

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING JULY 7, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee, was held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 12:00 pm 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, Mr. Pete DeLay, and Dr. Michelle Steele. Board member not present was Ms. Cheryl Mayes. Ms. Macy Amos was present representing Metro Legal.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 2, 2026, APPROVED

Upon a motion by Mr. Pete DeLay, seconded by Dr. Michelle Steele, and following discussion, the minutes of the June 2026 meeting were approved.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Steven Reiter addressed the Parks Board regarding Item 07-26-07.
Ms. Indie Pereira addressed the Parks Board regarding the Seven-Mile Creek Greenway.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

07-26-01

BOARD APPROVES JULY 2026 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. Pete DeLay, and following discussion, the July 2026 Consent Agenda was approved.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Green and White Group End of Summer Party | Centennial Sportsplex Lawn | Sun. July 12, 2026 |
| • Paradeisos Pilates in the Park | Centennial Park | Sat. July 11, 2026 |
| • Hayes Davis McGee Family Reunion | Boyd Taylor Park | Fri. July 18, 2026 |
| • US Army Recruiting Change of Command Ceremony | Wasioto Park | Fri. July 24, 2026 |
| • Tooson Family Reunion | Shelby Park | Sat. July 25, 2026 |
| • NashYardNights Community Worship Night | Red Caboose Park | Sun. July 26, 2026 |
| • Back to School 2026 | Coleman Park | Sun. July 26, 2026 |
| • Movies at Riverfront Park | Riverfront Park | Wed. July 29, 2026 |
| • Grow Up Music Festival | Red Caboose Park | Sat. Aug. 01, 2026 |
| • LakeFest 2026 | Percy Warner Park | Sat. Aug. 22, 2026 |

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• Wild Planet Food's Lunch Offline	Wasiot Park	Mon. Sept. 7, 2026
• Nashville Fall Forward Classic	Two Rivers Park	Sat. Sept. 12, 2026
• Walk for Apraxia	Cornelia Fort Airpark	Sat. Sept. 19, 2026
• Churchin' in the Park	Hadley-Lillard Park	Sat. Sept. 26, 2026
• Lil Park Reunion	McKissack Park	Sat. Oct. 03, 2026
• Dragon Music Sunday	Fannie Mae Dees Park	Sun. Oct. 04, 2026
• North Nashville Cultural Crawl	Kossie Gardner Park	Sat. Oct. 24, 2026
• Season of Sharing Kickoff Event	Centennial Park	Sat. Nov. 07, 2026
• Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival	Public Square Park	Sat. Apr. 10, 2027
• The Music City Juneteenth 5K Dance Walk Run	Cornelia Fort Airpark	Sat. June 19, 2027
• Unity Day	Mill Ridge Park	Fri. June 25, 2027
• Corporate Retreat	Edwin Warner Park	Fri. Oct. 09, 2026

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

• Parks and Rec Month Trivia Night	Church Street Park	Sun. July 26, 2026
• Krussh and Kalah's Wedding	Centennial Park	Sat. Aug. 08, 2026
• Symphony in the Park	Walk of Fame Park	Sat. Sept. 05, 2026
• Panker Wedding + Reception	Percy Warner Park	Sat. Oct. 10, 2026
• Swan Ball	Edwin Warner Park	Sat. June 05, 2027
• Crawford Wedding	Edwin Warner Park	Fri. June 11, 2027

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

• Sunday Gospel in the Park	Kossie Gardner Park	Sun. Aug. 02, 2026
• Margaret Maddox YMCA Tomato 5K	East Park	Sat. Aug. 08, 2026
• GOP Nashville Back to School Bash	Red Caboose Park	Sat. Aug. 15, 2026
• Girls on the Run of Middle TN Fall 5K	Two Rivers Park	Sat. Nov. 14, 2026
• Needlink Nashville's Rudolph Red Nose Run	Shelby Park	Sat. Dec. 19, 2026
• Thin Mint Sprint	Cornelia Fort Airpark	Sat. Mar. 06, 2027
• NICE Run for Refugees	Shelby Park	Sat. May 01, 2027
• Matters of the Heart Nashville 9K Run Walk	Hadley -Lillard Park	Sat. June 05, 2027

FUNDRAISING

• Meigs Alumni Association	Cleveland Community Center	Sat. Aug. 01, 2026
• Shade Tree Trot 5K	Centennial Park	Sun. Sept. 27, 2026
• TKF At Your Pace Kidney Race	Centennial Park	Sat. Dec. 05, 2026

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

• Cleveland Park Fall Festival	Cleveland Park	Sat. Sept. 26, 2026
• AIA Middle Tennessee Celebration of Architecture	Centennial Park	Wed. Oct. 21, 2026
• St. Patrick's Music City Half 10K & 5K Run	Public Square Park	Sat. Mar. 13, 2027
• Music City Triathlon	Public Square Park	Sun. June 06, 2027

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

07-26-02

BOARD APPROVES A 2% OPEN RANGE SALARY INCREASE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Upon a motion by Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Henley, and following discussion, the Board approved a 2% Open Range Salary increase for the Director of Parks, consistent with the FY 2026-2027 Metropolitan Government Pay Plan and Civil Service Policy 5.10-II.

07-26-03

BOARD ACCEPTS AN IN-KIND GRANT FROM THE FRIENDS OF MILL RIDGE NOT TO EXCEED \$3,200 FOR THE PURCHASE OF AND INSTALLATION OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Dr. Steele, and following discussion, the Board accepted an in-kind grant from The Friends of Mill Ridge not to exceed \$3,200 for the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at Mill Ridge Park. This grant requires no match or other obligation from Metro Parks or Metro Government. No funds will be sent to Metro Parks. The project will be paid for directly by Friends of Mill Ridge Park. Council District 32.

07-26-04

BOARD APPROVES THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS' REQUEST TO HOST ADDITIONAL EVENTS AT THE MANSION IN 2026

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. DeLay, and following discussion, the Board approved The Friends of Two Rivers' request to host additional events at Two Rivers Mansion in 2026. The Board approved fundraising activities, amplification, alcohol sales and consumption, waiver of permit fees, and permission to remain in the park after 11:00 p.m., if necessary for the following events:

- **Haunted History Cocktail Experience** – July 10-11, 2026
- **World Cup Finale Watch Party** – July 19, 2026
- **Irish Heritage Event** – August 9, 2026
- **Meet Me at the Mansion** – August 23, 2026
- **Little House on the Prairie Cast Reunion** – Sept. 11-13, 2026

Council District 15.

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07-26-05

BOARD DEFERS THE FRIENDS OF McCABE GROUP'S REQUEST TO ACCEPT AN IN-KIND GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 FOR THE PRODUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A DONOR RECOGNITION PLAQUE TO THE SIGNAGE COMMITTEE

The Board deferred The Friends of McCabe Group's request for acceptance of 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 to the Signage Committee. The proposed plaque will recognize donors who supported the playground renovation project and will be funded, installed, and maintained by The Friends of McCabe Group. 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.

07-26-06

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO FUNDRAISE AND ACCEPTS AN IN-KIND DONATION FOR RENOVATIONS AND ENHANCEMENTS TO HARPETH KNOLL PARK NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000,000

Upon a motion by Dr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Henley, and following discussion, the Board approved a request to authorize fundraising for renovations and enhancements to Harpeth Knoll Park. Upon successful completion of the fundraising effort, the Board also approved acceptance of an in-kind donation of the completed improvements, valued at up to \$5,000,000. The project will include upgraded, all-inclusive, and ADA-compliant amenities throughout the park. All design and construction costs will be privately funded and coordinated with Metro Parks. No funds will be transferred to Metro Parks, and no matching funds will be required. Metro Parks will continue to maintain the park. The proposed fundraising timeline for the project is 2 years. Council District 22.

07-26-07

BOARD APPROVES THE DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP'S REQUEST FOR A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE PILOT AGREEMENT WITH METRO PARKS

Upon a motion by Mr. DeLay, seconded by Dr. Steele, and following discussion, the Board approved a two-year extension of the Pilot Agreement for the activation and programming of Riverfront Park, extending its term through July 2028. Council District 19.

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07-26-08

BOARD APPROVES THE BELLEVUE HARPETH HISTORIC ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST TO FUNDRAISE AND ACCEPTS AN IN-KIND DONATION NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE BRICK SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF THE DeMOSS CABIN AT BELLEVUE-RED CABOOSE PARK.

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Ms. Hudson Pell, and following discussion, the Board approved a request to authorize fundraising for the restoration of the brick sidewalk in front of the DeMoss Cabin at Bellevue-Red Caboose Park and upon successful completion of the fundraising effort, accepted an in-kind donation of the restoration project valued at up to \$50,000. No funds will be transferred to Metro Parks, and no match or additional obligation is required from Metro Parks. Ongoing maintenance will remain the responsibility of The Bellevue Harpeth Historic Association. Council District 22.

07-26-09

BOARD DEFERS PROPOSED METRO PARKS DESIGNATED NATURAL AREA (DNA) POLICY TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE

The Board deferred staff's request to approve the Metro Parks Designated Natural Area (DNA) Policy to the Policy Committee. 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. Council District: Countywide.

07-26-10

BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A TDOT LAND DEDICATION OF APPROXIMATELY 49.94 ACRES AT HARPETH RIVER PARK TO THE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

The Board deferred staff's request for approval of a TDOT land dedication of approximately 49.94 acres at 7820 COLEY DAVIS RD for continued park use to the Acquisition Committee. 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 support expansion of the Harpeth River Greenway network, improve connectivity to a planned greenway on an adjacent 51-acre underdeveloped park property, allow for construction of a vehicular access bridge, and facilitate the addition of 25 acres of new parkland. Council District 22.

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07-26-11

BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH CSX TRANSPORTATION FOR PUBLIC PARKING AT SHELBY PARK AND SHELBY BOTTOMS

Upon a motion by Dr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Henley, and following discussion, the Board approved staff's request for a License Agreement with CSX Transportation for public parking serving Shelby Park and Shelby Bottoms on property located between 2009 SEVIER STREET and 0 EASTLAND AVENUE. Council District 6.

07-26-12

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE (PAL)

Upon a motion by Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Henley, and following discussion, the Board approved an Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department for the use of Metro Parks facility space at the Watkins Park Community Center for Police Activities League (PAL) programming and administrative operations for a two-year period. Council District 19.

07-26-13

BOARD APPROVES THE CENTENNIAL PARK CONSERVANCY'S (CPC) REQUEST FOR A SHORT-TERM PERMIT TO OPERATE THE CROQUET CAFÉ WITHIN CENTENNIAL PARK

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. DeLay, and following discussion, the Board approved The Centennial Park Conservancy's request for a short-term permit to operate the Croquet Café within Centennial Park. The permit will allow CPC to provide concession services while generating revenue to support the ongoing maintenance, programming, and revitalization of the park. This short-term permit will serve as an interim measure while the parties work to develop a longer-term agreement. Council District 21.

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X. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PARK POLICE PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Captain Chris Holden provided an overview of Parks Police operations, emphasizing organizational excellence, communication, community engagement, and data-driven policing strategies. Captain Holden highlighted efforts to strengthen partnerships with MNPd and bring department-wide standards and best practices to Parks Police.

Key community engagement initiatives included increased officer presence on greenways, collaboration with School Resource Officers (SROs) during spring break and summer months, participation in recreational activities with park users, recruitment efforts alongside MNPd's Background and Recruitment Unit, and outreach through the mounted patrol unit.

Parks Police has also partnered with MNPd's Special Victims Division to conduct targeted patrols on greenways and identify registered sex offenders who may be unlawfully present in park facilities.

Captain Holden discussed the department's use of analytics and precision policing to identify trends and allocate resources more effectively. Parks Police tracks crime data by location, day of the week, time of day, and offense type to guide patrol deployment. Year-to-date statistics showed 61 Part I crimes, with Centennial Park and E.S. Rose Park experiencing the highest activity. Recent trend analysis indicated increasing incidents at E.S. Rose Park on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Captain Holden concluded with an overview of Part I crime categories, including homicide, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, and arson, and an invitation for continued communication and collaboration between Parks Police and Metro Parks staff.

JOHN HOLMES PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE REGARDING E.S. ROSE TO THE BOARD

Mr. John Holmes, Assistant Director of Revenue Producing Facilities, provided an overview of the partnership between Metro Parks and Belmont University at E.S. Rose Park. He noted that Belmont's investment and support help maintain and improve the park while keeping substantial field time available for public use.

Belmont continues to fund maintenance, utilities, and lease payments that support programming at the E.S. Rose Community Center, Rose Park Middle School, and Carter-Lawrence Elementary School. E.S. Rose funds help provide recreational programs, supplies, field trips, and other community activities.

Mr. Holmes reported that traffic and parking concerns have improved through better communication and coordination. It was noted that incidents involving youth tend to increase when school is out and decrease when school is in session.

The presentation concluded with an update on the E.S. Rose Scholarship Program, which awarded scholarships to eight students during FY26, and highlighted Belmont University's continued commitment to the park and surrounding community.

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CREATIVE PARKS NASHVILLE PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Mr. Nathan Phillips, Treasurer of Creative Parks Nashville, presented the organization's annual update and highlighted its continued support of Metro Parks' music, theater, and visual arts programs. He thanked Metro Parks staff and volunteers for their partnership and service.

Creative Parks Nashville sponsored a variety of cultural arts programs and events throughout the year, including music classes and youth programs, theater productions, camps, and visual art workshops. The organization supported scholarships for theater students, funded local artists and technicians, and helped expand arts programming for youth and seniors across the park system.

Overall participation in Creative Parks Nashville programs exceeded 13,000 participants across music, theater, and visual arts activities. Creative Parks Nashville reported approximately \$170,000 in revenue, \$172,000 in expenses, and maintained a positive cash balance at year-end.

Mr. Phillips concluded by encouraging Board members and the public to participate in Metro Parks cultural arts offerings, particularly the Big Band Dance Series, which is currently underway and celebrating its 44th year as one of Metro Parks' signature community events.

FRIENDS OF MILL RIDGE PARK PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Mr. Darrell Hawks, Executive Director of Friends of Mill Ridge Park, presented the organization's ninth annual update and highlighted its mission to enhance and advocate for Mill Ridge Park while strengthening the Southeast Nashville community. The organization operates with a small staff, community volunteers, interns, and a board of local leaders. During the past year, Friends of Mill Ridge Park hosted nearly 200 free programs and activities, generating approximately 7,500 participant visits, including extensive community outreach efforts.

Mr. Hawks emphasized the importance of partnerships with local organizations and ongoing stewardship projects that support trails, gardens, grasslands, and park facilities. He also highlighted signature events such as the Family 5K and Pear Jam Festival, which help build community engagement and support park initiatives.

The organization reported approximately \$466,000 in revenue, \$511,000 in operating expenses, and more than \$1.6 million in assets. Since receiving fundraising approval in 2022 for the Farm Park initiative, the organization has secured more than \$3.6 million toward the project, with additional funding opportunities pending.

Mr. Hawks concluded by providing an update on Phase II improvements at Mill Ridge Park, which include expanded play opportunities, water features, an event pavilion, and additional parking, and expressed appreciation for Metro Parks' continued partnership and support.

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XI. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATES– JOE STOVALL

1ST + Gay-Park

Updating plan set at this time will go to BID soon.

Centennial – Master Plan, Phase Three

- Awarded to R.C Matthews. Site work in progress, completion end of Aug.

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.

Mariposa Park

- Grand opening is scheduled for July 11, 2026.

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

Parks Board Room/building upgrades

- In Design 2-3 months

Ted Rhoades Golf Maintenance Complex

- In design

Trinity Hills Phase I

- Site work has started. Completion in 4-6 months.

Two Rivers- Mansion Events Center

- Design complete. No construction phase funding currently.

West Park Community Center Design

- In Design 8-10 months

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

- NPF working on finalizing design and developing site work schedule

RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Shelby-Davidson St. Riverbank stabilization and Davidson Road repaired and repaved.
- Antioch Soccer Field addition.
- 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

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.
- Co-ordination 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. Bidding for Construction of greenway trail to close on Thursday, June 25, 2026

440 Greenway Sevier Park to Browns Creek Park

- Project is currently in its final design and permitting phase. Team is finalizing design and lighting detail and coordinating with MWS to address permitting requirements.

Charlotte Corridor Rail with Greenway

- Co-ordination 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 Superbowl coming to Nashville.

PRIVATELY FUNDED GREENWAY PROJECTS

Richland Creek Greenway- Belle Meade Village

- The developer will construct the greenway from Harding Pike through the new development along Richland Creek, under White Bridge Pike, and across the back of the Ingram property to the existing greenway bridge on N Kenner Ave.
 - The project includes extensive landscaping and riparian zone restoration, trailheads, site furniture, and lighting.
 - A 3-year development buildout is planned and once the greenway is accepted by Greenways, greenway maintenance will be provided in perpetuity by the property owner.
 - The Greenways team is coordinating with the project's design team:
 - o to review the construction document progress.
- to modify the connection to the existing greenway bridge on N Kenner Ave.

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Harpeth River Greenway Ariza Bellevue

- The development project includes the dedication of greenway easements, the design and construction of a greenway connection from the terminus at Morton Mill Road to a pedestrian bridge that accesses Harpeth River Park, including a segment under the CSXT railroad bridge, and connections to a future park on land donated by the Dorothy Cate and Thomas F. Frist Foundation. It also includes a 25-acre land dedication to Metro Parks.
- The Final Site Plan was approved with conditions.
- The greenway segment from the existing terminus at Morton Mill Road to the existing pedestrian bridge to Harpeth River Park will be completed before the start of building construction.
- Parks has submitted a request to approve a TDOT Excess Land for acquisition of State-owned property currently leased to Metro to the Parks Board.
- The Greenways team is working on greenway easement and CSXT agreements with Metro Legal, CSXT, and the developer.

CRG Modera Nations

- 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 owner.
- The 0.12-mile greenway project is under construction and is scheduled for completion by June.
- Greenways will ensure ADA compliance and otherwise inspect the greenway and greenway amenities prior to approval.

CRG River North at Bowline

- Design, construction and maintenance of greenway trail and park by Oracle
- The Greenways team is working with Metro Legal regarding the Conservation Greenway Easement Agreement.
- The Greenways team will ensure ADA compliance and otherwise inspect the greenway and greenway amenities prior to approval.

CRG Pennington Mills

- The greenway trail was constructed within a Conservation Greenway Easement that has been recorded.
- The project is complete or substantially completed.
- The Greenways team will ensure ADA compliance and otherwise inspect the greenway and greenway amenities prior to acceptance.

CRG The Bend

- The project is located at Pennington Bend Road and McGavock Pike.
- The Final Site Plan is in review.

CRG at Stockyard 900 1st Avenue North

- The project includes reconstruction of the greenway, lighting, landscaping and maintenance by the owner in perpetuity.
- The project is complete or substantially completed.
- The Greenways team will ensure ADA compliance and otherwise inspect the greenway and greenway amenities prior to approval.

Richland Creek Greenway -White Bridge Trailhead to St. Thomas Hospital • New extension will be part of Harding Town development.

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Osage Arbor at Broadmoor Trail-oriented Development

- Greenways staff approved the final Site Plan with conditions.
- The project includes design, construction and maintenance of the greenway by the owner in perpetuity.
- The greenway trail will be in Conservation Greenway Easements.

2nd Phase of Greenway Trailhead Upgrades

- The project is funded by a grant from Greenways for Nashville
- 30 trailheads are included in this phase.
- Work on the Mill Creek Greenway and Richland Creek trailheads is underway.

GREENWAY EASEMENT AND OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS UNDERWAY & NOT PRIVATELY FUNDED PROJECTS

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- Open Space Donation and Easement Dedication

- In process as part of the project's SP rezoning approval.
- Acquisition of adjacent state-owned property (Harpeth Soccer Park) is underway.

The Bend Greenway easement dedication

- In process.

Harpeth River Greenway at Newsom Station easement dedication

- In process.

Osage Arbor at Broadmoor Trail-Oriented Development easement dedications

- In 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.
- The American Battlefield Trust closed on the property on November 1, 2024. A conservation easement is in development and upon completed, the Trust will deed the property to Metro.

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XIII. JULY UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS- JACKIE JONES

1. HUB Youth Cycling, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.-Percy Warner Park
Roberta Baines Wheeler Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness 5K, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.- Hadley-Lillard Park
2. HUB Youth Cycling, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.- Percy Warner Park
Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park
3. July 3rd Fireworks, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park
4. Let Freedom Sing! Music City July 4th, 2026, 12:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., Riverfront Park
Music City Hot Chicken Festival, 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., East Park
Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m., Richland Park
Music City July 4th 5K, 6:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m., Centennial Park
July 4 Celebration/Reading of the Declaration of Independence/Declaration of Sentiments 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., Centennial Park
The White Family Reunion, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Hadley-Lillard Park
Deberry Wedding, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Cleveland Park
6. Leadership Academy Mountain Bike Camp, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Cedar Hill Park
7. Leadership Academy Mountain Bike Camp, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Cedar Hill Park
12th South Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Sevier Park
8. Leadership Academy Mountain Bike Camp, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Cedar Hill Park
9. Leadership Academy Mountain Bike Camp, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Cedar Hill Park
Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park
10. Leadership Academy Mountain Bike Camp, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Cedar Hill Park
Richey Ball and Spruill Reunion, 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Mill Ridge Pavilions
Gallery Opening Reception, 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Centennial Art Center
11. Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Richland Park

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12. Jazz on the Cumberland, 2:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Wasioto Park
New Day Church Community Game Night, 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park
14. 12th South Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Sevier Park
16. Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park
17. Friends of Mill Ridge Park Outside Cinema, 6:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park
18. Watkins/Silberman Wedding, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Parthenon
Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Richland Park
3 on 3 Streetball Tournament, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Fisk Park
Back to School Kick Back, 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Hadley Park Bandshell
2026 Big Band Dance, 7:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Centennial Park Parthenon
21. 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
23. Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park
24. FOWP Full Moon Pickin Party, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park
25. Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Richland Park
Cornelia Fort Airpark Concert, 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Cornelia Fort Airpark
Southeast Community Day, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Mill Ridge Park
Chaney Family Day, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Ravenwood Park
Connexion Americas Backpack Distribution/Health Fair, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Southeast Park Greenspace
26. Back to School 2026 Festival, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Coleman Park
Community Dance Workshop, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Richland Park
28. FNP: Sons of Union Veterans Bi-Monthly Meeting, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., Fort Negley Park
12th South Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Sevier Park

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30. Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park
31. Tea and Trope Fantasy Ball, 10:00 a.m.-11:59 p.m.- Centennial Park

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

- Director Odom wished everyone a Happy National Parks and Recreation Month, and thanked Metro Parks employees for their dedication and service to the community.
- Director Odom reported that Metro Council approved the FY27 budget with no changes to the mayor's proposed budget affecting Metro Parks. The adopted budget includes funding for additional golf operations staff, movement and dance programming, security resources, contractual cost increases, and reimbursement obligations. Staff are currently evaluating how to implement the required 1.5% departmental reduction while minimizing impacts on public services.
- An update was provided on the Parthenon improvement project, which is now expected to be completed mid-to-late July due to additional work identified during construction, and noted that addressing these issues now will help ensure the long-term preservation of the historic facility.
- Concluded by announcing that planning is underway for the renovation of the Parks Boardroom. The project is expected to take approximately six months, requiring temporary relocation of Parks Board meetings. Staff are evaluating alternative meeting locations and will provide updates once arrangements have been finalized.

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

Vice Chairperson Mr. Henley took a moment to recognize and thank Metro Parks and Recreation staff in honor of National Parks and Recreation Month. He praised employees for their dedication, servant leadership, and commitment to serving the community. Drawing from his visits to parks and interactions with staff, Mr. Henley noted the positive impact Metro Parks has on residents' daily lives and expressed appreciation for the employees who help make Nashville's park system one of the best in the country.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Monique Horton Odom, Director

Mr. Shan Foster, Chairperson