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### **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

#### **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**MARCH 4, 2025**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Dr. Michelle Steele, Mr. Pete DeLay, Mr. Shan Foster, Mr. Edward Henley III, Mr. Crews Johnston, Ms. Cheryl Mayes, and Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes. Ms. Macy Amos, Metro Legal and Mr. Chris Koster, Director of Development Mayor's Office were present.

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

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 4, 2025, APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay and seconded by Mr. Henley the February 4, 2025, meeting minutes were approved, as presented.

#### **V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

Council Member Sheri Weiner was in attendance and commented on item 01-25-05 (Renaming Request of Bellevue Park).

#### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mr. Bob Brackman addressed the Parks Board regarding item 09-24-07.

Ms. Virginia Lazenly addressed the Parks Board regarding item 09-24-07.

Mr. Alberto Gonzales addressed the Parks Board regarding item 09-24-07.

Ms. Lucie Cammack addressed the Parks Board regarding item 09-24-07.

Ms. Mary York (Academy Coach James Lawson High School) addressed the Parks Board regarding item 09-24-07.

Ms. Rebecca Shah (Cheekwood Indian Advisory Council) addressed the Parks Board regarding item 09-24-07.

Mr. Ronald Roberts (Cheekwood Board Chair) addressed the Parks Board regarding item 09-24-07.

Mr. Pat Stacey addressed the Parks Board regarding the data collection analysis of the "Belle Meade Highland Study".

Mr. Tim Orthel addressed the Parks Board regarding the data collection analysis of the "Belle Meade Highland Study".

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### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (cont'd)**

Mr. Josh Wiggins addressed the Parks Board regarding the data collection analysis of the “Belle Meade Highland Study”.

### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**09-24-07**

#### **BOARD APPROVES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN METRO PARKS AND CHEEKWOOD BOTANICAL GARDENS AND MUSEUM OF ART TO OUTLINE THE TERMS UNDER WHICH CHEEKWOOD WILL TRANSITION ITS OVERFLOW PARKING OPERATIONS OFF METRO PARKS PROPERTY.**

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Henley, and discussion the Memorandum of Understanding between Metro Parks and Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Museum of Art to outline the terms under which Cheekwood will transition its overflow parking operations off Metro Parks property while implementing transportation demand management strategies, was approved. The MOU shall be effective as of April 1, 2025, and shall continue for a term ending on December 31, 2027.

Ms. Scott-Barnes expressed concerns regarding details of the MOU and asked Metro Legal to advise regarding desired changes, if any, by the Board.

Ms. Macy Amos, Metro Legal commented that if desired, the Board may amend the agreement at any time in the future.

Ms. Scott-Barnes expressed concerns regarding the agreement being enforceable and executable for all parties due to unforeseen issues that arise.

Mr. Henley stated the agreement before the Board outlines a plan, objectives, and has a timeline with clear goals working toward termination of the MOU so that it is no longer needed. With these things in mind, he's inclined to support the agreement.

Ms. Mayes commented that it's important to note for the public that this vote is not related to the programming at Cheekwood and asked the chair to share specifically to what the vote is pertaining.

Ms. Macy Amos, Metro Legal commented that what's before the Board today is a transition plan to get Cheekwood patrons parking on Cheekwood property. There's a phased approach included in the MOU, in which certain milestones must be met by certain times. We are not voting on a proposed road; it's just a parking plan transitioning them off Park's property.

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### VII. OLD BUSINESS (cont'd)

01-25-05

**BOARD OPENED THE FLOOR FOR COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING THE ARTS  
BELLEVUE, BELLEVUE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, BELLEVUE HARPETH  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, BELLEVUE HARPETH HISTORIC ASSOCIATION  
AND THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF BELLEVUE REQUESTS, TO RENAME BELLEVUE  
PARK TO “RED CABOOSE PARK”.**

Dr. Steele announced that the opportunity for community input is now open on the renaming of Bellevue Park to “Red Caboose Park”.

The following individuals spoke in support of the name change request:

Ms. Claire Baker, Co-President (Bellevue Harpeth Historic Association) addressed the Parks Board.

Ms. Hattie Dewalt, Executive Director (Bellevue Harpeth Chamber of Commerce) addressed the parks Board.

Mr. Pat Lawson (Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee) addressed the Parks Board.

### VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

03-25-01

**BOARD APPROVES MARCH 2025 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Gravy Fest	Edwin Warner Park	Sat., Mar. 22, 2025
• Kite Fest	Mill Ridge Park	April 12, 19, 26 & May 3, 2025
• New Day Church Nativity Easter Egg Hunt	Bellevue Park	Sat., Apr. 19, 2025
• Jesus in the Park	Riverfront Park	Sat., Apr. 19, 2025
• Easter Sunrise Service	Shelby Park	Sun., Apr. 20, 2025
• Earth Day Outside Cinema	Mill Ridge Park	Tue., Apr. 22, 2025
• Outdoor Yoga	Mill Ridge Park	4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 2025
• Outdoor Yoga	Mill Ridge Park	6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 2025
• Outdoor Yoga	Mill Ridge Park	7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30, 2025
• BDA Spring Showcase	Bellevue Park	Sat., May 17, 2025
• Outside Cinema	Mill Ridge Park	5/9/5/23, 6/13, 6/27, 7/11, 2025
• Outside Cinema	Mill Ridge Park	7/25, 8/15, 8/29, 2025

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#### VIII. CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

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| • Customer Appreciation Picnic                                     | Sevier Park        | Sat., May 17, 2025                         |
| • Move! Music City Annual Run                                      | Two Rivers Park    | Mon., May 19, 2025                         |
| • Nashville Scene Movies in the Park                               | Elmington Park     | 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/25, 2025                |
| • Juneteenth Celebration   | Fort Negley Park   | Thru., Jun. 19, 2025                       |
| • Music City July 4 <sup>th</sup> 5K                               | Rose Park          | Fri., Jul. 4, 2025                         |
| • Monday Night Jazz on Jefferson                                   | Kossie Gardner Sr. | 7/2, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25, 9/1, 9/8, 2025 |
| • India Day Parade   | Public Square Park | Sat., Aug. 9, 2025                         |
| • 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Shelby Bottoms Boogie 15K/5K Shelby Park |                    | Sat., Oct. 11, 2025                        |
| • Hands on Nashville Volunteer Launch Party Centennial Park        |                    | Sat., Oct. 25, 2025                        |
| • TBCO Easter Egg Drop   | Centennial Park    | Sat., Apr. 4, 2026                         |

#### **AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING**

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| • Free to Move 5K Honor of Dr. Alyssa Loktis Shelby Park |                   | Sat., Mar. 8, 2025   |
| • Heroes Movement USA Nashville 5K Run                   | Centennial Park   | Sun., Apr. 6, 2025   |
| • Wags & Walks 5K - Fastest & Furriest                   | Two Rivers Park   | Sun., Apr. 6, 2025   |
| • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Ride with Rho Psi               | Hadley Park       | Sat., Apr. 12, 2025  |
| • Whisker Walk   | Shelby Park       | Sat., May 3, 2025    |
| • A Father's Footsteps STMF 5K                           | Mill Ridge Park   | Sat., Jun. 14, 2025  |
| • Nashville Caribbean 5K                                 | Shelby Park       | Sat., Jun. 21, 2025  |
| • 19 <sup>th</sup> Annual East Nashville Tomato 5K       | East Park         | Sat., Aug. 9, 2025   |
| • Sickie Cell 5K   | Hartman Park      | Sat., Sept. 6, 2025  |
| • Shade Tree Trot  | Percy Warner Park | Sat., Sept. 27, 2025 |
| • TKF At Your Pace Kidney Race                           | Centennial Park   | Sat., Dec. 6, 2025   |
| • GOTR 2025 Celebratory 5K Race                          | Two Rivers Park   | Sat., Dec. 6, 2025   |

#### **AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL**

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| • DPR-B-Que | Centennial Park | Fri., Oct. 24, 2025 |
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#### **AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL**

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| • Sylvan Park Puppy Play Day            | Richland Park   | Sun., Apr. 20, 2025  |
| • Charter Day Cookout                   | West Park       | Sat., Apr. 26, 2025  |
| • PSSITA Fest: Nashville Cigar Festival | Cumberland Park | Sat., Jul. 12, 2025  |
| • Chaos Club                            | Riverfront Park | Sat., Sept. 27, 2025 |
| • Nashville Brunch Festival 2025        | East Park       | Sat., Oct. 25, 2025  |

#### **FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL**

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| • Hillsboro Brentwood Exchange Club | Bellevue Community Center | Mon., Jul. 28, 2025 |
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#### **FUNDRAISING**

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| • Endo Walk 2025 | Centennial Park | Sat., Mar. 22, 2025 |
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**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**03-25-02**

**NOMINATION OF PARKS BOARD OFFICERS**

Board members were nominated for office and will be held as record of nominations until the April Parks Board meeting when voting will occur.

Dr. Steele was nominated by Ms. Scott-Barnes for chairperson.

Mr. Johnston was nominated by Ms. Scott-Barnes for vice-chairperson.

Director Monique Horton Odom was nominated by Ms. Scott-Barnes for secretary.

Upon motion of Dr. Steele, nominations for Park Board Officers for 2025-26 were closed.

**03-25-03**

**BOARD DEFERS LDA ENGINEERING, ON BEHALF OF NDOT SIDEWALK AND BIKEWAY PROGRAM TEAM REQUEST TO REMOVE SIX TREES AND CONDUCT GRADING OPERATIONS AND RETAINING WALL CONSTRUCTION, TO THE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE.**

LDA Engineering, on behalf of the NDOT Sidewalk and Bikeway Program Team, request to remove 6 trees and conduct grading operations and retaining wall construction partially within the limits of Centennial Park along both sides of 31<sup>st</sup> Ave N from Parthenon Ave to Park Plaza for the purpose of constructing Phase 3 of the 31<sup>st</sup> Ave North Pedestrian Improvement project. Disturbed areas within the park will be restored to original condition or better. The request was deferred to the Acquisition Committee. Council District 21

**03-25-04**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE LOKITS FAMILY, STATE REPRESENTATIVE CALEB HEMMER, AND THE COMMUNITY TO FUNDRAISE FOR AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF A MEMORIAL TREE AND BENCH VALUED AT UP TO \$6,000 AT MILL CREEK GREENWAY IN HONOR OF ALYSSA LOKITS.**

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay, seconded by Ms. Mayes and discussion, the request of the Lokits Family, State Representative Caleb Hemmer, and the community to fundraise for and ultimate acceptance of a memorial tree and bench (including installation) valued at up to \$6,000.00 at Mill Creek Greenway in honor of Alyssa Lokits, was approved. No money will be sent to Metro Parks. The installation is to be coordinated with Metro Parks Maintenance staff. Council District 28

**X. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**MR. MATTHEW CARVER, SORBA PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS THE BOARD IN RESPONSE TO THE “BELLE MEADE HIGHLANDS DESIGN & MOBILITY STUDY”.**

Dr. Steele announced that Mr. Matthew Carver, SORBA President was scheduled to speak to our board in response to the “Belle Meade Highlands Design & Mobility Study”, Mr. Carver has requested to reschedule.

**MS. JANE MACLEOD, PRESIDENT CHEEKWOOD TO PRESENT CHEEKWOOD’S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METRO PLANNING DEPARTMENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS, ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AS PART OF THE “BELLE MEADE HIGHLANDS DESIGN AND MOBILITY STUDY” TO THE BOARD.**

Ms. Jane MacLeod, President and CEO of Cheekwood, provided an overview of Cheekwood’s implementation of the Metro Planning Department’s recommendations, adopted by the Planning Commission, as part of the “Belle Meade Highlands Design & Mobility Study” to the Board.

Board members received an MOU Schedule of Performance binder that Cheekwood distributed to the Parks Board.

**MS. CHINITA WHITE PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION TO THE BOARD.**

Ms. Chinita White, Assistant Director of the Finance and Administration Division, provided an informational overview of the Finance and Administration activities and highlights.

**THE FRIENDS OF FORT NASHBOROUGH PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD.**

Ms. Ellen Taylor, President of the Friends of Fort Nashborough provided an update highlighting park improvement, partnerships and interpretive signage during her presentation.

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### XI. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – JOE STOVAL

#### 1<sup>st</sup> + Gay – Park Redevelopment

- Ready to BID. Waiting on Fire Station HQ and Station 2 to finish design, approx. Jan/FEB 26

#### Cedar Hill Park – Miracle League Field

- Working on alternate funding and plan to re-apply this next round.

#### Centennial – Master Plan, Phase Three

- Out BID until 14MARCH25

#### Fort Negley -Master Plan, Phase One

- Working to have out to BID end of MARCH25

#### Hartman – Restrooms

- Delivered and working to open to Public.

#### Lytle Bend Park

- Construction/development stage in progress open to public by MAY/JUNE25

#### Madison Station – Design

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

#### Master Plan Update

- PEP, Survey and State of The Parks final document by 24FEB25. Will distribute for Board to read.
- Working to schedule Greenway Commission and Park Board stakeholder meetings. And all Public input meetings.

#### Mariposa – Design

- Out to BID until 14MARCH25

#### Mill Ridge Phase II

- Working to BID by APR25

#### Old Hickory - Community Center Design

- Site work and building at 60%. Looks really good!!

#### Ravenwood Phase I Restroom

- On hold, working with legal to resolve

#### Shelby – Davidson St. Streambank Stabilization

- Permits obtained.
- Proposal from IDIQ contractor for site work submitted and under approved
- Work to begin JUNE25

#### 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 80%

Coleman Park - new PG and add shade structure. Upgrade all play surfaces to PIP or turf. Work began 11NOV2024. Finishing surfacing, expected to be open for public by 15MAR25.

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.
- McFerrin Park Mayors PB project
- Dudley Park 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

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

- 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.
- Submitting application to TDOT Excess Land Committee for acquisition of state-owned property currently leased to Metro.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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

Tom King Classic Half Marathon and 5K, 5:00 - 1:00 p.m., Cornelia Fort Airpark/Shelby Bottoms Greenway

2025 Strolling for the Color and Get Your Rear in Gear 5K, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Richland Creek Greenway

5. March for Libraries Rally, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Church Street Park

8. Run Nash on behalf of Alyssa Lokits, 7:00 - 3:00 p.m., Warner Park

5K Run for Alyssa, 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Shelby Park

Nashville St. Paddy's Half Marathon & 5K, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Two Rivers Park

FPN: Fossil Finders, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Fort Negley Park

11. Food, Facts, & Your Power to Create Change, 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Hadley Park

12. 2025 SEC Party in the Park, runs until March 16, Walk of Fame Park

15. St. Patrick's Music City Half Marathon, 6:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Shelby Park

Holi Celebration, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Centennial Park

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

21. Shelby Recreation Open House, 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Shelby Community Center

Endo Walk 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Centennial Park

23. Easter Eggstravaganza, 2:00 p.m. - 5:59 p.m., Morgan Park

24. Red 7, 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., Warner Parks

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

28. Percy Priest Sprint Rowing Regatta, 5:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Hamilton Creek Park

29. Music City Open (Disc Golf), 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park

Bellevue Area Optimist Club 5K, 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Edwin Warner Park

East Nashville Baseball Opening Day, Shelby Park

Looby Basketball Court Reveal, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Looby Community Center

IAN Holi Festival Celebration, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Centennial Park

30. School of Rock Spring Preview Shows, 11:00

**XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

- Kick-off for the RESTORE Program (Reaching Economic Sustainability Through Opportunities Resources and Empowerment), at Napier Community Center was held February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This program is a Restorative Justice pilot program that was funded this fiscal year in partnership with the Mayor's Office for Youth Safety.
- The Metro Nashville Police Department Support Services Bureau held its recent staff meeting at the Parks Police Office and I was glad to be invited to participate with Captain Greg Davis. The Support Services Bureau is comprised of the following divisions: Parks Police Oversight, Traffic, Evidence and Storage, Special Operations, Customer Services, and Facilities Management and is led by Deputy Chief Tommy Widener. I am very grateful for our partnership with MNPd.
- We participated in the Southeast Community Center meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>. This was an opportunity to engage with the constituents particularly those in the Antioch or Southeast area of Nashville and to answer questions about the Parks department.
- Happy to report that Tim Netsch has rejoined our department as part of the Senior staff and Planning division and will be taking the lead on Plan to Play.
- We are engaging with the Finance on our FY26 Budget request. There is a printout in your package of the summary of our FY26 requests. These requests are informed by our division heads and program managers about our department needs. If you have questions, please reach out to me.
- Director Monique Odom acknowledged the passing of Mr. Stan Fossick who served on the Parks Board for 30 years (from 1990 to 2020). He was the longest serving Parks Board member to date. We appreciate his service.

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

- Ms. Scott-Barnes recommended that Metro Parks do its own analysis and internal study of the Bellevue Highlands Design and Mobility Study. She stated that the analysis and study could include a scope of work with a timeline for information that might be helpful as we continue this process.

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

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Monique Horton Odom, Director

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Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson