

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING AUGUST 4, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee, was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were Mr. Shan Foster, Mr. Edward Henley III, Ms. Alice Hudson Pell, and Ms. Cheryl Mayes. Board members not present were Dr. Michelle Steele and Mr. Pete DeLay. Ms. Macy Amos was present representing Metro Legal.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 7, 2026, APPROVED

Upon a motion by Mr. Edward Henley, seconded by Ms. Alice Hudson Pell, and following discussion, the minutes of the July 2026 meeting were approved.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. John Morris addressed the Parks Board regarding item 08-26-08.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

07-26-05

BOARD ACCEPTS AN IN-KIND GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 FROM THE FRIENDS OF McCABE GROUP FOR THE PRODUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A DONOR RECOGNITION PLAQUE

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Ms. Mayes, and following discussion, the Board accepted an in-kind grant not to exceed \$5,000 for the production and installation of a donor recognition plaque at the newly renovated McCabe Park Playground. The plaque will recognize donors who supported the playground renovation project and will be funded, installed, and maintained by The Friends of McCabe Group. The location and design will be coordinated and approved by Metro Parks. No cash will be transferred to Metro Parks, and no match or additional obligation is required from Metro Parks. Council District 24.

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07-26-09

BOARD APPROVES THE METRO PARKS DESIGNATED NATURAL AREA (DNA) POLICY

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Ms. Hayes, and following discussion, the Board approved the Metro Parks Designated Natural Area (DNA) Policy. The policy establishes a formal process and criteria for designating park properties as natural areas and provides general standards for their use, management, and conservation. The policy also requires the development of a site-specific management plan following designation. Site designations will be considered by the Acquisition Committee. Council District: Countywide.

07-26-10

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST A TDOT LAND DEDICATION OF APPROXIMATELY 49.94 ACRES AT 7820 COLEY DAVIS RD. FOR CONTINUED PARK USE

Upon a motion by Ms. Hudson Pell, seconded by Ms. Mayes, and following discussion, the Board approved staff's request for a TDOT land dedication of approximately 49.94 acres at 7820 COLEY DAVIS RD for continued park use. The property has long been leased by Metro and serves as part of Harpeth River Park, including a soccer facility and greenway segment. Acquiring the property will place it under Metro ownership, ensuring its long-term preservation for park purposes, expanding Metro's park inventory, and providing greater control over future improvements. The acquisition will also improve connectivity to a planned greenway on an adjacent 51-acre undeveloped park property, allow for the construction of a vehicular access bridge, and facilitate the addition of 25 acres of new parkland. Council District 22.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

08-26-01

BOARD APPROVES AUGUST 2026 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Ms. Hayes, and following discussion, including Director Odom's revisions to the dates for the *St. Jude Rock 'n' Roll Running Series* at Riverfront and Shelby Park to September 4, 2026, **corrected to April 24, 2027**, the inclusion of *Musicians Corner* at Centennial Park under amplification and alcohol approval **with the dates ranging from May 14, 2027 to June 12, 2027**, and the addition of a late item, *Magic's Family Fun Days and Exotic Car and Bike Exhibit* at Hadley-Lillard Park on August 30, 2026, under amplification and fundraising, the August 2026 Consent Agenda was approved.

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AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

• Annual Picnic	Edwin Warner Park	Sat. Aug. 29, 2026
• Nashville Flyers Season Kickoff	Centennial Sportsplex Ice Area (s)	Sat. Aug. 29, 2026
• Lindsey Picnic	Two Rivers Park Shelter 1	Sat. Aug. 29, 2026
• West Nashville Sports League	Edwin Warner Park	Aug. 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30
• Sept. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, Oct. 3, 4, 10 and 11, 2026.		
• Croquet Café & Event Pavilion Opening	Centennial Park	Sat. Aug. 29, 2026
• Sunday Gospel in the Park	Kossie Gardner Park	Sun. Sept. 06, 2026
• Williams Family Picnic	Hadley-Lillard Park Shelter 1	Mon. Sept. 07, 2026
• The Practice Room Global Festival	Hadley-Lillard Park	Sun. Sept. 13, 2026
• Upshot Naming Day	Centennial Park	Sat. Sept. 19, 2026
• National COVID Remembrance Walk 2026	Wasioto Park	Sat. Sept. 19, 2026
• Foster Friendly Antioch Launch	Southeast Park	Sat. Oct. 03, 2026
• Litvinov Wedding	Centennial Park	Sat. Oct. 24, 2026
• Greater Faith Movie Night w/Community	Watkins Park	Fri. Oct.30, 2026
• Family Reunion 2026	Hadley-Lillard Park	Sat. Oct. 31, 2026
• Nashville Turkey Trot 5K	Two Rivers Park	Thu. Nov. 26, 2026
• Kidsville Family Play Day	Centennial Park	Sat. Feb. 13, 2027
• Juneteenth Celebration	Fort Negley Park	Sat. June 19, 2027

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

• Night Light	Wasioto Park	8/27, 8/28, 9/17, 9/18, 10/8, & 10/9/2026
• Sunflowers at Sunset	Shelby Park	Thu. Sept. 03, 2026
• Draft Kings Tailgate	Riverfront Park	Sun. Sept. 13, 2026
• Jack's Pumpkin Pop-Up	Riverfront Park	Sept 25-Nov. 01, 2026
• Artsville	Walk of Fame Park	Fri. Sept. 25, 2026
• Kidsville Family Festival	Centennial Park	Sat. Sept. 26, 2026
• Eastwood Fall Festival	Eastland Park	Sat. Oct. 03, 2026
• Ramsey & Thornton Wedding	Edwin Warner Park	Sat. Oct. 17, 2026
• Jack Frost Christmas Pop-Up	Riverfront Park	Nov. 18-Jan. 10, 2027
• Nashville Earth Day	Centennial Park	Sat. Apr. 17, 2027
• St. Jude Rock 'n' Roll Running Series Nashville	Riverfront & Shelby Park	Sat. Apr. 24, 2027
• Musicians Corner	Centennial Park	5/14, 5/15, 5/21, 5/22, 5/28, 05/29, 05/30, 06/04, 06/05, 06/11, 06/12/2027

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

• Magic's Family Fun Day	Hadley-Lillard Park	Sun. Aug.30, 2026
• 9 to 5K	Tony Rose Park	Fri. Sept 04, 2026
• Nashville Cares AIDS Walk	Metro Center Greenway	Sat. Sept. 26, 2026
• Nashville Recovery Run	Shelby Park; Cornelia Fort Airpark	Sat. Oct. 10, 2026
• Kickbalz to EndALZ	Edwin Warner Park	Sat. Oct. 17, 2026
• 7 th Annual Fit Crawl 2 Fight Breast Cancer	Rose Park	Sat. Oct. 31, 2026
• Harpeth Hills Flying Monkeys Half Marathon	Percy Warner Park	Sun. Nov. 15, 2026
• Thin Mint Sprint	Shelby/Cornelia Fort Airpark loop	Sat. Mar. 06, 2027
• Nashville Women's Triathlon	Centennial Park	Sun. May 16, 2027
• Book Bus Birthday Bash	Centennial Park	Sat. June 12, 2027
• Music City July 4 th 5K	Centennial Park	Sun. July 04, 2027
• Godspell by the Nashville School of Arts	Centennial Park	Nov. 05 – Nov. 08,2027

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FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- HCA Healthcare Nonprofit Mingle Centennial Park Wed. Sept. 30, 2026

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Colors of Shelby Art Show Patron Party Shelby Park Wed. Oct. 21, 2026

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Thursday Night Done Right at Eastpoint Wasioto Park 9/22, 10/22, 11/12/2026
- Music City Food & Wine Festival Centennial Park Apr. 23-Apr. 25, 2027
- Shakespeare in the Park Centennial Park 08/19, 08/20, 08/21, 08/22, 08/26, 08/27, 08/28, 08/29, 09/02, 09/03, 09/04, 09/05, 09/06, 09/09, 09/10, 09/11, 09/12, 09/16, 09/17, 09/18, 09/19/2027

IX. NEW BUSINESS

08-26-02

BOARD ACCEPTS AN IN-KIND GRANT FROM THE CENTENNIAL PARK CONSERVANCY VALUED AT \$50,000 TO FUND AN ENHANCED SCOPE WITHIN THE CURRENT CENTENNIAL PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Ms. Mayes, and following discussion, the Board accepted an in-kind grant valued at \$50,000 to fund an enhanced scope within the current Centennial Park revitalization project. The grant will provide upgraded sod for the lawn area adjacent to the Croquet Café. No funds will be transferred to Metro Parks, and no match or other obligation is required from Metro Parks. Council District 21.

08-26-03

BOARD APPROVES THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT PAVILION FEE STRUCTURE AND JOINT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Ms. Hudson Pell, and following discussion, the Board approved the Centennial Park Event Pavilion Fee Structure and Joint Management Plan. The proposed Metro Parks/Centennial Park Conservancy partnership establishes an operational framework and fee structure for the new \$4 million Event Pavilion that prioritizes equitable public access, professional event management, and sustainable funding for the ongoing maintenance and stewardship of the Pavilion and Centennial Park. The Joint Management Plan authorizes CPC to manage Event Pavilion rentals in coordination with Metro Parks, subject to existing Metro Parks policies and required Parks Board approvals. The fee structure and any future adjustments will remain subject to Metro Parks and the Parks Board's review and approval, as applicable, per Policy 1000.2 Section 6. Council District 21.

08-26-04

NASHVILLE PARKS FOUNDATION REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A CASH GRANT OF \$2,500 TO SUPPORT THE PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE GOLF PROGRAM AT HARPETH HILLS AND PERCY WARNER GOLF COURSES WAS WITHDRAWN.

08-26-05

BOARD APPROVES FRIENDS OF MILL RIDGE PARK'S REQUEST FOR A FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION OF ITS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FUNDRAISING AUTHORIZATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FARM AT MILL RIDGE PARK, EXTENDING THE AUTHORIZATION THROUGH 2032.

Upon a motion by Ms. Mayes, seconded by Mr. Henley, and following discussion, the Board approved Friends of Mill Ridge Park's request for a five-year extension of its previously approved fundraising authorization for implementation of The Farm at Mill Ridge Park, extending through 2032. The Farm is a planned educational and interpretive farm experience centered around The Barn at Mill Ridge Park. No financial or operational obligation is required from Metro Parks. Council District 32.

08-26-06

BOARD ACCEPTS AN IN-KIND GRANT OF \$ 5,500 FROM GROW ENRICHMENT TO REBUILD THE SAND PLAY AREA AT THE NATURE PLAYGROUND LOCATED AT THE GROW SITE IN TWO RIVERS PARK

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Ms. Hudson Pell, and following discussion, the Board accepted an in-kind grant of \$5,500 from GROW Enrichment to rebuild the Sand Play Area at the Nature Playground located at the GROW Site in Two Rivers Park. The project will enhance safety, durability, accessibility, and opportunities for nature-based play and environmental education for children, families, and community groups. No Metro Parks funding is required, as all materials, labor, and ongoing maintenance will be provided by GROW Enrichment. The project has been coordinated with Metro Parks staff and GROW Enrichment will continue working with staff on project planning, materials, scheduling, and required approvals prior to the start of construction. Council District 15.

08-26-07

BOARD APPROVES DEDICATED CONSERVATION GREENWAY EASEMENT ALONG CUMBERLAND RIVER CONSERVING 1.62 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE AND EXPANDING THE CUMBERLAND RIVER GREENWAY ON THE EAST BANK AT RIVER NORTH AT ORACLE CAMPUS SOUTH

Board approved staff's request of a dedicated Conservation Greenway Easement on property at 2171 WATERSIDE DR, (Map and Parcel 08206010200) as part of the Cumberland River Greenway. This greenway easement will conserve 1.62 acres of open space and expand the Cumberland River Greenway on the East Bank at River North at Oracle Campus South. The easement dedication is a result of the River North Urban Design Overlay District. This easement will provide conservation of open space and greenway right-of-way and expand public access to the Cumberland River Greenway, which is consistent with plans outlined in Plan to Play 2026. Council District 5.

08-26-08

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST FOR THE TRANSFER OF LAND OF APPROXIMATELY 298.20 ACRES ADJACENT TO BEAMAN PARK FOR PARK EXPANSION AND CONSERVATION PURPOSES FROM THE CONSERVATION FUND TO METRO PARKS TO THE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

Board deferred staff's request for the transfer of land of approximately 298.20 acres adjacent to Beaman Park for park expansion and conservation purposes from The Conservation Fund to Metro Parks to the Acquisition Committee. The property, located along Bull Run Road and bordering the park's southern boundary, will provide emergency park access and support the preservation of significant open space. Metro's contribution toward this acquisition is \$1,000,000, using funds previously appropriated to Metro Parks through the FY2026 Capital Budget for this purpose. Council District 1.

08-26-09

BOARD APPROVES RENEWAL LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) FOR THE USE OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE I-440 RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PHASE I OF THE I-440 GREENWAY

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Ms. Hudson Pell, and following discussion, the Board approved a renewal license agreement with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) for the use of property within the I-440 right-of-way for Phase I of the I-440 Greenway. The agreement will allow Metro Parks to continue operating and maintaining the existing greenway trail segment between West End Avenue and Park Plaza in accordance with the original license agreement approved under BL2016-313. Council Districts 21 and 24.

08-26-10

BOARD APPROVES PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1508 3RD AVE. NORTH AND ADJACENT PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH ON THE WEST SIDE OF 2ND AVENUE NORTH.

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Ms. Mayes, and following discussion, the Board approved staff's request for a Participation Agreement on property located at 1508 3rd Ave. North (Map and Parcel 8205012700) and adjacent property located south of the parcel and north of Map and Parcel 08205017300 on the west side of 2nd Avenue North. The agreement will provide for landscaping enhancements and ongoing maintenance along the south side of the Magdeburg Greenway. Council District 19.

08-26-11

BOARD APPROVES WE LOVE POP UPS/OPRYLAND ENTERTAINMENT'S REQUEST TO HOST EVENTS AT THE GREEN AT RIVERFRONT PARK IN 2026 AND 2027, WITH APPROVAL FOR AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL SALES

Upon a motion by Ms. Hudson Pell, seconded by Mr. Henley, and following discussion, the Board approved We Love Pop Ups/Opryland Entertainment's request to host events at The Green at Riverfront Park in 2026 and 2027. Approval is requested for amplification and alcohol sales and consumption for the following events:

Jack's Pumpkin Pop-Up – September 25- November 1, 2026

Jack Frost Christmas Pop-Up – November 18, 2026- January 10, 2027

Applicant will be responsible for all costs associated with hosting the events, including all Metro Parks event fees. The event will be hosted with assistance from the Nashville Downtown Partnership. Council District 19.

08-26-12

METRO PARKS PLANNING AND FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT DIVISION REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE BLUECROSS HEALTHY PLACES GRANT VALUED AT UP TO \$2,000,000 WAS WITHDRAWN.

X. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent of Community Affairs, presented an overview of its communications, media relations, social media, website management, volunteer engagement, special events, and constituent services efforts. Metro Parks received extensive media coverage on major initiatives, including Fort Negley Phase I, storm recovery efforts, the Old Hickory Community Center grand opening, Parks and Recreation Month, and the Beaman Park expansion.

Social media and digital engagement continued to grow, with significant increases in followers and newsletter subscribers. The Metro Parks website remains one of the most visited departmental sites on Nashville.gov, with the Centennial Sportsplex, Wave Country, golf courses, Centennial Park, and the Parthenon among the most frequently viewed pages.

Ms. Jones also highlighted successful community events, including the Old Hickory Community Center grand opening, the Beaman Park expansion announcement, and the Celebrate Greenways Trail Safety campaign. The Mariposa Park grand opening has been rescheduled for August 22, 2026. Ms. Jones noted that targeted social media content and video storytelling have contributed to increased public engagement and awareness of Metro Parks programs and services.

FRIENDS OF FORT NEGLEY PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Mr. Ben Eagles, Chair of the Board for Friends of Fort Negley, provided the organization's annual update and expressed appreciation to Metro Parks staff for their ongoing stewardship and support of the park, and highlighted progress on Phase I of the Fort Negley Master Plan, which included new trails, interpretive features, and a two-acre memorial lawn designed to enhance both recreation and historical education, noting that these improvements will enhance both recreational opportunities and public understanding of the site's history while making the park more accessible to a broader audience.

The Friends of Fort Negley continues to support educational programs, historical reenactments, lectures, research efforts, and community engagement activities throughout the year. Mr. Eagles also noted the organization's financial stability, support for Juneteenth programming, and ongoing efforts to preserve and expand the park's historical resources.

Additional updates included ongoing partnerships with educational institutions, support for new programming initiatives, and progress toward incorporating adjacent historic property into the park. Mr. Eagles concluded by expressing excitement about the park's anticipated reopening next spring and a forthcoming publication highlighting the history of Fort Negley and its significance to Nashville.

NASHVILLE PARKS FOUNDATION PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Ms. Jane Grimes Meneely, Executive Director of Nashville Parks Foundation, introduced herself and expressed appreciation for the strong partnership and support provided by Metro Parks staff. She highlighted several recent accomplishments, including the completion of the new McCabe Park Playground, which was funded through a successful partnership with the Friends of McCabe Group and community fundraising efforts.

Ms. Meneely reported that the Foundation secured a \$200,000 grant to complete Phase II of the Watkins All-Wheel Park, with construction expected to begin this fall. She also announced the award of an additional \$300,000 grant for improvements at a Metro Parks community center, with details to be released at a later date. Other initiatives include pursuing grant opportunities for community center improvements, supporting enhancements at Elmington Park, and expanding partnerships with neighborhood groups seeking assistance with park projects.

Ms. Meneely noted that the Foundation recently completed a strategic plan focused on aligning fundraising and project support with Metro Parks priorities. In 2025, the Nashville Parks Foundation invested more than \$200,000 in Metro Parks projects and programs, including community center programming, Watkins All-Wheel Park, and the McCabe Playground. Over the past decade, the Foundation has invested nearly \$3 million in Metro Parks through grants and in-kind support.

Ms. Meneely concluded by inviting Board members to attend the Foundation's fifth annual Picnic for the Parks fundraiser, which will support improvements at Morgan Park and Parkwood Park.

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XI. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATES– JOE STOVALL

1ST + Gay-Park

Working on BIS submittal to Procurement

Centennial –Phase Three

- Awarded to R.C Matthews. Grand opening Aug. 29, 2026, at 10am

Centennial-Master Plan Update

- Will begin after Phase III is completed.

Fort Negley -Master Plan, Phase One

- Awarded to R.C Matthews, Site work in progress. Lower site area is being graded and memorial wall has started. Upper Fort area work started on 01JUNE26. Project Completion Spring 2027

Madison Station Park

- Design completed. No construction phase funding currently.

Mill Ridge Phase II

- Awarded to Bulley-Andrews/Rock City. Site work to start in June/July 2027

Mill Ridge Phase III

- Planning/Design to start soon.

Richland Park Library

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

Shelby Naval Building

- On Hold
- In Design, ready for BID Spring 27

Parks Board Room/building upgrades

- In Design, ready for BID end of Aug.

Ted Rhoades Golf Maintenance Complex

- In design

Trinity Hills Phase I

- Site work has started. Completion Fall 2026.

Two Rivers- Mansion Events Center

- Design complete. No construction phase funding currently.

West Park Community Center Design

- In Design, ready for BID Spring 2027

Wharf Park

- The site is secure and monitored. NO current funding for design or construction.

Watkins Park- skate Park Phase II w/NPF

- NPF working on finalizing design and developing site work schedule

RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Old Hickory Community Center
- Harpeth Hills Golf-safety repairs and golf cart storage solution.
- IDIQ 5-year A/E firm contract
- Ravenwood Restroom building
- McCabe playground upgrade/renovations
- Mariposa Park

XII. GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE UPDATE- FRANCOIS de KOCK

METRO-FUNDED GREENWAY PROJECTS

Opry Mills Connector Greenway

- Temporary license agreement for construction of the greenway with Simon Group was approved by Metro Council.
- Coordination with TDOT regarding ROW certification is ongoing.

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

- Project is in the procurement phase.
- Project will be awarded in August

440 Greenway Sevier Park to Browns Creek Park

- Project is currently in its final design and permitting phase.
- Design charrette was held to finalize design of the trail head and other details.

Charlotte Corridor Rail with Greenway

- Coordination for easement acquisition along the project corridor with stakeholders is ongoing.

Whites Creek Greenway at Hartman Park

- Project is in 60% Design development phase
- On active hold to review the new proposal associated with the new IDIQ contract.

Siegenthaler Bridge Connector

- The Greenways team is collaborating with the Planning department and the design-built team for the design of the bridge connector between the Siegenthaler Bridge and the greenways along the east bank of the Cumberland River.
- This project is on a fast track to ensure completion prior to the Super Bowl coming to Nashville.

PRIVATELY FUNDED GREENWAY PROJECTS

Richland Creek Greenway- Belle Meade Village

- The project includes the private construction and maintenance of approximately 0.26 miles of greenway from Harding Pike to the existing greenway bridge at N. Kenner Ave. Construction is anticipated to be completed in the last quarter of 2028.
- No activity

Harpeth River Greenway Ariza Bellevue

The project includes the private construction of a greenway connection from the terminus at Morton Mill Road to an existing pedestrian bridge that accesses Harpeth River Park and connections to a future park development on land donated by Dorothy Cate and Thomas F. Frist Foundation.

- Ongoing reviews and edits to a construction and crossing agreement between Metro, CSXT, and the developer.
- The Stormwater Management Commission approved a variance for the vehicular bridge and another for the greenway construction along the Harpeth River under a CSXT bridge.
- The land dedication from the State to Metro Parks was deferred by the Parks Board to the Acquisition Committee

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CRG Modera Nations

The project includes the private construction and maintenance of a 0.12-mile greenway segment along the Cumberland River including landscaping, lighting, furniture, and adjacent art installations.

- The greenway is under construction and currently spans just under half the total length of the greenway
- Mid-August is targeted for inspection.

CRG River North at North Oracle South

The project includes the private construction and maintenance of a 0.17-mile greenway segment along the east bank of the Cumberland River and features two river berths/overlooks.

- The Conservation Greenway easement was filed for the Parks Board's August meeting, the Mandatory Referral process is underway, and Council legislation was filed.
- Greenways is working with General Services to schedule an ADA inspection.

Pennington Bend- Pennington Mills

The project includes the private development of a 0.29-mile greenway segment in a new residential development. A final inspection needs to be performed.

- In process

CRG The Bend

The project included the private development of a 0.97-mile greenway segment with a trailhead at its southern terminus at McGavock Pike near Riverside Drive.

- The final site plan is under review.

CRG at Stockyard 900 1st Avenue North

The project includes the private redevelopment and maintenance of a greenway segment in conjunction with a new construction project.

- In process

Osage Arbor at Broadmoor Trail-oriented Development

The project includes the private design, construction, and maintenance of the greenway in a trail-oriented development. The greenway trail will be in Conservation Greenway Easements

- In process

Greenway Trailhead Upgrades

The project is funded by a grant from Greenways for Nashville.

- The sign panels to replace two signs at Frankie Pierce Park were approved and the signs were ordered.
- The next designs and installations will take place on and near the Cumberland River Greenway (including replacement sign at the Abberly Trailhead and new signage at R.H. Boyd-Preston Taylor Park). This grouping of 6-8 total signs is expected to be fully completed by June 2027 at the latest.
- Following Cumberland River Greenway and associated trailheads, the next named priority is Peeler Park, expected to start in fall/winter 2026.

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GREENWAY EASEMENT AND OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS

Richland Creek Greenway White Bridge Trailhead to St. Thomas Hospital

- Easement is a condition of SP approval of new Harding Town development.

Harpeth River Greenway at Ariza Bellevue Easement Dedication

- Working with developer to file for Park Board's August or September agenda.

Harpeth River Greenway at Ariza Bellevue TDOT Excess ROW Dedication

- Heard by Parks Board its 1st reading and deferred to the Acquisition Committee.

The Bend Greenway easement dedication

- In process.

Harpeth River Greenway at Newsom Station easement dedication

- Passed on 1st reading by Council

Osage Arbor at Broadmoor Trail-Oriented Development easement dedications

- In mandatory referral process.

Beaman Park

- The Conservation Fund (TCF) is in the process of finalizing the purchase of an approximate 298.21-acre parcel of land adjoining Beaman Park that will be transferred to Metro once acquisition by TCF is complete. This donation will allow for the conservation of vital open space in the county, expansion of Beaman Park, and comply with the goals set out in Plan to Play.

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 Fort Negley.

- Conservation easement is in development and when completed, the Trust will deed the property to Metro.

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XIII. AUGUST UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS- JACKIE JONES

1. Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Richland Park
Faith Henry Wedding, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park
Urban Runoff 5K, 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Shelby Park
Armstrong Family Reunion, 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park
Carter Lawrence Elementary Back to School Bash, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Rose Park
2026 Big Band Dance, 7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., Centennial Art Center Parking Lot
Kollective Nashville Member Event, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Dudley Park
The Gleaves 1st Annual Back to School Bash, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., McFerrin Park
2. Sunday Gospel in the Park, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Kossie Gardner Park
Back to School Bash, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Madison Park
4. Back to School Bash, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Richland Park
12th South Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Sevier Park
6. Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park
8. Come Together Day, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Hadley 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
Margaret Maddox YMCA Tomato 5K, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., East Park
2026 Big Band Dance, 7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., Centennial Park Parthenon
Khaaliq 8th Birthday, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Ravenwood Park
Makers Market, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Riverfront Park
Corlew Family Cookout, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park
Back to School Bash, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Watkins Park
9. Grand Chain Family Reunion, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Ravenwood Park
11. 12th South Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Sevier Park
13. Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park
14. FOWP Full Moon Pickin Party, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park

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- Friends of Mill Ridge Outside Cinema, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park
- Evangelism Ministry Night, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Coleman Park
- Gallery Opening Reception, 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Centennial Art Center
- 15.** Skateville USA Cookout, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Ravenwood Park
- Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Richland Park
- Hardwin Adventures Run Series, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Cornelia Fort Airpark
- Northside Reunion, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Buena Vista Park
- 2026 Big Band Dance, 7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., Centennial Park Parthenon
- 16.** Peterson Wedding, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Centennial Park
- Jazz on the Cumberland, 2:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Wasioto Park
- 18.** 12th South Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Sevier Park
- FNP: Nashville Civil War Roundtable, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Fort Negley Park
- 19.** MNPS Middle School Cross Country Meet, 4:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., Percy Warner Park
- 20.** Shakespeare in the Park - "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" Performances, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Centennial Park Bandshell
- MBA Cross Country Meet, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park
- Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park
- 21.** Shakespeare in the Park - "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" Performances, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Centennial Park Bandshell
- 22.** Shakespeare in the Park - "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" Performances, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Centennial Park Bandshell
- Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Richland Park
- South Nashville Reunion Picnic, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park
- Summer Sizzler Run, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., Heartland Park
- Brewers Fest, 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Walk of Fame Park
- Cornelia Fort Airpark Concert, 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Cornelia Fort Airpark
- LakeFest 2026, Percy Warner Park
- 23.** Shakespeare in the Park - "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" Performances, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Centennial Park Bandshell

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25. Melissa Sharpe & Erik Bruns Wedding Reception, 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., McCabe Park
12th South Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Sevier Park
26. MNPS Middle School Cross Country Meet, 4:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., Percy Warner Park
MBA Cross Country Meet, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park
27. Shakespeare in the Park - "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" Performances, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Centennial Park Bandshell
NightLight – Movies, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m., Wasioto Park
Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park
28. Shakespeare in the Park - "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" Performances, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Centennial Park Bandshell
Vanderbilt Cross Country Meet, 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park
NightLight – Movies, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m., Wasioto Park
29. Shakespeare in the Park - "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" Performances, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Centennial Park Bandshell
Harris Family Reunion, 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park
Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Richland Park
GO2 for Lung Cancer, 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Centennial Park
TSU John Merritt Classic, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., Hadley Park
30. Shakespeare in the Park - "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" Performances, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Centennial Park Bandshell

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XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

- Director Odom provided an overview of current department operations and future planning efforts, noting that Metro Parks remains in its busiest season while continuing to manage programs, facilities, maintenance, special events, and capital projects. Preliminary discussions have begun with Metro Finance regarding the FY27 Capital Spending Plan, with a focus on maintaining existing assets while making strategic investments in facilities, infrastructure, and recreation opportunities.
- Director Odom highlighted the pending acquisition of nearly 300 acres adjacent to Beaman Park, describing it as a significant conservation opportunity that will expand protected natural areas and preserve valuable environmental resources. She also announced the rescheduled Mariposa Park grand opening on August 22 and noted that the park has already become a popular community gathering space.
- Enrollment is underway for the department's after-school programs, which serve thousands of children and support working families throughout Davidson County.
- Director Odom recognized Glen Adkins for receiving the 2026 Beacon of Inclusion Award from Empower Tennessee and congratulated Alan Hibbler on being named a 2026 Nashville Athena Award nominee.
- Additional updates included the reopening of the Parthenon following HVAC and lighting improvements, the return of the Nashville Shakespeare Festival to Centennial Park on August 22, and the grand opening of the new Centennial Park Event Pavilion and Croquet Café on August 29.
- Director Odom concluded by thanking Metro Parks staff for their dedication and service to the community

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

Ms. Cheryl Mayes shared the Metro Nashville Public Schools would resume classes on August 11, 2026. Board members and the public were encouraged to exercise caution as school buses return to the roads and students begin traveling to and from school. Special attention was requested for school zones and pedestrian safety during the start of the new school year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Monique Horton Odom, Director

Mr. Shan Foster, Chairperson