

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 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, February 3, 2026, at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were Dr. Michelle Steele, Mr. Pete DeLay, Mr. Edward Henley III, Mr. Shan Foster and Ms. Alice Hudson Pell. Board members not present: Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes, and 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 JANUARY 6, 2026, APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay and seconded by Mr. Foster, the January 6, 2026, meeting minutes were approved.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Gail Garrison requested to address the Parks Board regarding the allotment of ice time at the Centennial Sportsplex and the interim permit for City Skate. The topic was not germane to the agenda and therefore was not heard. Ms. Garrison was referred to Parks staff for assistance.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

11-25-08

LEGACY SOUTH LLC WITHDRAWS REQUEST FOR A DEDICATED STORMWATER SEWER EASEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATED WITH STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

At the request of the applicant, this item was withdrawn from Board consideration. Legacy South LLC withdrew its request for approval of a dedicated stormwater sewer easement to construct associated stormwater infrastructure across Reservoir Park. The proposed work included installation of new storm lines rerouting an existing storm line. Council District 17.

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01-26-04

BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT FROM THE NASHVILLE CONVENTION & VISITORS CORPORATION (NCVC), OF A DOUBLE-SIDED LIGHTED SIGN TO BE INSTALLED IN WALK OF FAME PARK VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$12,500

Upon a motion by Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Foster, and following discussion, the Board accepted an in-kind grant from The Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation's (NCVC) valued at \$12,500 to install a double-sided lighted sign in the Walk of Fame Park. The sign, intended to enhance the visitor experience, will include a QR code linking visitors to digital content highlighting inductees' connections to Nashville. The NCVC will provide the sign, coordinate installation with Metro Parks, and cover all future maintenance of the sign through the Nashville Downtown Partnership. Metro Parks reserves the right to remove the sign should it become necessary. Council District 19.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

02-26-01

BOARD APPROVES FEBRUARY 2026 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Henley, and following discussion including Director Odom's notification that The *Valentine's Day Jazz Picnic* previously scheduled for February 14, 2026, at Walk of Fame Park had been cancelled, the February 2026 Consent agenda was approved.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

• Beard Family Picnic	Cane Ridge Park	Sat. July 11, 2026
• Story Stroll and Cookout	Mill Ridge Park	Sat. Mar. 14, 2026
• OUTLAST Nashville	Bells Bend Park	Sat. Mar. 14, 2026
• New Day Church Easter Egg Hunt	Red Caboose Park	Sat. Apr. 04, 2026
• Moon Move	Two Rivers Park	Sun. Apr. 05, 2026
• Midtown 125 Easter Sunrise Service	Sevier Park	Sun. Apr. 05, 2026
• NBM Food Festival	Hadley Lillard Park	April 11 & 12, 2026
• Rho Psi Chapter Day Cookout	Hadley Lillard Park	Thu. Apr. 30, 2026
• Wholistic Care Fair	Hadley Lillard Park	Sat. May 30, 2026
• L & O Wedding	Fannie Mae Dees Park	Sat. June 13, 2026
• How to Eat to Live	Hadley Lillard Park	Sat. June 27, 2026
• Metro Parks Big Band Dances 2026	Centennial Park	6/13, 6/20, 7/11 7/25, 08/08, 08/15/2026
• Skateville Music City Skate Cookout	Ravenwood Park	Sat. Aug. 15, 2026
• Nashtravaganza Community Outreach	Coleman Park	Sat. Sept. 05, 2026
• Music City Head Race	East Bank Landing-Wasioto Riverfront	Oct. 30 & 31, 2026

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AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING & ALCOHOL

- Whiskey Run Two Rivers Park Sun. Sept. 20, 2026

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING

- Grow Together 5K Two Rivers Park Sat. May 09, 2026
- Framily 5K for Family, Friends and Fido Mill Ridge Park Sat. May 30, 2026
- Out of the Darkness Walk Centennial Park Sat. Sept. 19, 2026
- Steps Against Melanoma Edwin Warner Park Sat. Sept. 19, 2026

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL

- Richey Ball and Spruill Reunion Mill Ridge Park Fri. July 10, 2026
- Chaney Family Day Mill Ridge Park Sat. July 25, 2026

FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL

- Race Judicata Edwin Warner Park Sat. Oct. 03, 2026

ALCOHOL

- Rogers Rehearsal Dinner Party Percy Warner Park Fri. June 26, 2026

FUNDRAISING

- Kids Join the Fight Founders Day Walk Centennial Park Sat. Feb. 28, 2026
- AHA 5K Run/Walk Rose Park Sat. Mar. 14, 2026
- The Iron Griddle Percy Warner Park Sun. Mar. 15, 2026
- Sasquatchalope Trails Percy Warner Park Sat. Mar. 28, 2026
- Step Forward to Cure TSC Edwin Warner Park Sat. Apr. 18, 2026
- Walk for Epilepsy Shelby Park Sat. Apr. 18, 2026
- Brain Games Relay for Alzheimer's Assoc. Rose Park Sat. May 09, 2026

IX. NEW BUSINESS

02-26-02

STAFF WITHDRAWS THE REQUEST OF PERCY PRIEST YACHT CLUB 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT HAMILTON CREEK MARINA PENDING LEASE RENEWAL WITH THE U.S.CORP OF ENGINEERS

Director Odom advised that this item is withdrawn and staff would notify the applicant to request approval for these events from the U.S. Core of Engineers as the lease renewal for the subject location is currently pending. Council District 13.

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02-26-03

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS TO HOST THE FOLLOWING 2026 EVENTS AT THE TWO RIVERS MANSION AND STONE HALL MANSION WITH A WAIVER OF USAGE FEES, ALCOHOLIC CONSUMPTION AND TO REMAIN IN THE PARK AFTER 11:00 P.M. IF NECESSARY

TWO RIVERS MANSION 2026

Jordan Huffman Council District 14 fundraising event	February 5
Book signing with Don Cusic- Minne Pearl "Howdee"	February 2
Music at the Mansion feat. The Nashville Opera (free)	March 14
Whiskey & Wags at Two Rivers Mansion	March 28
Nashville Cookbook Club	April 26
Evening of Elegance	May 1
Phil the House with Art & Friends	May 3
WMOT Roots on the River Festival	May 30
Spirit of Two Rivers Historic Tour Season starts	June 1- Oct. 31
Movies at the Mansion	June 5
Music at the Mansion feat. The Nashville Symphony (free)	June 6
Paranormal Investigative Event	June 26
Music at the Mansion	July 17
Paranormal Investigative Event	July 31
Movies at the Mansion	Aug. 7
Music at the Mansion	Aug. 8
High Tea at the Mansion	Aug. 15
Paranormal Investigative Event	Aug. 28
Music at the Mansion feat. Two Rivers Comm. Orchestra	Aug. 30
Paranormal Investigative Event	Sept. 11
Music at the Mansion feat. The Moonlighters Big Band	Sept. 19
Movies at the Mansion	Sept. 25
Touch of Brews Music Festival	Sept. 26
Movies at the Mansion 6-7:30pm, 7:45-9:00pm	October
Spirit of Two Rivers Historic Tours "After Dark Edition"	Oct. 16-18
Tennessee Beer, Wine & Shine Festival	Oct. 17
Holiday Historic Tours at Two Rivers	Nov. 25-29
Holiday Historic Tours at Two Rivers	Dec. 6, 11 and 16-20
A Celtic Christmas Concert feat. Sean McNamara & Friends	Dec.13 & 14
Membership Appreciation	Dec. 15

STONE HALL 2026

Gatsby Valentine's Soiree'	Feb. 14
Membership Appreciation	July 16

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X. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

WELLNESS, COMMUNITY RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Mr. Stevon Neloms, Assistant Director of Wellness, Community Recreation & Cultural Arts, presented an annual update noting that the most impactful change to community recreation this past year was the addition of security guards at community centers, which has greatly improved safety and allowed staff to focus on serving the public. A featured video highlighted the welcoming environment and wide range of amenities offered at centers, as well as the immediate, real-world impact of having trained security personnel on site, including life-saving emergency responses and handling serious incidents that previously fell to recreation staff. Community Centers continue to function as essential spaces beyond recreation, providing services such as warming shelters and community assistance during severe weather. Programming has continued to grow, including after-school and summer enrollment, meal programs, and the R.E.S.T.O.R.E. Academy partnership. Staff were recognized with multiple TRPA awards for excellence and leadership. The Old Hickory Community Center is set to open in March as the department's 11th regional center, after maintaining youth services in the area throughout construction. Despite significant facility challenges and closures, Cultural Arts staff successfully relocated programs, upgraded spaces, launched new initiatives, and ensured uninterrupted access to visual arts, dance, music, and theater programming across the city.

FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Jeff Syracuse, President of Friends of Two Rivers, presented an annual update, providing a recap of 2025 and outlook, noting that the year was one of the most challenging due to the closure of Two Rivers Mansion for major exterior restoration. The project was completed successfully, resulting in the best exterior condition in the mansion's history and well-attended grand reopening in August. Despite ongoing minor work and plumbing assessments, organizational growth continued, including the successful activation of Stone Hall as a second site and expanded educational and cultural programming. Planning continues for the proposed Two Rivers Cultural and **Education Center, with a focus on long-term sustainability and increased public engagement.** The 2026 calendar includes the organization's most diverse and ambitious programming to date, along with new fundraising and sponsorship initiatives. Financial updates reflected strategic investments during the closure and continued revenue growth, particularly at Stone Hall. The organization expressed appreciation for Board and Parks Department support and reaffirmed its commitment to collaboration and site stewardship.

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XI. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATES– JOE STOVALL

1ST + Gay-Park

- Working with Planning to coordinate starting with FSHQ building project.

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, NTP 02FEB26. Expected 12 mo. Construction timeline.

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

Ravenwood Phase I Bathroom

- Work in progress. Set to open in next 90 days.

Two Rivers-Mansion Events Center

- Design complete. No construction phase funding currently.

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.

Lytle Bend Nature Park

- Final stages of development and signage procurement/installation. Open to the public just after first of the year.

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

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 has been rescheduled and confirmed for 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.

Wharf Park

- Clean-up and fencing are complete. The site is secure, monitored, and locked

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.

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

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 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.

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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

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.

- 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.

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GREENWAY EASEMENT AND OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS UNDERWAY

- Richland Creek Greenway- White Bridge Trailhead to St. Thomas Hospital-
- 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 easement dedication are in process as 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

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

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. FEBRUARY UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS- JACKIE JONES

7. Winter Blues, 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.- Edwin Warner Park
Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00a.m.- noon, Richland Park
Helens Door Music Video, 5:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Centennial Park
14. Kidsville Family Walk, February 14, 10:00 a.m-1:00 p.m., Centennial Park
Cupids Chase 5K, 6:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Shelby Park
FNP: Fossil Finders- RSVP to FortNegley@nashville.gov, Fort Negley Park
Survivor 50th Anniversary Scavenger Hunt, 9:00 a.m., Centennial Park
Sophie Nowak Wedding, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park
21. Lunar New Year- Chinese New Year, 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Centennial Park
28. Tom King Classic, 5:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Shelby Park
Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m.-noon, Richland Park
2026 Kids Join the Fight Founders Day Walk, 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Centennial Park
AHA 5K Run/ Walk, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

- Director Odom reported that FY27 budget submissions, including operating, capital, and revenue requests, are due February 6 and are largely complete, aligned with departmental priorities, and Finance guidance. FY27 is expected to be a tight budget year.
- Additional budget updates will be provided to the Board as the process continues.
- The department is actively responding to winter storm impacts, including significant tree damage and intermittent power outages across the park system.
- Damage assessments are ongoing, and cleanup efforts have begun, with full recovery expected to take months rather than weeks.
- Three warming shelters are currently operating at Bellevue, Southeast, and Madison Community Centers in coordination with the Office of Emergency Management.
- Metro Parks is coordinating with partner departments to establish temporary tree debris staging areas and trash drop-off locations.
- Site work at Fort Negley is scheduled to begin this week, with planning underway for a project kickoff event.
- The reopening of Old Hickory Community Center has been rescheduled for March 21 at 11:00 a.m.

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

None.

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

Monique Horton Odom, Director

Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson