. Aug. 3, 2024
- Hands on Nashville Volunteer Launch Party Centennial Park Sat., Sept. 14, 2024

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL

- NBCSports Premiere League Fan Fest Riverfront Park April 2 - 4, 2024
- Advance Auto Parts Closing Party Walk of Fame Park April 26 - 28, 2024
- CMA Fest 2024 Riverfront, Walk of Fame, The Green, Public Square May 30 - June 9, 2024

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING

- Dog Day Festival Centennial Park Sat., Oct. 19, 2024

FUNDRAISING

- Walk for Endo Awareness Community Center Sat., Mar. 9, 2024

01-24-02

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF NOTES 4 NOTES TO RENEW THE 2024 PERMIT FOR FACILITY USE FOR THE MUSIC STUDIO AT CLEVELAND COMMUNITY CENTER.

Upon motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Henley, and discussion, Notes 4 Notes request for permission to renew the 2024 Permit for Facility Use for the Cleveland Community Center Music Studio for a period of one year contingent upon all 2023 permit obligations being met, was approved.

01-24-03

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF METRO ACTION COMMISSION TO RENEW THE 2024 PERMIT FOR FACILITY USE FOR DUDLEY COMMUNITY CENTER.

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Dr. Steele, and discussion, Metro Action Commission request for permission to renew the 2024 Permit for Facility Use for the Dudley Community Center being used as a Head Start Center for a period of one year contingent upon all 2023 permit obligations being met, was approved.

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VIII. CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

01-24-04

BOARD APPROVES FRIENDS OF WARNER PARK'S REQUEST TO HOLD THE FOLLOWING FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN WARNER PARK, WAIVED THE USAGE FEES AND GRANTED PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN THE PARK AFTER 11:00 P.M. FOR THE EVENING EVENTS.

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Mr. Johnston, and discussion Ms. Jenny Hannon, President of Friends of Warner Park, request for permission to hold the following 2024 fundraising events listed below in Warner Park, was approved. FOWP request for permission to waive the usage fees and permission to remain in the park after 11:00 p.m. for evening events, were also approved. Park Police will be present at each event.

The Shelter Dinner

Saturday, April 20 at Picnic Shelters in Edwin and Percy Warner Park. Each shelter will have a host and guests will enjoy dinner in their reserved shelters. Alcohol will be served. Event run time approximately 4:00 - 9:00pm.

Spring Luncheon

Thursday, May 2 at the Warner Park Nature Center. Event run time approximately 11:00am – 2:00pm. Alcohol will be served, and amplified sound will be used.

Full Moon Pickin' Parties

May 31, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 13 at the Warner Park Equestrian Center. Event run times approximately 6:00-10:00pm. Alcohol will be served, and amplified sound will be used.

The Hummingbird Happy Hour

Thursday, September 5 at the Warner Park Nature Center. Event run time approximately 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Alcohol will be served, and amplified sound will be used.

Sunday in the Park

ONE of the following TBD dates: October 20, October 27, November 3, or November 10 in Ridge Field. Event run time approximately 11am-3pm. Alcohol will be served, and amplified sound will be used. Event date will be determined in April 2024 after the Titan's schedule is released.

Harpeth Hills Flying Monkey Marathon

Sunday, November 24 at the Vaughn's Creek Cross Country Course in Percy Warner Park. Event run time approximately 7:00am – 3:00pm. Alcohol will be served, and amplified sound will be used.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

01-24-05

BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST OF 5 CONSERVATION GREENWAY EASEMENT DEDICATIONS FOR THE WHITES CREEK AND EWING CREEK GREENWAYS, TO THE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE.

Staff request of 5 Conservation Greenway Easement dedications for the Whites Creek and Ewing Creek Greenways located across properties at 4808 Buena Vista Pike, Parcel ID #05900006500; 4804 Buena Vista Pike, #05900018600; and 4800 Buena Vista Pike, #05900005700; for the purpose of future expansion of these greenway systems, was deferred to the Acquisition Committee.

01-24-06

BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT VALUED AT NO MORE THAN \$1.5M FROM THE FRIENDS OF MILL RIDGE PARK FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE BARN AT MILL RIDGE PARK.

Upon motion of Dr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Henley and discussion, an in-kind grant valued at no more than \$1.5M from the Friends Mill Ridge Park for the design and construction of the Barn at Mill Ridge Park, was accepted. Final design, fabrication and placement of the signs will be approved by Metro Parks.

There is no required match by Metro Parks and no money will be sent to Metro Parks. The construction of the Barn will be contingent on the approval by Metro Parks of 1) construction design and documents, and 2) an operating agreement for the Barn involving Friends of Mill Ridge Park. The in-kind grant is contingent on finalizing and approving a new operating agreement and finalizing and approving the design of the barn.

X. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

MR. PHILL LUCKETT PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE CONSOLIDATED MAINTENANCE DIVISION TO THE BOARD.

Mr. Phil Lockett, Assistant Director of the Metro Parks Consolidated Maintenance Division, provided an informational overview of Consolidated Maintenance activities/work.

THE NASHVILLE PARKS FOUNDATION PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD.

Ms. Louise Bryan, President of the Nashville Parks Foundation, provided an update highlighting the FY2023 financials, community collaborations, achievements and NPF's goals for 2024 during her presentation.

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XI. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – JOE STOVALL

1st + Gay – Park Redevelopment

- Construction Documents 30%

Bordeaux Gardens – Playground & Shelter

- Participatory Budgeting project
- Construction Started completion mid FEB.

Cedar Hill Park – Miracle League Field

- Awarded contract for professional renderings. Looking to have end of FEB2024.
- Proposal for design and CA submitted.

Centennial – Master Plan, Phase Three

- Design complete. Waiting on Metro reviews and permits to be issued.
- Est. award date JULY – AUGUST 2024

Fort Negley -Master Plan, Phase One

- Design at 40%

Fort Negley – Stonework Repair Phase 2

- Underway, site work at 85%
- Est. complete: Summer 2024

Hartman – Restrooms

- Participatory Budgeting project
- CO-OP approved by council NOV in process of implementing.
- Site work out to BID, back 15JAN24. Building ordered delivery 6-8 weeks.

Lytle Bend Park

- Working with A/E firm for a proposal for design and CA

Madison Station – Design

- Design kicks off 09JAN2024.

Mariposa – Design

- Design in progress. Working to 30% by end of year

Mill Ridge - Phase One

- Final punch list items being completed.

- Looking to have complete and final turn over by 12JAN24.

Mill Ridge Phase II

- Design kick-off 15DEC2023

Old Hickory - Community Center Design

- BIDS under review.

Ravenwood Phase I Restroom

- In design – completed by MAY2024.

Sevier – Sunnyside Mansion Restoration

- Construction underway -95%
- SOW added and funding allocated.
- Est. complete: MAR2024

Shelby – Davidson St. Streambank Stabilization

- Design underway
- Est. complete: MARCH 2024 / Delay – working though permitting at Federal/State level.

Shelby Naval Building

- Working to finalize funding agreement.

Trinity Hills/Habitat – Design

- Updated Design proposal under review.

Two Rivers – Mansion Events Center

- Design underway - 95%
- Est. design complete: Fall 2023
- After design is completed, project will go on hold until funding is allocated.

Wharf – Master Plan

- Meetings in progress to establish direction.

In Procurement:

- Hartman RR
- Old Hickory Community Center
- Fort Negley Phase I, CMAR
- Centennial Phase III

COMPLETED IN THE LAST (6) MONTHS

- Mill Ridge - Phase One
- Ravenwood – Phase One

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XII. GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE UPDATE – CINDY HARRISON

Charlotte Corridor Rail with Greenway

- Master planning, community input and policy phase underway
- 4 Miles
- Master plan completion: Winter 2023
- Currently meeting with Cheatham County Rail Authority and adjacent property owners and preparing draft for final public meeting

440 Greenway Sevier Park to Brown's Creek Park

- 1 Mile
- Community meeting was held on January 31st at Sevier Park Community Center.
- Preparing Excess Land final documentation
- Final public meeting was held on August 22, 2023.
- Construction documents are complete.
- Excess Land License application resubmitted to TDOT.
- Submittals to FEMA for no-rise certification on boardwalk.

440 Greenway Park Plaza to Existing Interior Trails Centennial Park

- Planning and design phase. Route alignment and cross sections are complete. Lighting design is underway.
- 0.2 Miles
- Design completion 2023
- Interdepartmental meetings underway

Ft. Negley Greenway to Browns Creek Greenway Feasibility Study

- Complete with 3 possible routes identified.

Wharf Park to Riverfront Park Greenway Feasibility Study

- Final edits in progress.

Cumberland River Greenway at Wharf Park

Master Planning Phase

- 0.5 Miles

Opry Mills Connector

- Design complete
- TDOT is requiring NEPA update. All documents have been submitted.
- 1 Mile
- Project out to bid 2023.

Whites Creek Greenway at Hartman Park

- Property acquisition phase – transfer from MWS
- 1 Mile
- Acquisition completion: TBD

Browns Creek Greenway and Park- Fair Park Phase 2

- Under construction (managed by Fair Board)
- 0.5 Miles

- Completion date: TBD

Trinity Hills / Habitat Park and Greenway

- Property acquisition, community engagement and design phase
- Miles – TBD
- Easement acquisition for neighborhood Greenway connectors submitted to Park Board on 10-3-2023.

Page's Branch Greenway

- Potential greenway easement/segment with development of new Juvenile Justice Center on Brick Church Pike in cooperation with Metro General Services Dept.
- Planning phase

Privately funded greenway projects

2nd Phase of Greenway Trailhead Upgrades

- Greenways for Nashville
- Planning phase

Richland Creek Greenway -White Bridge Trailhead to St. Thomas Hospital

- New extension will be part of Harding Town development.
- Completed site visit with developer and St. Thomas administration.

Richland Creek Greenway – Belle Meade Plaza

- Proposed greenway trail as part of proposed redevelopment.
- Rezoning phase – Preliminary SP approved by Planning Commission.

Cumberland River Greenway (CRG) at Modera Germantown

- Construction phase
- 0.07 Miles
- Perpetual maintenance

CRG Modera at The Nations

- Rezoning Phase- Preliminary SP approved.
- 0.12 Miles
- Perpetual maintenance

CRG Metro Center Levee Trailhead

- Trailhead rehab project complete

CRG Metro Center Levee Paving

- Metro Water Services is conducting paving repairs on the greenway. Work to be completed by November 1, 2023

CRG at First Horizon Park

- New trail segment in construction phase
- 0.08 Miles
- New landscaping and lighting
- Perpetual maintenance

CRG at Peabody Union

- Construction phase
- 0.2 Miles

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XII. GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE UPDATE – CINDY HARRISON (cont'd)

- Perpetual maintenance

CRG at River North

- Design phase
- Maintenance
- Received Stormwater Variance approval in September 2022

CRG at Oracle

- Miles TBD
- Planning phase
- Maintenance
- Pedestrian Bridge

CRG – Pennington Bend

- Pennington Mills – 11 Acre Development Rezoning Phase
- The Bend – Northgate 220 Acre Development Rezoning Phase
- Pennington Bend Rezoning phase – Preliminary SP approved by Planning Commission

CRG at Stockyard 900 1st Avenue North

- Design of Greenway upgrades under staff review
- Participation agreement has been approved by Park Board and includes construction and perpetual maintenance.
- Approved by Metro Council

CRG at 2nd and VanBuren

- Proposed amendment to greenway easement and realignment of greenway trail.
- Proposed easement agreement needs Greenways and Open Space Commission, Park Board and Metro Council Approval

Harpeth River Greenway Proposed Ariza Bellevue

- Rezoning application approved by Planning Commission
- Approved by Metro Council on 7-18-23.
- Public meeting held by Council members Hausser and Rosenberg on June 29th.
- Greenway connection, vehicular bridge and open space dedication is proposed.
- Met with development team to review preliminary plans. Coordination with CSX, FEMA, Metro Water Services, Parks Maintenance, Metro Planning

Centennial Park connector at West End Ave

- Miles TBD
- Design concept under review

Ben Allen Greenway –

- Trail-oriented multi-family development
- Includes greenway easement, design, construction and maintenance of greenway trail by developer.
- Council has approved.

Page's Branch Greenway

- 0.06 Miles
- Planning Phase

Greenway easement and open space acquisitions

Lockeland Springs Park addition

- Acquisition complete.

Parthenon Avenue Park Property Consolidation and Swap

- Approved by Park Board
- Approved by Metro Council
- Plat approved
- Transfer of property is pending developer's Final SP approval by Planning Commission.

Warner Park Donations from Friends of Warner Park

- 7156 Hwy 100 complete-7.8 acres
- 7166 Hwy 100 complete -.053 acres

Warner Park Proposed Land Donation

- Complete 13 + Acres

Privately funded greenway easements and property acquisitions

- Richland Creek Greenway -White Bridge Trailhead to St. Thomas Hospital – Easement is a condition of SP approval of new Harding Town development.
- Richland Creek Greenway at Belle Meade Plaza - Preliminary SP approved – includes greenway easement, design, construction and maintenance of greenway.
- CRG Modera Germantown Easement– in process
- CRG Modera The Nations Easement – in process
- CRG (Peabody Union) – approved by Council.
- CRG 2nd and VanBuren- in planning
- CRG Opry Mills Connector – TDOT Excess Land agreement approved by Council.
- Century Farms- in planning
- Charlotte Corridor Rail with Greenway (Union Brick) Easement-approved by Park Board and Metro Council.
- Harpeth River Greenway at Bellevue –Ariza Bellevue multi-family development rezoning approved by Metro Planning Commission. Proposed 21 acres new park space, greenway extension via CSX rail line underpass to existing greenway pedestrian bridge, new vehicular bridge with access to Park property donated by Dorothy Kate and Thomas Frist Foundation. Most recent community meeting was held on June 29th.

Property transfers and licenses from outside agencies

440 Greenway Sevier Park to Browns Creek Park

- TDOT Excess Land License in process

Opry Mills Connector

- TDOT Excess Land License- approved by Council.
- TDOT has required additional NEPA document – Environmental Justice Letter. Letter was submitted to TDOT on June 26, 2023, and TDOT has not responded.

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XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – JACKIE JONES

6: Metro Parks' disABILITIES Program Basketball League Clinic, Bellevue Community Center
Walk with a Doc, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., Antioch Community Center

13: Nashville Rowing Team Winter Practice, Cornelia Fort Hangar, Shelby Park

20: Tennessee Taking Action Protest, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Public Square Park

23: Sons of Union Veterans Bi-Monthly Meeting, 6 p.m., Fort Negley Park

29: Planning Center's 80's Style Olympics, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m., Centennial Park

FEBRUARY

2: Centennial Art Gallery Opening – 4 Tennessee Artists, 5:00 p.m. – 7 p.m., Centennial Art Center

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

- Director Odom thanked the Parks Board for their continued support and advocacy in support of our Parks team.
- Budget season kicks off in the next couple of weeks for FY2025 Budget requests. As usual, there will be a tight turnaround for submissions. The Finance department will work with our staff to review requests. Per usual, investment requests will be shared with the Board.
- As previously mentioned, we will begin conducting a comprehensive fee review for fees and charges across the department. Our goal will be to get a recommendation to the Board by December 2024 or January 2025 for the fee changes, with hopes to implement approved changes in July 2025.
- We are continuing our research toward acquiring a new Point-of-Sales system. Our goal is to inform a budget request for a system that will allow us to complete online reservations and registrations, which will be more efficient. Thank you to John Holmes and his team for their diligent work on this project.
- Next month's, staff update will be from our Wellness, Community Recreation and Cultural Arts Division. Mr. Stevon Neloms will present the update to the Board.

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

- Chair Anderson requested an update on Ascend Amphitheater.
- Director Odom informed the Board that the management agreement between Metro Parks and Live Nation expires at the end of 2025, and that we will begin working with the Metro Procurement department to initiate a new RFP for management.

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

Monique Horton Odom, Director

Mr. George Anderson, Chairperson