METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 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, October 6, 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, Mr. Pete DeLay, Dr. Michelle Steele, and Ms. Gina Emmanuel. 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 SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, APPROVED

Upon a motion by Mr. Edward Henley, seconded by Mr. Pete DeLay, and following discussion, the minutes of the September 2026 meeting were approved.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD None.

The Board observed a moment of silence in honor and memory of Mr. Austin Franklin, a Metro Parks employee, who recently passed away.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

09-26-10

BOARD APPROVES CROSSING CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS TO FACILITATE THE EXTENSION OF THE HARPETH RIVER GREENWAY

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. DeLay, and following discussion, the Board approved staff's request for a Crossing Agreement and Construction Agreement to facilitate the extension of the Harpeth River Greenway beneath a railroad bridge adjacent to 1080 MORTON MILL RD. (Map and Parcel 14100001700). Council District 35.

09-26-11

BOARD APPROVES FOURTEEN (14) SITES AS DESIGNATED NATURAL AREAS (DNAS) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE METRO PARKS DESIGNATED NATURAL AREA POLICY 3000.45

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Dr. Steele, and following discussion, the Board approved fourteen (14) sites as Designated Natural Areas (DNAs) in accordance with the Metro Parks Designated Natural Area Policy 3000.45.

VII. OLD BUSINESS (cont'd)

The proposed sites meet the criteria for designation and represent the first cohort of DNAs under the new policy. Council Districts: Multiple.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

10-26-01

BOARD APPROVES SEPTEMBER 2026 CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

• Hello Family	Hadley-Lillard Park	Sat. Oct. 10, 2026
• Movie Night with El Jefe	Coleman Park	Sat. Oct. 10, 2026
• Hold My Beer Broadway	Walk of Fame Park	Oct. 10 & Nov. 07, 2026
• Pumpkin Patch Parties	Mill Ridge Park	Oct. 23 & Oct. 24, 2026
• Voice the Ballot	Hadley–Lillard Park	Sun. Oct. 25, 2026
• Halloween Town: Huggs Dumpster Dive Event	Edwin Warner Park	Sun. Oct. 25, 2026
• Fall Fest	Kossie Gardner Sr. Park	Sat. Oct. 31, 2026
• Say Boo to PH! Walk	Hadley-Lillard Park	Sat. Oct. 31, 2026
• Framily 5K	Mill Ridge Park	Sat. Oct. 31, 2026
• Breast Cancer Awareness Event	Rose Park	Sat. Oct. 31, 2026
• Unrated Rollerground	Hartman Park	Thur. Nov. 05, 2026
• Tarde Familiar en Bellevue	Red Caboose Park	Sat. Nov. 07, 2026
• Omega 5K Walk Fest	Shelby Park	Sat. Nov. 14, 2026
• OUTLAST Nashville	Percy Warner Park	Fri. Nov. 20, 2026
• St. Paddy's Day Half Marathon 10K & 5K	Two Rivers Park	Sat. Mar. 20, 2027
• I Believe in 2nd Chances Resource Fair	Hadley-Lillard Park	Sat. Apr. 10, 2027
• 2nd Chance Sunday Praise in the Park	Hadley-Lillard Park	Sun. Apr. 11, 2027
• Clemmie G Community Day	Hadley-Lillard Park	Sat. Apr. 17, 2027
• Warner Arts Magnet ES Annual Field Day	East Park	May 14 & May 17, 2027
• Martin Family Reunion	Fannie Mae Dees Park	Sat. Aug. 07, 2027

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

• Fuqua Retirement Party	Madison Park	Wed, Oct. 21, 2026
• The First Annual Glizzy Gallop	West Park	Sat. Nov. 21, 2026
• Nashvillage Holiday Market	Walk of Fame Park	Dec. 03, Dec. 04, Dec. 05, Dec. 06 Dec. 10, Dec. 11, Dec. 12 and Dec. 13, 2026
• 2027 Preds Party in the Park	Walk of Fame Park	Apr. 13, 2027-June 21, 2027

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

• 2nd Annual Jordan Thomas Foundation 5K	Centennial Park	Sat. Dec. 12, 2026
• Cupids Chase 5K	Shelby Park	Sat. Feb. 13, 2027
• Whisker Walk/Run 5K/10K 2027	Shelby Park	Sat. Mar. 27, 2027
• Hot Chicken Fun Run	Cornelia Fort Airpark	Sat. Apr. 17, 2027
• Into the Light 5K	Percy Warner Park	Sun, Sept. 19, 2027

AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

• The East Nashville Beer Festival	East Park	Sat. Apr. 10, 2027
• Nashville Rose Festival	East Park	Sat. May 15, 2027

IX. NEW BUSINESS

10-26-02

BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST TO REAPPLY FOR AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD GRANT

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. DeLay, and following discussion, the Board approved staff's request for to reapply for and, if awarded, ultimate acceptance of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) grant. This grant supports the provision of nutritious meals and snacks to children attending after-school programs at eighteen (18) Metro Parks community centers. Council District: Citywide.

10-26-03

BOARD DEFERS THE GAMMA PHI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY'S REQUEST TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE RECOGNIZING Z. ALEXANDER LOOBY AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOOBY COMMUNITY CENTER TO THE SIGNAGE COMMITTEE

The Board deferred The Gamma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi's request to raise funds for the purchase of a commemorative plaque recognizing Z. Alexander Looby and the 50th Anniversary of the Looby Community Center to the Signage Committee. The plaque will be provided as an in-kind donation valued at up to $2,500 and will be funded by the Gamma Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi and installed by Metro Parks. The design and location will be coordinated and approved by Metro Parks. No other financial obligation or match is required, and no funds will be transferred to Metro Parks. Council District 19.

10-26-04

BOARD ACCEPTS CASH GRANT VALUED AT UP TO $9,350 FROM THE HILLSBORO-WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (HWEN) TO FUND THE 2026-2027 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR COSTS OF THE MOSAIC "SEA SERPENT" SCULPTURE (COMMONLY KNOWN AS "THE DRAGON")

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. DeLay, and following discussion, the Board accepted a cash grant valued at up to $9,350 from the Hillsboro-West End Neighborhood Association (HWEN) to fund the 2026-2027 annual maintenance and repair costs of the mosaic "Sea Serpent" sculpture (commonly known as the "The Dragon") located at Fannie Mae Dees Park, 2400 Blakemore Ave. The grant will support the ongoing preservation and upkeep of this community landmark. No matching funds or other obligations are required from Metro Parks. Council District 18.

10-26-05

BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,500,000 FROM FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS FOR THE RENOVATION OF FOUR PICNIC SHELTERS IN EDWIN WARNER PARK AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HISTORIC SHELTER AT LUKE LEAS HEIGHTS.

Upon a motion by Dr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Henley, and following discussion, the Board accepted an in-kind grant in an amount not to exceed $1,500,000 from the Friends of Warner Parks for the renovation of four picnic shelters in Edwin Warner Park and the construction of a historic shelter at Luke Leas Heights. No Metro Parks matching funds or financial obligations are required. Council District 34.

10-26-06

BOARD ACCEPTS GENERAL DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,000 FROM FRIENDS OF METRO DANCE TO SUPPORT PROGRAMMING AND ACTIVITIES IN METRO PARKS CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION.

Upon a motion by Mr. Henley, seconded by Ms. Gina Emmanuel, and following discussion, the Board accepted a general donation in the amount of $4,000 from Friends of Metro Dance to support programming and activities in Metro Parks Cultural Arts Division. Council District 21.

X. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

FRIENDS OF METRO DANCE PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Ms. Joanie Carder, President of Friends of Metro Dance, presented the organization's annual update, highlighting that they have served the community for more than 30 years, supporting accessible dance programming for individuals of all ages and abilities through volunteer efforts and fundraising.

During the past year, the organization hosted four sold-out holiday performances of *The Mini Nutcracker*, at Harpeth Hall featuring dancers ages 8-18. Fundraising efforts supported tuition and pointe shoe scholarships for participating families. In April, advanced-level dancers presented a spring showcase featuring original choreography by guest artists, staff, and a student choreographer.

Friends of Metro Dance also subsidized travel for twenty dancers and nine chaperones to attend the National and Regional High School Dance Festival in Norfolk, Virginia, limiting student costs to $50 per person. Ten dancers participated in a national audition class and secured more than $800,000 in combined scholarship offers for summer programs and four-year universities.

Regarding facilities, Ms. Carder expressed gratitude to the Parks Board for prioritizing essential building renovations after the program vacated Centennial Performing Arts Studios last October, as well as for providing modified temporary spaces at Morgan Community Center and Sevier Park. In closing, Ms. Carder requested the Board's continued support to maintain programming consistency while anticipating and planning for the construction of a new studio facility.

XI. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATES- JOE STOVALL

1ST + Gay-Park

- Submitted Procurement for BID week of Oct.05, 2026

Centennial-Master Plan Update

- Will begin shortly

Elizabeth Senior Center

- Upgrades to interior funded by Lowes Grant through NPF. Work to be completed by Dec. 04, 2026

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 in progress completion Summer 2027

Mill Ridge Phase III

- Planning/Design in progress

Richland Park Library

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

Ted Rhoades Golf Maintenance Complex

- In design we have approved concept. Moving into next phase of design
- development.
- Construction Spring/Summer 2027

Trinity Hills Phase I

- Site work has started. Completion Spring 2027.

West Park Community Center Design

- In Design, we have approved concept. We are moving into next phase of design development. We will be ready for a possible construction phase Summer 2027

Wharf Park

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

Watkins Park- skate Park Phase II w/NPF

- Design complete and permitting approved. NPF working on finalizing fundraising efforts and construction will follow.

RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Centennial Phase III
- Mariposa Park

Parks Board Room/building upgrades

Construction to start Oct. 2026. Board meeting will be moved Nov-April and will return in May.

Parks Board meetings will be at the following locations:

Nov-Hartman Community Center
Dec-Hadley Community Center
Jan.- Fort Negley Auditorium
Feb.- Sevier Park Community Center
Mar.- Fort Negley Auditorium
Apr. – Fort Negley Auditorium

XII. GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE UPDATE-FRANCOIS deKOCK

METRO – FUNDED GREENWAY PROJECTS

Opry Mills Connector Greenway

- Received Notice to Proceed from TDOT. Working to submit project to procurement.

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

- Work is in mobilization phase. Contractor to break ground by early November.

440 Greenway Sevier Park to Browns Creek Park

- Co-ordination with various agencies is ongoing to finalize design and permitting approval.

- Project received approval at the Stormwater variance committee meeting.

Charlotte Corridor Rail with Greenway

- Project scope of work in process of being finalized with consultant.

Siegenthaler Bridge Connector

- The Greenways team is collaborating with EBDA, the Planning department, the Titans, and the design-built team for the design of the bridge connector between the Siegenthaler Bridge and the greenway 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 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 complete in the last quarter of 2028.

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.

- The construction and crossing agreements between Metro, CSXT, and the developer are being processed.

- The land dedication from the State to Metro/Parks is in the mandatory referral process.

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 includes 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.

- A minor trailhead sign is under review.

Osage Arbor at Broadmoor Phase 1 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 a Conservation Greenway Easements.

- In process.

Greenway Trailhead Upgrades

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

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.

- In process.

Harpeth River Greenway at Ariza Bellevue Easement Dedication

- Working with the developer regarding a Conservation Greenway Easement Agreement.

Harpeth River Greenway at Ariza Bellevue TDOT Excess ROW Dedication

- The ROW dedication was submitted to Legal and Public Property for processing.

The Bend Greenway easement dedication

- In process.

Osage Arbor at Broadmoor Trail-Oriented Development Two Easements Dedications
- One, the HOA owned parcel is in the in the mandatory referral process.
- One, the developer owned parcel passed Council and is effective.

Beaman Park Acquisition

- Submitted to Metro legal for mandatory referral process phase.

OTHER
Richland Creek Greenway closure notice
- Closure notice was updated to the website- Trailhead and parking lot at 22 White Bridge Road, Nashville TN 37205 at the NES Substation will be closed due to construction at the site between 8/10/26-11/6/26

GIS Greenway & Land Acquisition Mapping
- Working with ITS in coordination with Parks Planning to update GIS information for greenways and acquired properties.

XIII. OCTOBER UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – JACKIE JONES

1: Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park.

2: Vanderbilt ROTC field training, 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., Edwin Warner Park.

Mary Jo Palmer's Wedding, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00p.m., Percy Warner Park.

Fridays By the River, 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Shelby Park.

OHS 3rd Annual 5K Run & Walk for Metro Makes A Difference, Ravenwood Park.

3: Celebrate Nashville, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

Alexia Grogran & Brent Guilbeau's Wedding, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Percy Warner.

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

Pagan Pride Day, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Two Rivers Park.

Metro Makes a Difference Run – Metro Codes, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., Cornelia Fort.

Family Day in the Park 92Q, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Hadley Park.

Race Judicata, 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Edwin Warner Park.

District 3 Community Day, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Cedar Hill Park.

Tennessee State University Home Game, East Bank and Wasioto Park.

Hardwin Adventures Run Series, 8:00 a.m., Stones River Greenway.

Scavenger Hunt, 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Shelby Park.

Lil Park Reunion, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., McKissack Park.

Foster Friendly Antioch Launch, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Southeast Park.

4: Breakthrough T1D Walk, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Shelby Park.

Dragon Music Sunday, 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Fannie Mae Dees Park.

Field Day, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

Bike Fun All Ages Learn to Ride, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Cornelia Fort.

6: Nashville Night Out Against Crime, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., West Park.

12th South Farmers Market, Sevier Park.

7: Flatrock Farmers Market, 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Coleman Park.

8: Fireworks Show, East Bank Greenway.

8: Waverly Belmont Elementary Bulldog Bole Fun Run, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Sevier.

Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park.

Nightlight – Movies, Wasioto Park.

Marathon Barge Docking, Riverfront Park.

9: Fall Tennessee Craft Fair, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

Fridays By the River, 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Shelby Park.

Nightlight – Movies, Wasioto Park.

10: Shields – Mendez Wedding, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

Movie Night With El Jefe, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Coleman Park.

FNP: Fossil Finders – RSVP to FortNegley@nashville.gov, 10:00 – 12:00, Fort Negley.

Walk for Hope – The Fight to End Depression 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Shelby.

Saturday in the Park, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Edwin Warner Park.

Rosary 5K, 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., McCabe Park.

Alexandria Panker Wedding & Reception, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.

Permaculture Action Day, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Two Rivers Park.

We Love Teachers 5K, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Two Rivers Park.

Makers Market, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Riverfront Park.

PSI The Climb Nashville, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Sevier Park.

Irreverent Warriors Nashville Silkies Hike, 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Public Square Park

3K/5K/10K Cure Cancer Walk, 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., Hartman Park.

Nashville Recovery Run, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Cornelia Fort Park.

Hello Family Event, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Hadley Park.

Schoettle – Muller Wedding Ceremony, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.

11: The Cornelia Fort Celebration, Cornelia Fort Park.

Picnic in the Park Series – Friends of Richland Park, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Richland.

KDC Back to School Event, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

12: Nashville PAL MTB Camp, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Bells Bend Park.

13: 12th South Farmers Market, Sevier Park.

14: Flatrock Farmers Market, 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Coleman Park.

15: Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park.

16: Dog Days Fest, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

AACA TSU Homecoming Marketplace, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Hadley Park.

TSU Homecoming, Hadley Park.

Fridays By the River, 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Shelby Park.

17: 1st Korean Festival, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., East Park.

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

Spooky Sprints, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Two Rivers Park.

No Kings Rally, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park.

2nd Annual OCD TN Walk, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Sevier Park.

Shelby Bottoms Boogie, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., Shelby Park.

Richard Thornton's Wedding, 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Edwin Warner Park.

Kickbalz to #EndALZ, 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., Edwin Warner Park.

The Nations Firefly 5K and One – Mile Fun Run, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., West Park.

18: Jazz on the Cumberland, Wasioto Park.

Possible Brenda Gilmore Sorority Movie Night, Centennial Park.

What is Chestnut Hill, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Dudley Park.

20: The Exchange Running Collective Cross Country Course, 2 – 8, Percy Warner Park.

12th South Farmers Market, Sevier Park.

21: American Institute of Architects Annual Design Awards, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

Flatrock Farmers Market, 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Coleman Park.

Colors of Shelby Art Show Patron Party, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Shelby Bottoms Park.

22: Fireworks Display, Ascend Amphitheater.

Thursday Night Done Right at Eastpoint, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Wasioto Park.

Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park.

23: Pumpkin Patch Parties, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park.

Savannah Siklich Wedding Ceremony, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.

Nightlight – Movies, Wasioto Park.

HCA Cornhole Tournament, Centennial Park.

Sarah Decker & Ryan Hogan Elopement, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Edwin Warner Park.

Brandin Austin Wedding, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.

24: Tennessee Hot Sauce Festival, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., East Park.

Walk to End Lupus Now, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

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

Ratz-Caldwell Anniversary Party, 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Cornelia Fort Park.

North Nashville Culture Crawl, 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Kossie Gardner Park.

Preston Gates Wedding, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.

Season of Sharing United Way Event, Centennial Park.

Nathan and Chloe's Wedding, Centennial Park.

Hallelujah Night, 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Watkins Park.

Walk for Epilepsy, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Shelby Park.

25: Encounter the Way Nashville, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

Marathon Petroleum Barge Docking, Riverfront Park.

New Day Church Community Fall Festival, 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park.

Litvinov Wedding, 6:00 a.m. – 8;00 p.m., Centennial Park.

Shelby 6 Miler, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Shelby Park.

Voice the Ballot, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Hadley Park.

Halloween Town: HUGGS Dumpster Dive, 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Edwin Warner Park.

27: Triluna Hike, 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.

28: Movies in the Park, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Riverfront Park.

Flatrock Farmers Market, 5:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m., Coleman Park.

29: Park Center Championship 2026, 7:30 p.m. -1:30 p.m., East Park.

30: DPR BBQ, 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Centennial Park.

Movie Night with the Community, 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Watkins Park.

Treats Trails and Tails, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park.

Music City Head Race, 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., East Bank Landing.

31: 7th Annual Fit Crawl 2 Fight Breast Cancer by Nashville Fit, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Rose Park.

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

Say Boo to PH! 5K walk, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hadley Park.

Paradeisos Running Event, 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Edwin Warner Park.

Family 5K, 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Mill Ridge Park.

Fall Fest, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Kossie Gardner Park.

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

- Director Odom provided an update on the proposed Capital Spending Plan, which designates approximately $14.3 million for Metro Parks. The funding focuses heavily on greenway projects alongside system-wide maintenance and improvements, reinforcing the department's priority of maintaining existing assets while making strategic investments.
- Director Odom recognized several long-serving employees who were honored at the Mayor's Service Awards on September 2nd, collectively representing more than 300 years of service to Metro government. Honorees included Johnny Fisher, Contee Harris, William Powell, and James Reese for 40 years of service; Jonathan Maxwell and Matthew Oberbreckling for 35 years of service; and Barbara Pittman, Randall Lantz, and Robert Matthews for 30 years of service.
- Director Odom expressed appreciation for the success of the 30th annual Celebrate Nashville Cultural Festival, held the previous Saturday in Centennial Park. Specific thanks were extended to Cindy Poleete, the Metro Parks team, the Centennial Park Conservancy, and the various partners, sponsors, vendors, volunteers, and performers who contributed to the event.
- Director Odom announced the upcoming departure of longtime legal counsel Macy Amos from Metro Government. The Board and Department expressed deep gratitude for her years of trusted partnership, thoughtful counsel, and dedicated guidance, extending their best wishes for her future endeavors.
- The meeting concluded with Director Odom noting that park facilities, greenways, nature centers, community centers, golf courses, athletics, and special events remain highly active throughout the busy fall season. Concurrently, the department continues its focus on planning, asset maintenance, and long-term capital investments for the future of Metro Parks.

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

Director Odom announced that the November Parks Board meeting will be held at the Hartman Regional Community Center as we prepare for upcoming improvements to the Board Room.
Chairperson Foster concluded the meeting by expressing profound gratitude to all employees working within the park system, the positive experience of families and visitors, as a result of the dedicated staff quality of work throughout the park system.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Monique Horton Odom, Director Mr. Shan Foster, Chairperson