

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING APRIL 7, 2026**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were Dr. Michelle Steele, Mr. Shan Foster, Mr. Pete DeLay, Mr. Edward Henley III, Ms. Alice Hudson Pell and Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes. Board members not present: Ms. Cheryl Mayes. Ms. Macy Amos was present representing Metro Legal.

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

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 3, 2026, APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Henley and seconded by Mr. DeLay, March 3, 2026, meeting minutes were approved.

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

None.

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

Ms. Margaret Frank requested to address the Parks Board regarding a peaceful rally and a commissioned mural that she wanted to organize. The topic was not germane to the agenda and therefore was not heard. Ms. Frank was referred to Parks staff for assistance.

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**03-26-07**

### **BOARD CONTINUES DEFERMENT FROM MARCH BOARD MEETING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF AN IN-KIND GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO MEMORIAL BENCHES TO THE NAMING COMMITTEE**

The Board deferred The Community Review Board's request for acceptance of an in-kind grant for the purchase and installation of two memorial benches to be placed in Kirkpatrick Park and Watkins Park to the Naming Committee. The benches will memorialize Jocques Clemmons and Daniel Hambrick, who lost their lives on February 10, 2017, and July 26, 2018, respectively. Council Districts 6 and 19. **DEFERRED**

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**03-26-10**

Upon a motion by Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Henley, and following discussion, the Board approved staff's request for a dedicated Conservation Greenway Easement on property at 6419 HOLT RD. ANTIOCH, TN. 37013. Map and Parcel # 181000009400, along Holt Creek. This greenway easement will conserve 13.79 acres of open space and provide for future expansion of the Mill Creek Greenway network. The easement dedication was a condition of the Planning Commission's approval of the rezoning for William Mill. 2016SP-028-004. Council District 4.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**04-26-01**

**BOARD APPROVES APRIL 2026 CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, and following discussion, the April 2026 Consent agenda was approved.

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

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| • Patton Family Picnic                               | Two Rivers Park            | Sat. July 15, 2026                       |
| • Correia Family Picnic                              | Rose Park                  | Sat. June 20, 2026                       |
| • Men's Church Group                                 | Madison Park               | Sat. June 20, 2026                       |
| • NAC  | Centennial Sportsplex      | Sat. Apr. 11, 2026                       |
| • Darwin Family Cookout                              | McFerrin Park              | Sat. Apr. 11, 2026                       |
| • Do Not Stop Marathon                               | Two Rivers Park & Greenway | Sat. Apr. 11, 2026                       |
| • Kite Fest- Friends of Mill Ridge Park              | Mill Ridge Park            | 4/11, 4/18, 4/25/2026                    |
| • Center for Reproductive Rights Press Conference    | Public Square park         | Mon. Apr. 27, 2026                       |
| • 15 <sup>th</sup> Annual jazz on the Cumberland     | Wasioto Park               | 5/10, 6/21/ 7/19, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18/2026 |
| • Cane Ridge Freshman Academy Annual Picnic          | Cane Ridge Park            | Thur. May 14, 2026                       |
| • Outside Cinema                                     | Mill Ridge Park            | 5/22, 6/26, 7/17, 8/14/2026              |
| • Hometown Half Marathon                             | Heartland Park             | Fri. May 30, 2026                        |
| • ADO Family Picnic                                  | Nil Ridge Park             | Sat. June 06, 2026                       |
| • Empowered Nation of Christ's Heritage Fellowship   | Watkins Park               | Fri. June 19, 2026                       |
| • Out East Family Movie Night at Shelby              | Shelby Park                | Fri. June 26, 2026                       |
| • Anderson Birthday Party                            | Hermitage Park             | Sat. June 27, 2026                       |
| • July 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fireworks                     | Mill Ridge Park            | Fri. July 03, 2026                       |
| • 3 on 3 Streetball Tournament                       | Clinton Fisk Park          | Sat. July 18, 2026                       |
| • Southeast Community Day 2026                       | Mill Ridge Park            | Fri. July 24, 2026                       |
| • From the Walls to the Street                       | Hadley Lillard Park        | Sat. Aug.15, 2026                        |
| • 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance of 9-11   | Bellevue Park              | Sat. Sept. 12, 2026                      |
| • RecoveryFest                                       | East Park                  | Sat. Sept.16, 2026                       |
| • 26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Shelby Bottoms Boogie      | Shelby Park                | Sat. Oct. 17, 2026                       |
| • Black Maternal Health Walk                         | Fisk Park                  | Sat. Apr. 11, 2026                       |
| • Cups and Pups                                      | Red Caboose Park           | Sat. Apr. 11, 2026                       |
| • Walk for Our Children-Walkathon 2026               | Centennial Park            | Sun. Apr.19, 2026                        |
| • Maria London Edwin Warner Park Picnic Shelter # 10 | Edwin Warner Park          | Sun. Apr.19, 2026                        |
| • MNPS Multicultural Celebration                     | McFerrin Park              | Thur. Apr. 30, 2026                      |
| • Idehen Senior Cookout                              | Two Rivers Park            | Fri. May 01, 2026                        |
| • Cemaria's Gender Reveal                            | Cleveland Park             | Sat. May 02, 2026                        |
| • Two Rivers Community Orchestra May Concert         | Ravenwood Park             | Sun. May 17, 2026                        |



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**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**04-26-02**

**ELECTION OF PARKS BOARD OFFICERS**

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. DeLay, the Board elected the following officers by unanimous consent (effective May 2026):

Chairperson- Mr. Shan Foster  
Vice Chairperson- Mr. Edward Henley III  
Secretary- Director Monique Horton Odom

**04-26-03**

**BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT, VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$78,500 FROM McCABE PARK LITTLE LEAGUE TO ADD LIGHTING TO THE SMALL BASEBALL FIELD**

Upon a motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Henley, and following discussion, the Board accepted an in-kind grant valued at approximately \$78,500 to add lighting to the small baseball field at McCabe Ball Park. No matching funds are required from Metro Parks, as McCabe Park Little League will cover all expenses associated with the improvement project and will also cover the additional electrical costs for the new lighting. Council District 24.

**04-26-04**

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A DEDICATED CONSERVATION GREENWAY EASEMENT ALONG RICHLAND CREEK CONSERVING 0.48 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE AND PROVIDING FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE RICHLAND CREEK GREENWAY TO THE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**

The Board deferred the staff's request for a dedicated Conservation Greenway on the property at 92 WHITE BRIDGE PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37205, (Map and Parcel 10311000100 to the Acquisition Committee, to serve as a connector to the Richland Creek Greenway. This greenway easement will conserve 0.438 acres of open space and provide expansion of the Richland Creek Greenway network. The easement dedication was a condition of the Planning Commission's approval of the final site plat for Novel Richland Creek, 2021-009-002. Council District 24.

04-26-05

**BOARD DEFERS THE CENTENNIAL PARK CONSERVANCY REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO INSTALL AN ENGRAVED CRABTREE STONE AT THE ENTRANCE OF CENTENNIAL PARK AND TO INSTALL A DONOR RECOGNITION PLAGUE TO THE SIGNAGE COMMITTEE**

The Board deferred The Conservancy's requests to install an engraved Crabtree stone section at the entrance of the new Event Pavilion located in Centennial Park to recognize Phase III donors, and a donor recognition plaque at the at the renovated Croquet Cafe' to honor contributors to the Phase III revitalization project to the Signage Committee. Two design options are submitted: one utilizing the Parks standard plaque layout and font, the other incorporating the Parks approved Croquet Cafe' branding logo. Council District 21.

04-26-06

**BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000 FROM THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TO FUND RENOVATIONS TO THE WARNER PARK NATURE CENTER BARN AND SHED.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Delay, seconded by Ms. Hudson Pell and following discussion, the Board accepted an in-kind grant not to exceed \$1,200,000 to fund the renovation of the Warner Park Nature Center barn and shed. This renovation will support the Nature Discovery Program providing flexible, year-round educational space, allowing WPNC to sustain and expand programming while creating new opportunities for environmental learning and outdoor exploration. The renovation will also include site and visitor improvements and a workshop space to relocate maintenance and storage functions. Council District 34.

04-26-07

**BOARD DEFERS THE METRO HISTORICAL COMMISSION'S REQUEST TO INSTALL A NEW HISTORICAL MARKER COMMEMORATING JOSEPH B. MULLINS AND JOHN MICHAEL MALLETTE TO THE SIGNAGE COMMITTEE**

The Board deferred The Metro Historical Commission's request for approval to install a new historical marker commemorating Joseph B. Mullins, and John Michael Mallette within the boundary of Joseph Mullins Park to the Signage Committee. This historical marker is being funded by private donations to the Metro Historical Commission. No donation is being made to Metro Parks. There will be no cost for The Metro Parks, and no ongoing maintenance requirement. The marker will remain the property of the Metro Historical Commission and could be removed at their discretion or at Park's request. Council District 1.

**04-26-08**

**BOARD ACCEPTS A CASH GRANT FROM FRIENDS OF SEVIER PARK FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STONE HOUSE LOCATED IN FRONT OF SUNNYSIDE MANSION**

Upon a motion Mr. Foster, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes and following discussion, the Board accepted a cash grant in the amount of \$20,909 to fund repairs to the flooring at Stone House located in front of Sunnyside Mansion and for replacement of the backstop at the park's multi-use field. Metro Parks will handle all purchasing and improvements. No match is required from Metro Parks. Council District 18.

**04-26-09**

**BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT FOR \$5,600 FROM FRIENDS OF SEVIER PARK FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT SEVIER PARK**

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. DeLay and following discussion, the Board accepted an in-kind grant from Friends of Sevier Park for improvements at Sevier Park for \$5,600. This includes \$5,000 for the purchase of supplies and equipment for the community center and \$600 for the purchase of a wheel kit for newly installed soccer goals. No funds will be transferred to Metro Parks; all items will be purchased directly by Friends of Sevier Park. No financial match is required from Metro Parks. Council District 18.

**04-26-10**

**BOARD APPROVES GREENWAYS FOR NASHVILLE'S REQUEST TO AMEND A PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED \$270,000 IN-KIND GRANT TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$310,000**

Upon a motion by Ms. Hudson Pell, seconded by Mr. Henley and following discussion, the Board approved Greenways for Nashville (GFN)'s request to amend a previously accepted \$270,000 in-kind grant, to an amount not to exceed \$310,000. The amendment includes revised project locations, expanded improvements to additional greenways, and a two-year extension of the project term. All work will be completed by GFN vendors. No matching funds or additional obligations are required from Metro Parks. Council District Citywide.

**04-26-11**

**BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$3,600 FROM FRIENDS OF SHELBY PARK TO FUND BUS RENTALS FOR THE SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS**

Upon a motion by Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Henley and following discussion, the Board accepted an in-kind grant valued at approximately \$3,600 from Friends of Shelby Park to fund bus rentals for the Summer Enrichment Programs at Kirkpatrick, McFerrin,

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Cleveland, East, and South Inglewood Community Centers to visit Shelby Park and Bottoms. The rentals will be paid for directly by Friends of Shelby, with no match required from Metro Parks. Council District 6.

**04-26-12**

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST OF A DEDICATED CONSERVATION GREENWAY EASEMENT THAT WILL CONSERVE 0.24 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE AND PROVIDE EXPANSION OF THE BROADMOOR-BEN ALLEN GREENWAY CONNECTOR TO THE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**

The Board deferred staff's request for a dedicated Conservation Greenway Easement on property at 0 BROADMOOR DR. NASHVILLE, TN. 37207, (Map and Parcel 061050B90000CO) to the Acquisition Committee as part of the Broadmoor-Ben Allen Greenway Connector. This greenway easement will conserve 0.24 acres of open space and provide for expansion of the Broadmoor-Ben Allen Greenway Connector. The easement dedication was a condition of the Planning Commission's approval of the final plat for Osage Arbor at Broadmoor Phase 1, 2017SP-034-004. Council District 5.

**04-26-13**

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST OF A DEDICATED CONSERVATION GREENWAY EASEMENT THAT WILL CONSERVE 0.38 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE AND PROVIDE EXPANSION OF THE BROADMOOR-BEN ALLEN GREENWAY CONNECTOR TO THE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**

The Board deferred staff's request for a dedicated Conservation Greenway Easement on property at 329 BEN ALLEN RD. NASHVILLE, TN. 37207, (Map and Parcel 06100008500) to the Acquisition Committee as part of the Broadmoor-Ben Allen Greenway Connector. This greenway easement will conserve 0.38 acres of open space and provide expansion of the Broadmoor-Ben Allen Greenway Connector. The easement dedication was a condition of the Planning Commission's approval of the final plat for Osage Arbor at Broadmoor Phase I, 2017SP-033-004. Council District 5.

**04-26-14**

**BOARD ACCEPTS \$4,000 GENERAL DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF SHELBY PARK**

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley and seconded by Ms. Hudson Pell and following discussion, the Board accepted a general donation in the amount of \$4,000 from the Friends of Shelby Park to the Parks Recreation Division. Council District Citywide.

**04-26-15**

**BOARD ACCEPTS GENERAL A \$2,500 GENERAL DONATION FROM THE NASHVILLE PARKS FOUNDATION**

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes and following discussion, the Board accepted a general donation of \$2,500 from the Nashville Parks Foundation to the Parks Recreation Division. Council District Citywide.

**04-26-16**

**BOARD APPROVES THE NASHVILLE PARKS FOUNDATION REQUEST TO FUNDRAISE FOR, AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF AN IN-KIND GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 TO PROVIDE RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ELIZABETH SENIOR CENTER**

Upon a motion by Mr. Delay, seconded by Mr. Foster and following discussion, the Board approved the Nashville Parks Foundation's request to fundraise for, and ultimate acceptance of an in-kind grant not to exceed \$500,000 to provide renovations and improvements to Elizabeth Senior Center. The improvements will increase food preparation space and update kitchen appliances, making it safer and more functional. No funds will be transferred to Metro Parks; all items will be purchased directly by the Nashville Parks Foundation. No financial match is required from Metro Parks. Council District 21.

**04-26-17**

**BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST TO RENEW LICENSE AGREEMENT (REQ # 6631) BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT AND DAVIDSON COUNTY**

Upon a motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Henley and following discussion, the Board approves staff's request to renew the license agreement (Req #6631) between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, by and through the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the State of Tennessee, acting by and through its Commissioner of Transportation. The ten-year agreement allows for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the Cayce Landing riverfront park project in Davidson County, Tennessee. Council District 19.

**04-26-18**

**BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST TO APPLY FOR, AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP) GRANT FOR KIRKPATRICK COMMUNITY CENTER.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. Foster and following discussion, the Board approved staff's request to apply for, and ultimate acceptance of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) grant for Kirkpatrick Community Center. The grant will operate during the months of June and July, with an anticipated total operating budget not to exceed \$75,000. No financial match is required from Metro Parks. Council District 6.

**04-26-19**

**BOARD ACCEPTS THE PERCY PRIEST YACHT CLUBS REQUEST TO APPROVE ITS 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT HAMILTON CREEK MARINA**

Upon a motion by Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Mr. Henley and following discussion, the Board approved The Percy Priest Yacht Club's calendar of events at Hamilton Creek Marina, including service, not the sell alcoholic beverages. Council District 13.

**Alcohol Approval "Red Cup" Affairs:**

April 18, May 2, and May 16; June 20; Aug. 15, Sept. 19; and 26, Oct. 16-17, Nov.7; Dec. 5-6, 2026.

**Amplification Approval:**

June 20 and December 5, 2026, including the previously listed Regatta dates.

**RV Camping Approval:**

October 16-19, with no fee for Equalizer Regatta.

**X. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**NATURAL RESOURCES, OUTDOOR RECREATION AND EVENTS PRESENTS**  
**ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Jim Hester, Assistant Director of Natural Resources, Outdoor Recreation and Events, presented its annual update, providing an overview of division activities, growth, and demand for special events across Metro Parks. The division currently permits approximately 900 events annually. Upcoming and recurring events include concerts, art crawls, Juneteenth (relocating to Centennial Park), Tennessee Craft Fair, seasonal festivals, races, and community gatherings across multiple parks. A particularly active spring schedule was noted, with numerous large-scale events occurring simultaneously across the parks system. Recent holiday events included nine Easter egg hunts and multiple weddings.

Outdoor Recreation events remain a key focus, with offerings such as archery, camping, rock climbing, paddling and nature-based educational programs. Special initiatives, including wildlife experiences such as purple martin viewings, have seen strong public engagement.

Nature centers including Bells Bend, Warner Parks, Shelby Bottoms, Beaman Park, and Fort Negley continue to provide extensive educational opportunities, including school partnerships, hikes, workshops, and community events, as these facilities serve as important hubs for environmental education and community engagement.

Mr. Hester also highlighted ongoing capital and partnership projects, including preparations for the opening of the renovated Ascend Amphitheater in partnership with Opry/Ryman, anticipated to open May 1.

Resource Management efforts were presented, including invasive species control and habitat restoration projects such as those at Lytle Bend. New partnerships, including collaboration with the Southern Grasslands Initiative, will expand restoration efforts. Damage from the recent winter storm was noted, particularly at Warner Parks, where approximately 3,000 trees were lost.

Ongoing challenges include staffing limitations; however, Mr. Hester emphasizes strong collaboration across the department and continued commitment to maintaining and enhancing park services.

**THE CENTENNIAL PARK CONSERVANCY PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Mr. John Tumminello, President of Centennial Park Conservancy presented an annual update providing an overview of Centennial Park and Parthenon activities, noting national recognition as a top-ranked park and continued high visitation, serving approximately 500,000 visitors annually. The organization remains focused on cultural arts, educational programming, and park preservation.

Over the past decade, more than \$14 million has been invested in park revitalization, with additional funding supporting ongoing maintenance and preservation.

Current capital projects include the North Side Revitalization (anticipated completion in August), the new pavilion, restoration of the historic Croquet Clubhouse (opening expected in August), and planning for future improvements including the picnic pavilion and Parthenon area enhancements.

Centennial Park Conservancy continues to provide operational support to Metro Parks, including funding for maintenance services and coordinating volunteer efforts, with over 1,400 volunteers participating in park cleanups last year.

The Conservancy fully funds Parthenon exhibitions and educational programs, with significant recent investments in preservation, new exhibits, and accessibility improvements. Additional programming includes school bus tours, educational events, multilingual audio tours, and cultural performances.

Community programming remains robust, including Musicians Corner, Kidsville, Earth Day, and other festivals, with a strong emphasis on accessibility and diversity in artist representation. The Conservancy also supports environmental initiatives, educational outreach, and partnerships with other cultural and community organizations.

Financially, the organization reported \$4.8 million in revenue and \$ 3.9 million in expenses, with remaining funds allocated to restricted projects. Mr. Tumminello expressed appreciation for the continued partnership with Metro Parks and the Parks Board.

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#### **XI. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATES– JOE STOVALL**

##### **1<sup>ST</sup> + Gay-Park**

Approved to go to BID and award for construction. Updating plan set. Will go BID in the next 60 days.

##### **Centennial – Master Plan, Phase Three**

- Awarded to R.C Matthews. Site work in progress, completion in/around AUG/SEPT26

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

- Awarded to R.C Matthews, Site work in progress. Completion in/around FEB27

##### **Harpeth Hills Golf- storage solution and CH safety repairs**

- Balcony and Clubhouse safety upgrades SOW and cart storage solutions SOW completed. Safety related Fire/Domestic WL Site work in progress, completion APR26

##### **IDIQ 5-year A/E firm contract**

- New contracts awarded to 5 firms: Collier, Gresham Smith, HDLA, Kimley-Horn, and OHM. All contracts executed and ready for use.

##### **Madison Station Park**

- Design completed. No construction phase funding currently.

##### **Mariposa Park**

- Awarded to Bulley-Andrews/Rock City. Site work in progress, completion in/around MAY26

##### **McCabe Playground replacement/improvements w NPF**

- Playground area will be closed for installation starting Mar. 02, 2026, ending the week of May 04, 2026.

##### **Mill Ridge Phase II**

- Awarded to Bulley-Andrews/Rock City. Site work to start in next 60 days

##### **Mill Ridge Phase III**

- Planning/Design to start in next 60 days

##### **Richland Park Library**

- Working with GS and libraries to design and place new library branch.

##### **Shelby Naval Building**

- On Hold

##### **Ted Rhoades Golf Maintenance Shop and offices replacement building**

- Funding received and design process will start in next 60 days.

##### **Trinity Hills Phase I**

- Site work to start in next 90 days.

##### **Two Rivers- Mansion Events Center**

- Design complete. No construction phase funding currently.

##### **Wharf Park**

- Clean-up and fencing are complete. The site is secure, monitored, and locked. Currently no funding for design or construction Phase I of MP implementation.

##### **Watkins Park- skate Park Phase II w/NPF**

- Design is in final stages until plans are ready for construction. NPF recently learned project construction costs were estimated at more than budgeted. Working on a plan for project to move forward into construction.

#### **RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS**

- Shelby-Davidson St. Riverbank stabilization and Davidson Road repaired and repaved.
- Antioch Soccer Field addition.
- Old Hickory Community Center

**XII. GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE UPDATE- AMRITA CHATTERJEE**

**METRO-FUNDED GREENWAY PROJECTS**

**Opry Mills Connector Greenway**

- 2025 Transportation Alternative Program Grant Awarded December 22, 2025, for the construction of the Opry Mills Greenway Connector in the amount of \$11,332,929.00 in federal funding.
- 1 mile section of greenway that will connect the Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge, Cumberland River Greenway and Stones River Greenway to the Opry Mills campus
- NES, State of Tennessee and NDOT

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

- Project is in the construction bidding phase.

**440 Greenway Sevier Park to Browns Creek Park**

- Lighting design underway
- Project will be ready for bidding early 2026

**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

**Whites Creek Greenway at Hartman Park**

- 1-mile extension of the Whites Creek Greenway Mullins Park to Hartman Park. New trail will extend from Hartman Park along Tucker Road and across flood buyout property along West Hamilton Avenue to Buena Vista Pike
- Includes a pedestrian bridge crossing Whites Creek, traffic calming infrastructure and lighting along the greenway trail
- Project is in 60% Design Development phase

- Final permitting underway with Piedmont Gas
- Design and permitting expected to be complete and ready for bid in 2026 (pending funding).

**PRIVATELY FUNDED GREENWAY PROJECTS**

**Richland Creek Greenway- Belle Meade Plaza**

- 2 Greenway Conservation Easement Agreements dedicated for this project from the developer and from the adjacent Ingram property.
- Staff has given approval of the Final SP design for the greenway and will continue to work through approval of final construction documents. The developer will construct the greenway from Hwy 70S through the new development along Richland Creek, under White Bridge Road, across the back of the Ingram property and will connect with the existing trailhead at the Old White Bridge.
- This project includes extensive landscaping and riparian zone restoration; greenway maintenance will be provided in perpetuity by the development.
- This is a 3-year development buildout and once accepted by Parks staff, the greenway maintenance will be provided in perpetuity by the development.

**Harpeth River Greenway 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.
- The review and approval process for the Final SP is nearing completion.
- The project includes a 25-acre land dedication to Metro Parks, greenway design and construction, a greenway conservation easement and greenway connection across the developer's property to the adjacent Metro-owned Park property, waterline extension to

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- adjacent park property, a greenway bridge under the CSX Railroad Bridge, as well as a vehicular bridge which will provide access to that adjacent park land.
- The greenway will be constructed before start of construction.
- Metro application was made to TDOT Excess Land Committee in March 2025, for acquisition of state-owned property currently leased to Metro. The dedication process is underway.

### **CRG Modera at The Nations**

- This 0.12-mile greenway project is under construction.
- The greenway trail will be constructed within a Conservation Greenway Easement that has been recorded. The project includes greenway landscaping, lighting, furniture, adjacent art installations and perpetual maintenance by the owners.

### **CRG at River North**

- Design, construction and maintenance of greenway trail and park by Oracle
- Project is under construction.

### **CRG at Oracle**

- Miles TBD
- Planning phase
- Maintenance
- Pedestrian Bridge

### **CRG at Pennington Bend**

- Pennington Mills- Greenway easement has been recorded and project paving is complete.
- Trailhead signage is in production.
- The Bend- Development on Pennington Bend Road and McGavock
- Final Site Plan is in review

### **CRG at Stockyard 900 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North**

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

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- Expected completion date is May of 2026.

### **Centennial Park connector at West End Ave**

- Miles TBD
- Design concept under review

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

- New extension will be part of Harding Town development

### **Osage Orange at Broadmoor Trail-oriented Development**

- Final site plan is in review
- 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.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of Greenway Trailhead Upgrades**

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

### **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
- Charlotte Corridor Rail with Greenway easement agreement with Cheatham County Rail Authority- in process
- Harpeth River Greenway at Bellevue-Ariza Bellevue-open space donation and
- part of the project's SP rezoning approval. Acquisition of adjacent state-owned property (Harpeth Soccer Park) is underway. Pennington Bend Greenway easement dedication in progress

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- Harpeth River Greenway at Newsom Station-easement dedication in process

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS AND LICENSES**  
**FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES**

**Greene Property at Bass Street Acquisition**

- 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 America Battlefield Trust closed on the property on November 1, 2024. Conservation easement is in development and when completed, the Trust will deed the property to Metro.

**Harpeth River Greenway at Ariza Bellevue**

- 25-acre open space dedication to Metro Parks in process
- TDOT Excess Land acquisition in progress.

**XIII. APRIL UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS- JACKIE JONES**

1. Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt 2026, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., East Park
2. Orchard Planting Volunteer Workday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park  
Swoosh Stampede, 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., East Bank Greenway and Wasioto Park  
Antioch Community Center Easter Egg Hunt, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Antioch Park
3. Fridays By the River, 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Shelby Park
4. The Belonging Co Church Easter Egg Drop, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Centennial Park Musicians Corner  
Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Richland Park  
Clemmie G Community Day, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Hadley Park Bandshell  
One City Family Fun Day, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Two Rivers Park  
Community Easter Egg Hunt, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Sevier Park  
Richland Creek Run, 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Richland Park & Richland Creek Greenway  
Easter - Five Year Celebration Proclamation Church, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Seven Oaks Park  
New Day Church - Community Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Red Caboose Park  
East End United Methodist Church Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., East Park  
Saturday at Coleman Park, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Coleman Park  
Ephesian P. B. Church Egg Hunt, 2:00p.m. – 6:00p.m., Hartman Park
5. Midtown 12S - Easter Sunrise Service, 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m., Sevier Park

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- Easter Sunrise Service, 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m., Cornelia Fort Airpark
8. Peace Partner Project Rally, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Shelby Park
10. Fridays By The River, 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Shelby Park
11. Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Public Square Park
- NBM FOOD FESTIVAL, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Hadley Park
- Viva Spring Festival, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Centennial Park Bandshell
- East Nashville Beer Festival, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., East Park
- Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m, Richland Park
- FNP: Fossil Finders, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Fort Negley Park
- Nashville Walk for Victory, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Sevier Park
- Friends of Warner Parks Shelter Dinner, 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m., Percy Warner & Edwin Warner
- Kite Fest, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park
- Wedding day 5K run, 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m., Cornelia Fort Airpark and Greenway
- Whites Creek Cluster Family Field Day, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Hartman Park
- DoNot Stop Half Marathon, 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Two Rivers Park & Greenway
- Black Maternal Health Walk, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Clinton Fisk Park
- John Overton High school W4W community event, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Ravenwood Park
- Metro Parks Outdoor Recreation Festival, 6:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Bells Bend Park
- Nashville Running Company Bells Bend 6 Miler, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Bells Bend Park
- Pups and Cups for Sharon Hurt, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park
12. NBM FOOD FESTIVAL, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Hadley Park
- TN Stands with Israel Rally, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Centennial Park
- Heros Walk with Dogs, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Cornelia Fort Airpark & greenway
17. St Anne's School Fun Run, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Richland Park
- Fridays By the River, 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Shelby Park
18. Nashville Earth Day Festival, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Centennial Park
- JE Dunn Hammer Down 5K-10K, 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Cumberland Greenway

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- Bourbon & Bubbles Fest, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park
- Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Richland Park
- Summer Duley wedding, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park Hodge House
- Walk for Epilepsy, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Shelby Park & Greenway
- Kite Fest, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park
- Head for the Cure 5K, 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Edwin Warner Park
- Burn Bootcamp Hendersonville – MDA, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Shelby Park
- Rainbow Collective Community Wellness Fair, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., East Park
- Step Forward to Cure TSC, 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Edwin Warner Park
- 19. Richland Park Puppy Play Day, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Richland Park
- Cedar Hill Classic, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Cedar Hill Disc Golf Course
- Walk for Our Children - SaveSoil Walkathon 2026, 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Centennial Park - Musicians Corner
- 21. FNP: Nashville Civil War Roundtable, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Fort Negley Park
- 22. FOWP Donor Appreciation, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Warner Park Nature Center
- 24. Fridays By The River, 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Shelby Park
- Music City Food and Wine Festival, 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Centennial Park Bandshell
- 25. Nashville Rock and Roll Marathon, 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Shelby Park and Frankie Pierce Park
- Music City Food and Wine Festival, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Centennial Park Bandshell
- Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Richland Park
- Erin Wylie Wedding, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Percy Warner Park Hodge House
- Kite Fest, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park
- 26. Music City Food and Wine Festival, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Centennial Park Bandshell
- Stop The Violence, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Hadley Park Bandshell
- 30. MNPS Multicultural Celebration, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., McFerrin Park
- Rho Psi Charter Day cookout, 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Hadley Park Bandshell

**XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

- Director Odom reported that the Parks have officially reopened following the January winter storm as operations shift into the spring season.
- Special thank you to Phil Lockett and the Consolidated Maintenance team, the Safety team, and cross-division collaboration of staff who worked together in storm recovery efforts
- We saw major damage; over 5,000 trees impacted across multiple parks, with Warner Parks hit especially hard.
- Crews are still actively clearing hazards, reopening trails and chipping debris, with safety as the top priority.
- Metro Parks is heading into a busy season including:
  - Summer Enrichment Program (June 1-24) registration opened April 11
  - National Outdoor Recreation Festival also kicked off April 11
- The Parthenon is closed through June for HVAC and lighting upgrades.
- Gym repairs are underway at Easley and Shelby Community Centers, with backup plans in place to use nearby school facilities if needed.
- Metro Council Budget Hearing is scheduled for May 20 at 4:30 pm in the Metro Council Chamber.
- Proud to share Adrean Gregory was recognized as a 2026 “Woman on the Hill” honoree for her impact and years of service.
- Director Odom concluded the report by acknowledging that we are gearing up for a very active spring and appreciates the continued support.

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

Ms. Scott-Barnes acknowledged the hard work that goes into keeping such a vast parks system running smoothly and expressed appreciation to the team in what they were able to accomplish in the storm recovery efforts.

Director Odom, acknowledged contractors and vendors who were able to assist within the department and across Metro, including NDOT and the Department of Waste Services, that made storm recovery seamless.

Ms. Scott-Barnes requested adding an amendment to the Election of Officers policy to the May agenda, to consider changing elections to a month that lines up with board member terms rather than April.

Mr. Henley announced that the Metro Planning Department in the coming weeks will be kicking off The Efforts for Ecological Conservation Strategy in the Parks with pop-ups booths on Day One.

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**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