

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING JANUARY 6, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, January 6, 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, and Mr. Shan Foster. Board members not present: Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes, Ms. Cheryl Mayes, and Ms. Alice Hudson Pell. Ms. Macy Amos was present representing Metro Legal.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 2, 2025, APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Delay, and seconded by Mr. Henley the December 2, 2025, meeting minutes were approved.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

11-25-08

ACQUISITION COMMITTEE DEFERS REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR A DEDICATED STORMWATER SEWER EASEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATED WITH STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Upon a motion by Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Henley and following discussion, the Board deferred Legacy South LLC's request for a dedicated stormwater sewer easement and request to construct associated stormwater infrastructure across Reservoir Park. The proposed work includes installation of new storm lines and the rerouting of an existing storm line. Council District 17.

12-25-04

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF A DEDICATED CONSERVATION GREENWAY EASEMENT ALONG EARTHMAN FORK CREEK CONSERVING 2.04 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE AND PROVIDING FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE WHITES CREEK GREENWAY NETWORK

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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 0 WHITES CREEK PIKE, WHITES CREEK, TN. 37189, Map and Parcel #03000006800, along Earthman Fork Creek. This greenway easement will conserve 2.01 acres of open space and provide for future expansion of the Whites Creek Greenway network. The easement dedication was a condition of the Planning Commission's approval of the final plat for 0 Whites Creek Pike, 2025S-154-001. Council District 1.

12-25-05

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF A DEDICATED CONSERVATION GREENWAY EASEMENT ALONG DRY FORK CREEK CONSERVING 2.39 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE AND PROVIDING FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE STONES RIVER/STONERS CREEK/DRY FORK CREEK GREENWAY NETWORK

Upon a motion Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Henley and following discussion, the Board approved staff's request for a dedicated Conservation Greenway Easement on property at 0 KEMP DR. HERMITAGE, TN. 37076, Map and Parcel 08700020300, along Dry Fork Creek. This greenway easement will conserve 2.39 acres of open space and provide for future expansion of the Stones River/Stoners Creek/Dry Fork Creek greenway network. The easement dedication was a condition of the Planning Commission's approval of the final plat for Overlook at Aaron's Cress, Phase 3, 2025S-096-001. Council District 12.

12-25-06

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF A DEDICATED CONSERVATION GREENWAY EASEMENT ALONG THE HARPETH RIVER CONSERVING 2.40 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE AND PROVIDING FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE HARPETH RIVER GREENWAY NETWORK

Upon a motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Henley and following discussion, the Board approved the staff's request for a dedicated Conservation Greenway Easement on property at 0 MCCRORY LN. NASHVILLE, TN. 37221, Map and Parcel 12600015500, along the Harpeth River. This greenway easement will conserve 2.40 acres of open space and provide for future expansion of the Harpeth River Greenway. The easement dedication was a condition of the Planning Commission's approval of the final plat for Harpeth Overlook, 2024S-083-004. Design documents are available for review at the Parks Administrative Offices at 511 Oman Street. Council District 35.

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VII. OLD BUSINESS (cont'd)

12-25-07

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF A DEDICATED CONSERVATION GREENWAY EASEMENT CONSERVING 0.61 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE AND PROVIDING FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE CITY CENTRAL GREENWAY NETWORK.

Upon a motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. DeLay, and following discussion, the Board approved staff's request for a dedicated Conservation Greenway Easement on property at 2518 W. HEIMAN ST. NASHVILLE, TN. 37208. Map and Parcel 081000003300. This greenway easement will conserve 0.61 acres of open space and provide for future expansion of the City Central Greenway network. The easement dedication was a condition of the Planning Commission's approval of the final plat for 2404-2518 West Heiman AKA The Lanes, 2022DP-062-002. Council District 21.

12-25-08

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF A PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS CROSSING AGREEMENT WITH CSX TO EXTEND THE HARPETH RIVER GREENWAY PROVIDING FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE HARPETH GREENWAY AND UNDERDEVELOPED PARK LAND

Upon a motion by Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Henley, and following discussion, the Board approved staff's request of a Pedestrian Underpass Crossing Agreement with CSX to extend the Harpeth River Greenway from its current terminus at 1080 MORTON MILL RD. NASHVILLE, TN. 37221, Map and Parcel 141120E04500CO. This license provides for the expansion of the Harpeth River Greenway to Harpeth River Park and undeveloped park land. The connection from the Morton Mill terminus to the existing pedestrian bridge at Harpeth River Park was a condition of Council's approval of the Preliminary SP for Bend at Bellevue AKA Ariza, 2021SP-061-001. Council District 35.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

01-26-01

BOARD APPROVES DECEMBER 2025 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Henley, and following discussion the December 2025 Consent agenda was approved.

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AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • SDA Believers Event | Centennial Park | Sat. Jan. 31, 2026 |
| • Survivor 50 th Anniversary Scavenger Hunt | Centennial Park | Sat. Feb. 14, 2026 |
| • Percy Priest Sprints | Hamilton Creek Park | Fri. Mar. 27, 2026 |
| • One City Family Fun Day | Two Rivers Park & Greenway | Sat. Apr. 04, 2026 |
| • St. Jude Rock n Roll Running Series | Shelby Park | Sat. Apr. 25, 2026 |
| • Walk to End Bladder Cancer | McCabe Park & Greenway | Sat. May 02, 2026 |
| • Stephanie Urbina Jones Honky Tonk Mariachi Cinco de Mayo | Centennial Park | Tue. May 05, 2026 |
| • Handmade Nashville 11 th Annual Spring Arts & Craft Show | Red Caboose Park | Sat. May 09, 2026 |
| • Move! Music City Spring Fun Run | West Park | Mon. May 11, 2026 |
| • TN Market Appreciation Picnic | Shelby Park | Sat. June 13, 2026 |
| • 615 Day Weekend Block Party | Hadley-Lillard Park | Sun. June 14, 2026 |
| • Lyons Family Reunion | Cedar Hill Park | Sat. July 04, 2026 |
| • Kurios Praise | Hadley Park | Sat. July 25, 2026 |
| • Handmade Nashville's 11 th Annual Holiday Market | Red Caboose | Sat. Nov. 28, 2026 |

AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING & ALCOHOL

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| • Green Hills Park Festival | Green Hills Park | Fri. May 30, 2026 |
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AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING

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| • NICE's 1 st Annual Run for Refugees | Shelby Park & Greenway | Fri. May 30, 2026 |
| • International Day of Yoga | Centennial Park | Sat. June 21, 2026 |
| • Nashville Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma Walk | Centennial Park | Fri. June 27, 2026 |
| • GO2 for Lung Cancer Nashville 5K Walk & Run | Centennial Park | Fri. Aug. 29, 2026 |
| • AFSP Out of the Darkness Walk | Centennial Park | Fri. Sept. 19, 2026 |

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL

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| • The Celebrate Nashville Cultural Festival | Centennial Park | Fri. Oct. 03, 2026 |
| • Holiday Village on Historic Jefferson Street | Kossie Gardner Sr. Park | Dec. 05 & Dec. 06, 2026 |

FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL

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| • DPR-B-Que | Centennial Park | Oct. 29 & Oct. 30, 2026 |
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FUNDRAISING

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| • Kesem 5K | Shelby Park & Greenway | Sat. Mar.21, 2026 |
| • Why Not Us Spinal Cord Injury Awareness 5K | Cornelia Fort & Greenway | Sat. Mar. 21, 2026 |

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

01-26-02

BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF A COMMERCIAL ICE MAKER FROM THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$1,500

Upon a motion by Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Foster, and following discussion, the Board accepted a donation of a Summit Commercial Ice Maker valued at \$1,500 from The Friends of Two Rivers, to be installed at Stone Hall (Model No. BIM44G and Serial No. 2201140068.) This donation will help facilitate efforts to activate Stone Hall for event rentals. The Friends of Two Rivers will be responsible for installation and maintenance of the ice maker. Council District 15.

01-26-03

BOARD ACCEPTS CASH GRANT FROM THE HILLSBORO-WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD OF APPROXIMATELY \$5,500 TO FUND THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR COSTS OF THE MOSAIC “SEA SERPENT” AT FANNIE MAE DEES PARK

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. DeLay, and following discussion, the Board accepted a cash grant, of approximately \$5,500 to fund the annual maintenance and repair costs of the mosaic “Sea Serpent” sculpture (commonly referred to as “the dragon”) at Fannie Mae Dees Park in 2026. The work will be completed by Art Up under an existing maintenance agreement. This grant requires no financial obligation from Metro Parks. Council District 18.

01-26-04

BOARD DEFERS THE REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE CONVENTION & VISITORS CORPORATION (NCVC) TO INSTALL A DOUBLE-SIDED LIGHTED SIGN TO ENHANCE THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE VALUED AT \$12,500 IN WALK OF FAME PARK TO THE SIGNAGE COMMITTEE

The request of The Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation (NCVC) to install a double-sided lighted sign, valued at \$12,500 in Walk of Fame Park was deferred. 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. Council District 19.

X. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

CONSOLIDATED MAINTENANCE PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Mr. Phil Luckett, Assistant Director of Consolidated Maintenance introduced three members of his team who were present and contribute significantly to operations. Mark Watkins, who oversees grounds, Jackie McKinley, who oversees the Mechanical section and William Manuel, who oversees Structures and Custodial. Mr. Luckett expressed appreciation for their presence and leadership.

Mr. Luckett provided an update on Consolidated Maintenance operations, highlighting the implementation of two major systems: CAL, a new digital work order system integrated with Hub Nashville, and CPMS, Metro's capital project tracking system. Since CAL launched in June, the Maintenance Division completed over 7,200 work orders, significantly improving efficiency and accountability.

His report outlined major accomplishments across the park system, including paving improvements that raised the Parks Pavement Condition Index from 64 (fair) to 77 (good) and reduced poor/failed pavement from 27% to 11%. Numerous projects were completed, such as court resurfacing and lighting upgrades, greenway boardwalk reconstruction at Stones River, restroom replacements at Two Rivers Park, pool facility improvements, roofing replacements, HVAC upgrades and ADA improvements at community centers.

Mr. Luckett concluded by announcing the retirement of William Manuel, a 25-year Parks employee and key leader within Consolidated Maintenance, expressing appreciation for his years of service.

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XI. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATES– JOE STOVALL

1ST + Gay-Park

- Ready to BID. Working with Planning to coordinate with FD HQ site work, hope to BID after the first of the year. Construction starting SRING26.

Cedar Hill Park – Miracle League Field

- Noticed received that we were not chosen for this round of funding.

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 to start in 02FEB26.

Harpeth Hills Golf- storage solution and CH safety repairs

- Site work in progress, completion FEB/MAR26

Ravenwood Phase I Bathroom

- Work in progress. Set to open JAN26

Two Rivers-Mansion Events Center

- Design complete. No construction phase funding currently.

RECENT COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Timothy-Bordeaux Park Mayors PB Project
- Hartmann Restrooms
- Shelby-Davidson St. Riverbank stabilization and Davidson Road-road slide repair and repave.

Antioch Park Mayors PB Project

- Complete. Remaining closed until spring 26 with fencing to ensure grass growth.

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 APR/MAY26

Mill Ridge Phase II

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

Old Hickory - Community Center

Grand opening event postponed due to site and unforeseen delays. Working to reschedule for some time in MARCH.

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 always locked.

XII. GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE UPDATE-CINDY HARRISON

METRO-FUNDED GREENWAY PROJECTS

Charlotte Corridor Rail with Greenway

- Developing Easement agreement with Cheatham County Rail Authority for use of a portion of their land.
- Working to procure additional greenway easements and open space from adjacent private property owners.

440 Greenway Sevier Park to Brown's Creek Park

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

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

- Project is ready for bidding.

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).

Opry Mills Connector

- 1 Mile connection along the Cumberland River from the Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge to Opry Mills Mall. TAP Grant Application has been submitted.

Green Property Acquisition at Ft. Negley

- Metro was awarded an American Battlefield Protection Program Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant for the acquisition of land on Bass Street directly adjacent to Ft. Negley.
- The American Battlefield Trust closed in the property on November 1, 2024. Conservation easements are in development. Trust will deed the property to Metro in 2025.

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PRIVATELY FUNDED GREENWAY PROJECTS

Richland Creek Greenway-Belle Meade Plaza

- 2 Greenway Conservation Easement Agreements are being 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

XII. GREENWAYS UPDATE (cont'd)

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, the greenway trail and trailheads, site furniture and lighting.
- This is a 3-year development buildout and once accepted by Park's staff, the greenway will be maintained in perpetuity with 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 in progress
- 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.

Cumberland River Greenway at 2nd and VanBuren

- This project has paused.
- Richland Creek Greenway-White Bridge Trailhead to St. Thomas Hospital**

- New extension will be part of Harding Town development
- The associated development has paused.

Cumberland River Greenway (CRG) at Modera Germantown

- This project is complete

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.

XII. GREENWAYS UPDATE (cont'd)

CRG at River North

- Design, construction and maintenance of Greenway Trail by Oracle

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 at McGavock
- Final Site Plan in review

CRG At Stockyard 900 1st Avenue North

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

Centennial Park connector at West End Ave

- Miles TBD
- Design concept under review

Osage Orange at Broadmoor Trail-orientated 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 segment is complete. Mill Creek Greenway, Richland Creek Greenway and Seven Mile 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.
- Richland Creek Greenway at Belle Meade Plaza- Final site has been approved. Includes 2 greenway easements, design, construction and maintenance of greenway.
- Charlotte Corridor rail with Greenway easement agreement with Cheatham County Rail Authority- in progress.
- Harpeth River Greenway at Bellevue-Ariza Bellevue-open space donation in process as part of the project's SP rezoning approval.
- Pennington Bend Greenway easement dedication in process
- Harpeth River Greenway at Newsom Station- easement dedication in process

TRANSFERS AND LICENSES FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Greene Property at Bass Street Acquisition

- Grant awarded for acquisition
- Purchase by the American Battlefield Trust closed November 1, 2024. The trust will place a conservation easement on the property and then deed the property over to Metro to be included in Ft. Negley Park.

Harpeth River Greenway at Ariza Bellevue

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

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XIII. JANUARY UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – JACKIE JONES

1. Canine Connection, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.- Riverfront Park
2. Afternoon Tea, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.- Shelby Bottoms Nature Center

Early Bird Coffee Social, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.- Shelby Bottoms Nature Center

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

Time Travel Nashville Race, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Two Rivers Park

Native Nature Share, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.- Warner Park Nature Center

Hike for Your Health, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.-Warner Park Nature Center

Climbing Day, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.- Bells Bend Outdoor Center

Full Moon Hike, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.-Bells Bend Outdoor Center
6. Observe Winter Bird banding Research, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.- Warner Park Nature Center
7. Nature Storytime, 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.- Shelby Bottoms Nature Center
8. Canine Connection, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.- Riverfront Park
9. Writing in the Wild, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.- Shelby Bottoms Nature Center

Cold Weather Camping Class, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.- Bells Bend Outdoor Center

Candlelight: Tribute to Coldplay. 8:45 p.m.- The Parthenon
10. Early Morning Bird Hike, 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.- Shelby Bottoms Nature Center

Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.- Richland Park
- Fossil Finders, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.- Fort Negley Park
- Kidsville, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.- The Parthenon
- Volunteer Day along the River, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.- Bells Bend Outdoor Center
- Hot Picking and Hot Drinks, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.- Shelby Bottoms Nature Center
- Winter Snack Time with Mocha the Squirrel, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.- Warner Park Nature Center
- Disco Hike, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.- Bells Bend Outdoor Center
11. Candlelight: Best of Joe Hisaishi, 6:30 p.m. The Parthenon

Candlelight: Best of Hans Zimmer, 8:45 p.m.- The Parthenon
13. Observe Winter Bird Banding Research, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.- Warner Park
14. Worship Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.-Centennial Park Bandshell
15. Canine Connection, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.- Riverfront Park
17. Know Tying, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Warner Park Nature Center
- Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Richland Park
- Pullin' Party, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Warner Park Nature Center
- Kidsville, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.-The Parthenon
- Weeds: What You Can Do About Invasive Plants, 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.- Shelby Bottoms Nature Center

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| Hill Forest Hike, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.- Warner Park Nature Center | Collage Workshop, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Warner Park Nature Center |
| Winter Sound Bath and Meditation, 5:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m., Warner Park Nature Center | Winter Star Party, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Warner Park Nature Center |
| 18. Candlelight: Tribute to Coldplay, 8:45 p.m., The Parthenon | 25. Reading the Forest, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Shelby Bottoms Nature Center |
| 19. MLK Day Celebration/March, 8:00 a.m., along Jefferson Street | Tennessee State Meistersingers & Kyshona ECHO Chamber Series, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Parthenon |
| 20. Nashville Civil War Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Fort Negley Park | 27. Winter Bird Banding Research, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Bells Bend Outdoor Center Woodcock Watch, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Bells Bend Outdoor Center |
| 21. Nature Center Puppet Show, 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Shelby Bottoms Nature Center | Sons of Union Veterans Meeting, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Fort Negley Park |
| 22. Nature Stroll, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Fort Negley Visitors Center | 29. Seed Swap, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Warner Park Nature Center |
| 23. Art Gallery Opening- 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Centennial Art Center | Trees of Winter, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Bells Bend Outdoor Center |
| 24. Thin Mint Sprint 5K, 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Shelby Bottoms Greenway | 30. Seed Swap, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Warner Park Nature Center |
| Fire Building 101, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Shelby Bottoms Nature Center | 31. Native Plant Propagations Workshop, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Warner Park Nature Center |
| Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Richland Park | Become a Fossil Volunteer! 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Fort Negley Park |
| Book Club: Jane Goodall, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Bells Bend Park | Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Richland Park |
| Winter Survival Game, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Warner Park Nature Center | Seed Swap, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Warner Park Nature Center |
| Kidsville, 10:30-11:30 a.m., The Parthenon | Kidsville. 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., The Parthenon |
| Annual Seed Exchange with NPL, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Shelby Bottoms Nature Center | Wizards and Woodlands, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Shelby Bottoms Nature Center |
| | SDA Believers Event, 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Centennial Park Bandshell |

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

- The FY27 Budget Kickoff is January 7, 2026, at which budget guidance will be shared. Kickoff is happening earlier than usual. Once budget instructions are released, the department will begin preparing its comprehensive submissions, including the operating budget (4%), Capital budget, and revenue projections. The submission timeline will likely be short as in previous years.
- Opry Mills Entertainment Group (OEG) assumed management of Ascend Amphitheater on January 1, 2026, and is preparing to start the concert season in April, along with making required greenway improvements as part of the new contract.
- Board members received copies of *The Parks of Nashville 1984-2024*, commissioned by former board chair George Anderson, documenting the history of the parks system. An introduction event will be held January 21 at Parnassus Books.
- Director Odom concluded the report with recognition of retiring staff members William Manuel and Cindy Harrison, thanking them for their many years of service, dedication, and significant contributions to the Parks Department and the City

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

Mr. Henley shared that serving on the Open Space and Parks Greenway Commission has been a great experience and noted that the group conducted a site visit to one of the newer greenways, coordinated by Cindy, and suggested that the Parks Board consider organizing a similar field trip in January if feasible, weather permitting, to see firsthand the progress being made and to recognize the work that Cindy and others have done as new greenway projects are added to the Parks system.

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

Monique Horton Odom, Director

Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson