

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

MARCH 3, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were Mr. Shan Foster, Mr. Pete DeLay, Mr. Edward Henley III, Ms. Alice Hudson Pell and Ms. Cheryl Mayes. Board members not present: Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes, and Dr. Michelle Steele. Ms. Macy Amos was present representing Metro Legal.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Shan Foster.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 3, 2026- APPROVED

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

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

Metro Councilmember Bob Nash expressed his great anticipation for the extension of the Seven Mile Creek and the ongoing work at Whitfield Park.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Dede Byrd addressed the Parks Board regarding item 03-26-07.

Ms. Sherry Stinson addressed the Parks Board regarding item 03-26-11

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

03-26-01

BOARD APPROVES MARCH 2026 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Henley, and following discussion, the March 2026 Consent agenda was approved.

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AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

• One City Church Event	Centennial Park	Sun. Mar. 15, 2026
• 78 th District Meeting Picnic	Two Rivers Park	Sat. Mar. 28, 2026
• East End United Methodist Church	East Park	Sat. Apr. 04, 2026
• Whites Creek Cluster Family Field Day	Hartman Park	Sat. Apr 11, 2026
• 17 th Annual Kites & Kids Day	East Park	Sat. May 02, 2026
• The Exchange Running Collective 10K Race	Shelby Park	Sat. May 02, 2026
• Aging Well Nashville: Spring Resource Fair	Hermitage Park	Sat. May 02, 2026
• Boots on the Ground	Hartman Park	Sat. May 09, 2026
• Chestnut Hill Neighborhood BBQ	Dudley Park	Sat. May 30, 2026
• McHenry Family BBQ	Richland Park	Fri. June 12, 2026
• 4 th Annual Music City Juneteenth Dance/Walk/Run	Cornelia Fort Park	Fri. June 19, 2026
• Micee/Myree Family Reunion	Two Rivers Park	Sat. July 11, 2026
• Magnet School Cluster Bash	Rose Park	Sat. Aug. 01, 2026
• Nashtravaganza Community Outreach	Coleman Park	Sat. Sept. 05, 2026
• Evangelism Ministry Night	Coleman Park	Fri. Sept. 18, 2026
• Perkerwicz Wedding	Shelby Park	Sat. Oct. 10, 2026
• AACA TSU Homecoming Marketplace	Hadley Park	Oct. 16 & 17, 2026
• Breakthrough T1D Walk Nashville	Shelby Park	Sun. Oct. 04, 2026
• Season to Remember	Centennial Park	Thur. Dec. 03, 2026
• Run Santa Run	Two Rivers Park	Sun. Dec. 06, 2026

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

• Neuro Recovery Run	Cornelia Fort Airpark	Sat. May 09, 2026
• Walk in the Woods	Edwin Warner Park	Sat. May 16, 2026
• Framily 5K for Family Friends & Fido	Mill Ridge Park	Sat. May 30, 2026
• Easter Egg Hunt	Two Rivers Park	Sat. Apr. 04, 2026
• A Charlie Brown Christmas 5K/10K 1 Mile Run/Walk	Shelby Park	Sat. Dec. 12, 2026

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

• Pete's on the River (NDP Event)	Riverfront Park	Sat. Mar. 28, 2026
• Maker's Market	Riverfront Park	5/9, 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12 & 10/10/2026
• Nashville Cocktail Festival	East Park	Sept. 10 & 11, 2026
• Picnic for the Parks	Morgan Park	Sat. Sept. 19, 2026

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

• Nashville Food Project Orchard Planting Volunteer Workday	Mill Ridge Park	Thurs. Apr. 02, 2026
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FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

• Music City Endo Walk	Centennial Park	Sat. Mar. 28, 2026
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IX. NEW BUSINESS

03-26-02

BOARD DEFERS NOMINATIONS OF PARK BOARD OFFICERS TO APRIL BOARD MEETING

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. DeLay and following discussion, the Board deferred the Nomination of Park Board Officers to the April Park Board Meeting.

03-26-03

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE PARKS FOUNDATION TO INCREASE A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED IN-KIND GRANT FROM \$200,000 TO \$600,000 FOR THE WATKINS PARK PUMP TRACK PHASE II PROJECT

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. DeLay, and following discussion, the Board approved the grant amendment request of The Nashville Parks Foundation to increase the previously approved in-kind grant for the Watkins Park Pump Track Phase II project from \$200,000 to \$600,000. This grant requires no matching funds or additional obligations from Metro Parks, and no funds will be transferred to Metro Parks. The Nashville Parks Foundation will continue to coordinate with Metro Parks on the planning, design, and construction of the project. Council District 19.

03-26-04

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF THE TRAIN MONUMENT IN CENTENNIAL PARK FROM METRO PARKS TO THE NASHVILLE STEAM PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. DeLay, and following discussion, the Board approved The Nashville Steam Preservation Society's (NSPS) request for the transfer of ownership of the train monument currently located at Centennial Park, which honors the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railway. Ownership of the monument would be transferred from Metro Parks to the NSPS. The monument was originally installed at the site and is undergoing restoration by the NSPS for reinstallation at another location. Council District 21.

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03-26-05

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO INSTALL A NEW HISTORICAL MARKER
COMMEMORATING THE BASS STREET COMMUNITY**

Upon a motion by Mr. DeLay, seconded by Ms. Hudson Pell, and following discussion, the Board approved The Metro Historical Commission's request to install a new historical marker commemorating the Bass Street Community within the boundaries of Fort Negley Park. The proposed marker location is within the area leased by the Adventure Science Center. The historical marker will be fully funded by the Metro Historical Commission using its 2024 Participatory Budget allocation and will be installed by the Nashville Department of Transportation (NDOT). There will be no cost to Metro Parks and no ongoing maintenance requirement. The marker will remain the property of the Metro Historical Commission and may be removed at its discretion or at the direction of Metro Parks. Council District 17.

03-26-06

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO AMEND A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED GRANT FOR
RENOVATIONS TO THE QUONSET HUT BATHROOM IN SHELBY PARK FROM
\$8,000 TO \$22,000**

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. DeLay, and following discussion, the Board approved The Cumberland River Compact's request to approve an amendment to its previously approved grant. The amendment increases the estimated value of renovations from \$8,000 to \$22,000 to improve a bathroom in the Metro Parks Quonset Hut at 1915 Sevier Street in Shelby Park. The Cumberland River Compact operates Root Nashville, a partnership between Metro Nashville and the Cumberland River Compact at this same location. The Cumberland River Compact will be responsible for repairs, winterization, and ongoing maintenance of the bathroom. No Metro Parks funds or other obligations are required. Council District 6.

03-26-07

**BOARD DEFERS 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 District 6 and 19.

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03-26-08

BOARD ACCEPTS AN ADDITIONAL \$698,972 AS A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CENTENNIAL PARK MASTER PLAN SUPPORT GRANT

Upon a motion Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. DeLay and after discussion, the Board approved Centennial Park Conservancy's request to accept an additional \$698,972.00 as a grant amendment to the already approved Centennial Park Master Plan Support grant. \$200,000 will underwrite general construction expenses, and \$498,972 will fund general pathways from the corner of 31st Ave. N and Park Plaza to the new north-side grand entrance and the existing one-mile loop trail. This grant requires no match or other obligation from Metro Parks. Council District 21.

03-26-09

BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT AMENDMENT FROM FRIENDS OF SHELBY PARK AND BOTTOMS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$170,000 TO COMPLETE THE ONE-MILE WALKING LOOP AROUND LAKE SEVIER IN SHELBY PARK

Upon a motion by Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Henley and after discussion, the Board accepted an in-kind grant amendment from Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms to complete the one-mile walking loop around Lake Sevier in Shelby Park. The Board approved this project in 2020 with an estimated value of \$50,000. Costs have increased to ensure ADA compliance. Proposed improvements include pavement overlay, striping, barrier installation, and signage. All work will be funded directly by Friends of Shelby Park, with no matching funds required by Metro Parks. Council District 6.

03-26-10

BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A DEDICATED CONSERVATION GREENWAY ALONG HOLT CREEK CONSERVING 13.79 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE AND PROVIDING FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE MILL CREEK GREENWAY TO THE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

Board deferred staff's request of a dedicated Conservation Greenway Easement on property at 6419 HOLT RD. ANTIOCH, TN. 37013, Map and Parcel 18100009400, 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 Williams Mill, 2016SP-028-004. Council District 4.

03-26-11

**BOARD APPROVES HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S REQUEST TO AMEND
CONDITIONS OF THE TRANSFER OF LAND LOCATED AT 3001 ALDRICH LANE**

Upon a motion by Mr. DeLay, seconded by Ms. Hudson Pell and following discussion, the Board approved an amendment to conditions of the transfer of land located at 3001 Aldrich Lane, off Brick Church Pike (Parcel # 0600000151100; previously Parcel # 06000007000) accepted by the Parks Board in 2021 and approved by Metro Council through BL2021-742. At the time, Habitat for Humanity agreed to develop six-acres of the property as a usable park with walking trails and other amenities and to deed that park space to the Metropolitan Government for the use and benefit of the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation. BL2026-1204, approved by Metro Council on February 17, 2026, allows the Parks Board to accept the new Park parcel without the improvements that were originally contemplated in 2021. Council District 2.

X. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Ms. Chinita White, Assistant Director of Finance and Administration, presented an overview of the division and its key sections, including Accounting, Human Resources and Payroll, Safety, Information Technology, and Storeroom/Warehouse operations. Ms. White noted the department's large workforce, with many roles filled by part-time, seasonal and sports-related employees.

Ms. White reviewed the department's revenue sources, with the largest contributions coming from golf operations, Sportsplex facilities, and the Parthenon.

Most of the operations budget supports salaries and employee benefits, with the remaining funds used for park system needs such as telecommunications, temporary staffing, vegetation control, recreation supplies, and maintenance.

Finance and Administration division highlights for the past year include progress on a Language Access Plan to provide translation services, ongoing safety and PPE training for staff, installation of Knox Boxes to improve emergency access for first responders, participation in a Metro OSHA (MOSHA) training program for park maintenance staff, and distribution of protective respiratory masks for employees requiring facial hair accommodations

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Council member Ms. Zulfat Suara addressed the Parks Board regarding a resolution she plans to present to Metro Council concerning how permits for the use of public parks are handled. The resolution requests that the Parks Board review and update park permits to ensure three main things:

1. **Public Access:** Anyone renting or using a public park must include provisions allowing the public some level of access (certain hours or days). The Parks Board may determine what access looks like.
2. **Clear Rights and Responsibilities:** Permits should clearly state both the responsibilities and the rights of permit holders.
3. **No Implied Ownership:** While people may rent park space, the parks remain public property, and permit holders cannot act as if they own the space or entirely exclude the public.

CM Suara acknowledged that she had been working with Director Odom, Attorney Macy Amos (Metro Legal), and others on this matter for the past couple of years. CM Suara expressed that she, in good faith, wanted to explain her reasoning for the legislation directly to the Parks Board, rather than simply filing the resolution without notice.

CHEEKWOOD PROVIDES QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT TO THE BOARD

Ms. Jane MacLeod, President and CEO of Cheekwood, gave a quarterly update as required by the Metro Parks/Cheekwood MOU.

Ms. MacLeod noted that the recent ice storm caused significant damage to Nashville's tree canopy, including the loss of several legacy trees at Cheekwood. Following approximately six weeks of closure for tree recovery and cleanup, the property is preparing to reopen for Cheekwood in Bloom.

Construction documents for the proposed parking pavilion and welcome plaza have been completed and issued by Hastings Architecture. The total project cost is estimated at \$35 million. The design includes a welcome plaza, improved visitor circulation, accessible walkways, a green roof, and a rainwater harvesting system. The entrance design references the work of landscape architect Bryant Fleming and aligns with nearby design elements at Percy Warner Park.

Cheekwood has secured bridge financing through Truist Financial, with closing anticipated in mid-March. Fundraising efforts are ongoing including contributions from major donors, members and visitors,

Construction is expected to last approximately 18 months, with groundbreaking planned for spring 2026 and completion targeted before the 2027 holiday lights season, ahead of December 31, 2027, MOU deadline regarding adjacent parkland use.

Ms. MacLeod acknowledged operational challenges due to the storm, tree recovery, and construction-related parking constraints but stated that seasonal festivals, events, and programming will continue. The Parks Board and staff were invited to attend the anticipated groundbreaking ceremony later this spring.

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FRIENDS OF GREEN HILLS PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Ms. Ashley Cantrell, representing Friends of Green Hills, provided an update on activities and initiatives at Green Hills Park. Ms. Cantrell expressed appreciation to Metro Parks staff and maintenance crews for their prompt response to remove trees that fell during the recent ice storm.

The Friends group reported several implemented improvements over the past year, including the installation of a misting water fountain in the playground area and new exercise equipment. Park users have responded positively to both additions.

The organization shared plans to explore a wet meadow area near the tennis courts as a potential habitat restoration site. The Friends of Green Hills are collaborating with naturalists, stream specialists, and the Tennessee state botanist to evaluate the feasibility of reintroducing the endangered Tennessee Streamside Salamander.

The group's goal for 2026 includes hosting food truck events, installing educational signage related to restoration efforts, establishing an arboretum by adding additional trees near the trail system, and continuing advocacy for resurfacing the park's tennis courts.

The Friends group also announced that the annual park festival will take place on September 12 and will again feature family activities and an outdoor movie. Additional programming may include coordinating food truck evenings with Green Hills Softball League, whose season runs from March 21 through May 17.

FRIENDS OF FORT NASHBOROUGH PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Ms. Ellen Taylor, representing Friends of Fort Nashborough, spoke briefly to urge support and funding for the repair and rebuilding of historic Fort Nashborough. She emphasized the need for costly repairs and encouraged the Board to remain committed to identifying funding sources or an external partner to complete the work.

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XI. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATES– JOE STOVALL

1ST + Gay-Park

Approved to go to BID and award for construction. Will go BID in the next 90 days.

Cedar Hill Park – Miracle League Field

- Notice received that we were not chosen for this round of funding by BCBS. Will discuss options to move forward.

Centennial – Master Plan, Phase Three

- Awarded to R.C Matthews. Site work in progress, completion in/around OCT26

Fort Negley -Master Plan, Phase One

- Awarded to R.C Matthews, Site work in progress. Completion in/around OCT26

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 MAR26

IDIQ 5-year A/E firm contract

- New contracts awarded to 5 firms: Collier, Gresham Smith, HDLA, Kimley-Horn, and OHM. IN final stages of executing contracts with Procurement.

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 02, 2026.

Mill Ridge Phase II

- Awarded to Bulley-Andrews/Rock City. Site work to start after first of the year.

Mill Ridge Phase III

- Planning/Design to start in next 90 days

Old Hickory - Community Center

Grand opening event 21MAR26 11am-1pm

Shelby Naval Building

- On Hold

Trinity Hills Phase I

- Design is complete and permits are issued. Currently awaiting confirmation from legal to proceed with construction.

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.

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XII. GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE UPDATE-CINDY HARRISON

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

Seven Mile Creek Greenway Extension

- 1/3-mile extension of existing greenway to Oakley Drive
- Design development phase underway
- Coordination on-going with Metro Water Services, 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 provide 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.

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- 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 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 1st Avenue North

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

2nd 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

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- 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
- 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. MARCH UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS- JACKIE JONES

1. Into the Light 5K, 5:00 a.m.-3:00p.m., Richland Creek Greenway
7. Nashville St. Paddy's Half Marathon, 10K & 5K, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Two Rivers Park
Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Richland Park
14. St. Patrick's Music City Half, 10K, and 5K Run. 7:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – Shelby Park
Richland Park Farmers Market. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Richland Park
Holi Fest, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Centennial Park Bandshell
Fossil Finders. 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Fort Negley Park
AHA 5K Run/Walk. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Rose Park
Story Stroll & Cookout Mill. 12:00 p.m.- Ridge Park
OUTLAST Nashville, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.- Bells Bend Park
21. Community Easter Egg Hunt. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.- Hadley Park Bandshell
IAN HOLI Festival. 11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.- Bells Bend Park
Richland Park Farmers Market. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.- Richland Park
Why Not Us Spinal Cord Injury Awareness 5K. 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Cornelia Fort
Airpark.
The Movement Mile. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.- Centennial Park Musicians Corner
Shelby Recreation Open House. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.- Shelby Park Community Center

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- Laura Beth Cantrell Baby Shower. 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Percy Warner Park
22. Thin Mint Sprint 5K. 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.- Cornelia Park
24. Sons Of Union Veterans Bi-Monthly Meeting. 6pm-8:00 p.m.- Fort Negley Park
25. Friendship Village and Suit Drive. 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.- Buena Vista Park
26. Nashville Arbor Day Ceremony. 11:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.- East Park
27. Percy Priest Sprints. 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.- Hamilton Park
28. Percy Priest Sprints. 5:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.- Hamilton Park
- Richland Park Farmers Market. 9am-12:00 p.m.- Richland Park
- Strollin for the Colon. 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.- Richland Creek Greenway
- Order of Eastern Star Easter Egg Hunt. 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.- Hartman Park
- 78th District Meeting Picnic. 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.- Two Rivers Park
- Southeast Nashville Egg Hunt and Festival. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.- Southeast Park
- No Kings Rally- 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.- Public Square
- Whisker Walk/Run 5K/10K 2026. 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. – Shelby Park
- Endo Walk. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.- Centennial Park
- Pilates in the Park. 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.- Edwin Warner Park
28. ROPES Nashville Walk/Run. 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.- Two Rivers Park
- Peter's on the River. 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.- Riverfront Park
- Walk of Fame Workout. 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.- Walk of Fame Park
29. Into the Light 5K, 5:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.- Percy Warner Park
- McKendree UMC Youth and Family Easter Egg Hunt. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.- Sevier Park

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XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Director Odom reported:

- That the department remains in recovery mode following the recent winter storm, while also preparing for spring operations. Tree cleanup will be a lengthy process, particularly in Percy Warner Park, which has experienced the most significant damage. Safety and accessibility across the park system remain priorities.
- Due to storm damage, Harpeth Hills, McCabe and Percy Golf courses are currently closed. Reopening is anticipated within 7-14 days, pending completion of debris removal and course preparation. Maintenance and golf staff were recognized for their efforts during storm recovery.
- Leadership updates within Parks Police as part of the department's partnership with MNPD. Christopher Holden began serving as Parks Police Captain on March 1, and Michael Russell joined as Lieutenant.
- The Parthenon is closed through the end of June for HVAC and lighting upgrades to improve the preservation of museum collections and visitor comfort. The exterior and outdoor audio tours remain accessible in Centennial Park.
- The gyms at Shelby and Easley Community Centers remain closed for safety reasons. Staff are working with contractors to expedite repairs and coordinating with nearby schools to provide alternate gym space for programming. Reopening dates are not yet confirmed.
- For the FY26 operating budget, requests have been submitted and a meeting with Metro Finance is scheduled later this month. With FY27 expected to be fiscally tight, the department's request focuses on additional tree crews, skilled trade positions (carpenters and HVAC technicians), safety and security support, expansion of disability and dance programming, golf operations staffing and other core operational needs.
- A golf operations assessment is currently underway and will help inform future operational strategies. Staffing improvements affecting operating hours are included in the FY26 request.
- A groundbreaking ceremony was held at Fort Negley Park on February 19, with strong community attendance. Site work has begun.
- The ribbon cutting for Old Hickory Community Center is scheduled for March 21 at 11:00 a.m., marking the completion of a long-anticipated project.
- The passing of Eleanor Willis, former President of Friends of Warner Park, and acknowledged her contributions to the parks system and extending condolences to her family and friends.

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

Ms. Cheryl Mayes shared appreciation for the new Old Hickory Community Center, noting that the facility appears beautiful and well-designed when she passes it daily. She expressed excitement for the upcoming grand opening and acknowledged the center as a valuable addition to the community.

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

Monique Horton Odom, Director

Mr. Shan Foster, Vice-Chairperson