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METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Dr. Michelle Steele, Mr. Pete DeLay, Mr. Edward Henley III, Mr. Crews Johnston, Ms. Cheryl Mayes, and Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes. Mr. Shan Foster was not present. Ms. Macy Amos was present to represent Metro Legal.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Michelle Steele.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 3, 2024, APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay and seconded by Mr. Henley the December 3, 2024, meeting minutes were approved, as presented.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

12-24-08

BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST FOR PROPOSED FEE CHANGES FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND SUMMARY OF CHANGES.

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay, and seconded by Mr. Henley, and discussion, the staff request for proposed department-wide fee changes for summary of the proposed changes, was approved. The proposed fee/summary changes are for programs/adjusted fees based on surveys of other cities and facilities. Council District: City Wide

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VII. OLD BUSINESS (cont'd)

12-24-09

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE SYLVAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION FOR PERMISSION TO REPLACE THE EXISTING SIGN IN RICHLAND PARK.

Upon recommendation of the Signage Committee, motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Mr. Henley, and discussion, the request of the Sylvan Park Neighborhood Association to replace the existing Sylvan Park neighborhood sign in Richland Park, was approved. Council District 24

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

01-25-01

BOARD APPROVES JANUARY 2025 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, and seconded by Mr. Johnston, and discussion the January 2025 Consent Agenda, was approved.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Tennessee Keeps Marching | Cumberland Park | Sat., Jan. 18, 2025 |
| • Shelby Recreation Open House | Shelby Park | Sat., Mar. 22, 2025 |
| • Easter Family Day | East Park | Sat., Apr. 19, 2025 |
| • Handmade Nashville 2025- Spring Arts & Craft Show | Bellevue Park | Sat., May 10, 2025 |
| • Handmade Nashville 10 th Annual Holiday Market | Bellevue Park | Sat., Nov. 29, 2025 |
| • Holiday Village on Historic Jefferson Street | Kossie Gardner Sr. Park | Dec. 6 & 7, 2025 |

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING

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| • Moonpie Move | Two Rivers Park | Sun., Feb. 2, 2025 |
| • Michael Woodward Bellevue Optimist Club 5K | Edwin Warner Park | Sat., Mar. 29, 2025 |
| • ACHA Walk for 1 in 100 | Shelby Park | Sat., Apr. 5, 2025 |
| • Walk to End Bladder Cancer | Richland Creek Greenway | Sat., May 10, 2025 |
| • YHTP Walk the Talk 2025 | Centennial Park | Sat., Oct. 25, 2025 |
| • Full Belly 5K & Fun Run | Shelby Park | Sat., Nov. 29, 2025 |

AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL

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| • Souls & Spirits Annual Fundraiser | Percy Warner Park | Thru., Apr. 10, 2025 |
| • Fridays by the River | Shelby Park | Fri., May 2, 2025 |
| • The Shelter Dinner | Warner Park | Sat., Apr. 12, 2025 |
| • Spring Luncheon | Edwin Warner Park | Thru, May 1, 2025 |
| • Full Moon Pickin' Parties | Percy Warner Park | 5/23,6/13,7/11,8/8, & 9/5, 2025 |

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VIII. CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

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| • The Hummingbird Happy Hour | Edwin Warner Park | Wed., Sept. 17, 2025 |
| • Sunday in the Park | Edwin Warner Park | 10/26, 11/2, & 11/9, 2025 |
| • Harpeth Hills Flying Monkey Marathon | Percy Warner Park | Sun., Nov. 23, 2025 |
| • Bill Sandwich Palace Weenine Roast | East Park | Sat., May 24, 2025 |
| • Fervor Festival | East Park | Sat., May 31, 2025 |
| • Touch of Brews | Sevier Park | Sat., Oct. 4, 2025 |

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL

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| • Bourbon & Bubbles | Percy Warner Park | Sat., Apr. 26, 2025 |
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FUNDRAISING

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| • Winter Blues Trail Relay | Edwin Warner Park | Sat, Jan. 11, 2025 |
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IX. NEW BUSINESS

01-25-02

BOARD DEFERS THE METRO HISTORICAL COMMISSION REQUEST OF AN IN-KIND GRANT TO RECONSTRUCT THE HISTORIC SUMMER HOUSE (GAZEBO) IN SEVIER PARK TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

The Metro Historical Commission (MHC) request of an in-kind grant valued at approximately \$25,000 to reconstruct the Historic Summer House (gazebo) in Sevier Park adjacent to Sunnyside, was deferred to the February Board meeting. The Nashville Historical Foundation (formerly the MHC Foundation), Friends of Sevier, 12th South Neighborhood Association, and the Preservation Society of Nashville have agreed to split the cost for construction of the building. MHC agrees to maintain the building going forward, if approved. There is no required match or other obligation by Metro Parks associated with this grant. No money will be sent to Metro Parks. All projects will be paid for directly by the MHC. Council District 18

01-25-03

BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST TO RENEW THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN METRO PARKS AND THE BELMONT UNIVERSITY'S OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM.

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay seconded by Mr. Henley and discussion, the staff request to renew the Partnership Agreement between Metro Parks and the Belmont University's Occupational Therapy Program, was approved. This agreement will provide valuable, hands-on experience for Belmont University occupational therapy students while simultaneously enhancing the services and programs offered by Metro Parks disABILITIES Program.

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IX. NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

The partnership aims to create a mutually beneficial arrangement for both organizations and ultimately, the community. Council District 21

01-25-04

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARK POLICY 3000.31 BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE “FRIENDS OF LOCKELAND SPRINGS PARK” TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICAL METRO PARKS FRIENDS GROUP.

Upon motion of Mr. Henley seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes and discussion, the request of the “Friends of Lockeland Springs Park” to establish an official Metro Parks Friend’s Group in accordance with Park Policy 3000.31 (Establishment and Operation of Not For Profit Friends or Support Groups), was approved. Council District 6

01-25-05

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE ARTS BELLEVUE, BELLEVUE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, BELLEVUE HARPETH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, BELLEVUE HARPETH HISTORIC ASSOCIATION AND THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF BELLEVUE, TO RENAME BELLEVUE PARK TO “RED CABOOSE PARK” TO THE NAMING COMMITTEE.

The request of Arts Bellevue, Bellevue Community Foundation, Bellevue Harpeth Chamber of Commerce, Bellevue Harpeth Historic Association, and the Exchange Club of Bellevue, to rename Bellevue Park to “Red Caboose Park”, was deferred to the Naming Committee. Council District 22

X. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

LIVE NATION PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD.

Ms. Alessi Nehr, General Manager of Live Nation, provided an annual update to the Parks Board. Ms. Nehr highlighted the 2024 events recap, DBE efforts, overall economic impact, sustainability/community impact and venue improvements at Ascend Amphitheater during her presentation.

MR. PHIL 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.

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XI. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – JOE STOVAL

1st + Gay – Park Redevelopment

- BID was pulled from Procurement. IN coordination with Mayors Office and GS we will be holding until Fire Station 2 and Headquarters is ready for BID.

Cedar Hill Park – Miracle League Field

- We were informed we did not receive this, Grant. Director Odom and I are working on a supplemental funding source.

Centennial – Master Plan, Phase Three

- Out BID until 19FEB25.

Fort Negley -Master Plan, Phase One

- CDs in final Metro permit process for Metro Approval.
- Looking at a FEB25 BID announcement.

Hartman – Restrooms

- Delivery set up for 10JAN25.

Lytle Bend Park

- Construction/development stage starting in next 30 days, plan to have open to public early 2025.
- Contractor issued PO for ADA compliance upgrades for entrance. COMPLETED.

Madison Station – Design

- 75% design approved. Working to 100% and permits in hand. No construction phase funding at this time.

Master Plan Update

- PIP, Survey and State of the Parks review by internal staff underway.
- Working to schedule Greenway Commission and Park Board stakeholder meetings.

Mariposa – Design

- Out to BID until 15FEB25.

Mill Ridge Phase II

- Working on final design by MARCH/APR 25

Old Hickory - Community Center Design

- Site work and building at 40%. Looks really good!!

Ravenwood Phase I Restroom

- Delivery and install of prefab scheduled for 15JAN25.

Shelby – Davidson St. Streambank Stabilization

- Permits obtained.
- Proposal from IDIQ contractor for site work submitted and under review.

Shelby Naval Building

- Phased demo work has started.

Trinity Hills Phase I

- Design at 75%

Two Rivers – Mansion Events Center

- Design complete and permits in hand. No construction phase funding at this time.

Mayor's PB Budget Projects – FY24

Current progress

Timothy Park – New PG, new BB courts to include surfacing and goals, re-pave walking trail. POs issued and work is scheduled with contractor for BB courts and trail paving. PG Design approved. PO issued, work to begin NOV24. Site Work started 21OCT24. Site work at 50%.

McFerrin Park – new PG and swings, add shade structure/pavilion. Site work at 98%

Coleman Park - new PG and add shade structure. Upgrade all play surfaces to PIP or turf. Work began 11NOV2024. Site work at 98%.

Dudley Park – new PG (removal of tree) and updated ADA access. Site work at 98%

Antioch Park – Install a regulation soccer field and establish a soccer equipment rental program with CC. Met with contractor this will need to go through lengthy permitting and A/E process due to MSW regulations and the growing season will need to be accounted for, so this work will not be able to start until at least APR25. Design complete. MSW approval received. Working with IDIQ contractor to schedule site work.

COMPLETED IN THE LAST (12) MONTHS

- Bordeaux Gardens – Playground & Shelter
- Sevier/Sunnyside Mansion
- Southeast Community Center Mayors PB project

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XII. GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE UPDATE – CINDY HARRISON

METRO – FUNDED GREENWAY PROJECTS

Charlotte Corridor Rail with Greenway

- Developing easement agreement with Cheatham County Rail Authority for use of a portion of their land.
- Working to procure additional greenway easements and open space from adjacent private property owners.

440 Greenway Sevier Park to Brown's Creek Park

- Permitting for this new 1-mile segment of greenway is underway.
- Project will bid in 2025.

440 Greenway Park Plaza to Existing Interior Trails Centennial Park and 440 Greenway Phase One Lighting

- Project is in permitting phase.
- 0.2 Miles
- Project will bid in 2025.

Whites Creek Greenway at Hartman Park

- Will extend the Whites Creek Greenway Mullins Park to Hartman Park. 1 mile extension along Tucker Road and across flood buyout property along West Hamilton Avenue to Buena Vista Pike.
- Design development phase.

Opry Mills Connector

- 1 Mile
- TAP Grant application has been submitted.

Trinity Hills / Habitat Park and Greenway

- Property acquisition, community engagement and design phase

Greene Property Acquisition at Ft. Negley

- Metro was awarded an American Battlefield Protection Program Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant for the acquisition of land on Bass Street directly adjacent to Ft. Negley.
- The American Battlefield Trust closed on the property on November 1, 2024. They will place a conservation easement on the land and deed it to Metro in 2025

Mill Creek Greenway Earthwork Project

- Preconstruction meeting is being scheduled.

PRIVATELY FUNDED GREENWAY PROJECTS

2nd Phase of Greenway Trailhead Upgrades

- Greenways for Nashville
- 30 trailheads included in this phase.
- Work on the Cumberland River Greenway segment is complete. Mill Creek Greenway, Richland Creek Greenway and Seven Mile Creek Greenway trailheads are underway.

Cumberland River Greenway at 2nd and VanBuren

- This project involves a proposed greenway amendment and routing realignment of the existing greenway

segment on this property which has been approved by the Greenways and Open Space Commission, the Park Board and Metro Council.

- The project will involve reconstruction of the existing greenway, new landscaping and lighting, and maintenance, all to be provided by the developer or future owners, in perpetuity.

Richland Creek Greenway – Belle Meade Plaza

- Proposed greenway trail as part of redevelopment project
- Final site plan development is underway.

Harpeth River Greenway Proposed Ariza Bellevue

- Stormwater variance was approved at the November Stormwater Variance Commission meeting.
- Project includes construction of new greenway connection from existing trail on Morton Mill Road to existing pedestrian bridge and future park development on land donated by Dorothy Kate and Thomas Frist Foundation.
- Final site plan review is underway.
- Includes 21-acre open space dedication to Metro Parks
- New vehicular bridge will allow connection to undeveloped park property.
- Meetings are on-going with development team to design greenway railroad underpass/tunnel. Coordination with CSX, FEMA, Metro Water Services, Parks Maintenance, Metro Planning
- Structural design of the bridge underpass is being reviewed by Metro consultant team. Parks Maintenance is a part of that process as well as Greenways staff.

Planned East Nashville Greenway at 304 Oldham Street commercial development.

- Greenway easement has been recorded.

Harpeth River Greenway at Newsom Station residential development

- Project includes greenway easement dedication, design and construction of new segment of greenway, and associated landscape installation and maintenance. Continuing to work with the developer to establish routing for the greenway trail.

Harpeth River Greenway at Harpeth Lake Development

- Project may include incorporating a greenway easement and trail connecting to the Newsom Station residential development and future off site connection.

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

- New extension will be part of Harding Town development.
- The associated development has paused.

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

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
- Council approval of easement dedication in progress

CRG at Peabody Union

- Construction phase
- 0.2 Miles
- Perpetual maintenance
- Greenway is slated to open in February 2025

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 at Pennington Bend

- Pennington Mills – Greenway easement dedication is in council approval process.
- The Bend – Development on Pennington Bend Road at McGavock
 - Preliminary SP approved by Planning Commission.
 - Held first meeting with development team to discuss greenway requirements and Final Site Plan including landscaping and maintenance, trail design and construction, trailhead locations, lighting requirements, wayfinding signage and easement acquisition process.

CRG at Stockyard 900 1st Avenue North

- Project is under construction and includes reconstruction of the greenway, lighting, landscaping and maintenance in perpetuity.

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.
- Trail is under construction.

Broadmoor at Ben Allen Trail-oriented Development

- Coordination is ongoing with the developer regarding greenway trail alignment and design
- The project will include design, construction and maintenance of the greenway as well as a permanent greenway easement dedication to Metro.
- This project will require a stormwater variance and is slated to be heard at the January meeting of the Stormwater Management Commission.

GREENWAY EASEMENT AND OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS UNDERWAY

- 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. Final Site Plan and easement area in development.
- CRG Modera Germantown Easement– in process
- CRG Modera The Nations Easement – in process
- CRG (Peabody Union) – approved by Council.
- CRG 2nd and VanBuren- approved by Council.
- CRG Opry Mills Connector – TDOT Excess Land agreement approved by Council.
- Charlotte Corridor Rail with Greenway easement agreement with Cheatham County Rail Authority – in process
- Harpeth River Greenway at Bellevue –Ariza Bellevue - open space donation in process as part of the project's SP rezoning approval
- Whites Creek and Ewing Creek Greenways easement dedication approved by Metro council.
- Dry Creek Greenway easement dedication in process
- Ewing Creek Greenway –easement dedication in process
- Elizabeth Road 0.07 Acres easement dedication in process
- Habitat/Haynes/Trinity Park – land and easement dedication in process
- Holt Creek Greenway easement dedication in process
- Little Creek Greenway easement approved at Metro council.
- Pages Branch Greenway at Trinity Lane easement dedication in process
- Pennington Bend Greenway easement dedication in process
- Stoner Creek Greenway easement dedication in process
- Whites Creek Greenway – land transfer in process as part of the greenway design and construction project.
- Harpeth River Greenway at Newsom Station- easement dedication in process

PROPERTY TRANSFERS AND LICENSES FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

440 Greenway Sevier Park to Browns Creek Park

- TDOT Excess Land License approved by Excess Land Committee.
- License Agreement approval in process – 1.4 Acres

Opry Mills Connector

- TDOT Excess Land License- approved by Council.

Greene Property at Bass Street Acquisition

- Grant awarded for acquisition.
- Purchase by the American Battlefield Trust closed on November 1, 2024. The Trust will place a conservation easement on the property and then deed the property over to Metro to be included in Ft. Negley Park.

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XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – JACKIE JONES

4: Time Travel Half Marathon – 5K/10K, 9:00 a.m., Two Rivers Park

Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Richland Park

7: Open Paint Studio Day, Centennial Art Center

9: Limitless Fun Run, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Cedar Hill Park

Open Paint Studio Day, Centennial Art Center

11: Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Richland Park

FNP: Fossil Finders – RSVP to FortNegley@nashville.gov, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Fort Negley Park

14: Open Paint Studio Day, Centennial Art Center

16: Paint Studio Day, Centennial Art Center

17: Nashville Calligraphers Guild/Local Potters Gallery Opening, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Centennial Art Center

18: Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Richland Park

Nashville Women's March, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Cumberland Park

21: FNP: Nashville Civil War Roundtable, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Fort Negley Park

Visual Arts Class Registration begins, 12:00 a.m., 8-week courses at Centennial Art Center

Open Paint Studio Day, Centennial Art Center

22: Coffee/Talk with Metro Arts, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Centennial Art Center

23: Open Paint Studio Day, Centennial Art Center

Middle Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibit, runs until March 1

17th Annual MTRSAE Artist Reception, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Parthenon, RSVP on [Eventbrite](#)

25: Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Richland Park

26: SistaStrings (ECHO Chamber Music Series), Parthenon, Ticket information [here](#)

28: FNP: Sons of Union Veterans Bi-Monthly Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Fort Negley Park

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XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

- Director Odom hoped that everyone had a great Holiday season.
- Excited to announce that Parks received an appropriation of approximately \$28 million in Capital funding and most of this funding is for deferred maintenance projects. This funding will help our Consolidated Maintenance team continue to take care of the park system. Thank you to Mayor O'Connell and Metro Council for their investments in the park system.
- We hope to open Brookmeade Park in the next few weeks. We are waiting on one last element to be completed before the park can be opened. Opening details will be shared as soon as we have the date. We are looking forward to the opening.
- We are in the process of adding the Point-of-Sale systems in our neighborhood community centers. POS is currently in the Regional Community Centers, and having the system in neighborhood centers makes it much more efficient for programs and services that collect fees.
- Met with Director Clifton Peay of the Mayor's Office, of Performance Management regarding payment processing and upgrading our point-of-sales system. Mr. Peay is working with multiple stakeholders across Metro who accept payments. We are looking forward to being apart of the stakeholder team and informing a new point of sales system that is consistent throughout Metro. I'll keep you all abreast of the technological improvements as we move through them.
- As Phil Luckett mentioned in his report, Parkwood Community Center is being painted. Staff have been assigned to other locations while these facility upgrades are happening. Two Rivers Golf Course is also undergoing upgrades.
- Finally, there is a lot going on in the park system even in the cold winter months. Metro will kick-off the annual budget process in the next couple weeks, we expect to hear budget instructions from the Finance Director soon.

Q&A

- Dr. Steele inquired about the cold weather shelters.
- Director Odom commented that years ago Metro Parks community centers were sometimes used as emergency cold weather shelters. Since then, the Office of Homeless Service has taken over the unsheltered services for our city. There is now a permanent Emergency Cold Weather Shelter on Brick Church Pike (former school building). Our community centers are no longer used for these purposes.

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

- Ms. Mayes announced the Nashville MLK Day planning committee will kick off their week of events starting this coming Sunday, January 12th. These events will run from January 12th to January 20th, which will end with the annual March down Jefferson Street and the Convocation. A full list of the events can be found on the website at MLKdaynashville.com. Please join us for the annual March. We are celebrating our 40th year of celebrating MLK Day here in Nashville.

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

Monique Horton Odom, Director

Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson