

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF FOREST HILLS**

DECEMBER 6, 2007

The Forest Hills Board of Commissioners (herein also the “Board”) held its regular meeting on December 6, 2007 at the City’s Offices, 4012 Hillsboro Road, Nashville, Tennessee, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Evers presided. Also present were Commissioner Coke, Vice Mayor Lovell, Al Deck, City Manager, and City Attorney, Matt Foster. Others present are shown on the attached sign-in sheet. A copy of the Agenda is also attached to these minutes.

1. Approval of the Minutes for November 15, 2007. Upon motion by Commissioner Coke, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Lovell, the Board unanimously approved the minutes for the November 15, 2007 regular meeting.

2. Citizens Comments: none

3. Report from the City Manager, Al Deck:

a. Approval of a Grant Application to Extend the Bikeway: Vice Mayor Lovell reported that he met with Brad Bivens and a representative of Metro, in order to discuss an extension of the Bikeway. The Board of Commissioners discussed the matter and felt that extending the Bikeway would connect Radnor Lake and Warner Park.

Motion by Vice Mayor Lovell, which was seconded by Commissioner Coke, and the Board unanimously voted to approve a grant application to assist in funding the project.

b. Street Signs & Post: The City Manager informed the members that the City still does not have adequate information about a vendor / manufacture for custom

post and signs. We City Manager will contact Herndon & Merry and ask them to view the post in Northumberland and estimate the cost to produce. The Board deferred action until the next meeting.

c. Signage for General Forrest Ct. & Confederate Dr.: The Manager informed the Board that the signs at General Forrest and Robert E. Lee have been removed again. Suggestions for signage included: painting street names on the pavement; investigating concrete post, with lettering on each side; or other permanent methods. However, until an alternative method is selected the regular signs will be replaced.

d. Creation of Task Force---Implementation of Open Space Plan: The Manager, Attorney and members discussed three questions....the original purpose of the Open Space Committee and has it completed that purpose; the same question regarding the Cultural & Natural Resources Committee, and finally, how and when a Task Force should be created.

Commissioner Coke, who chaired the Open Space Committee, stated that he felt the committee had completed its task of laying the ground work for the planning process and interviewing and recommending a consultant to create an Open Space Conservation Plan. Therefore the Open Space Committee is now disbanded.

The Cultural & Natural Resources Committee, on the other hand, seems to have a more extensive charge and will remain active, at this time.

A Task Force, as explained by the City Attorney, is not created by the Board of Commissioners. The Board may appoint an individual (a Board member, the Attorney, or the Manager) to oversee a specific project. That individual may select members of the

general public, or specialist in that field, to provide advice or information concerning the project. The Individual will then advise the Board of Commissioners and make recommendations concerning the project.

4. Report from the City Attorney, Matt Foster:

(a) Hunting in incorporated & unincorporated areas. Mr. Foster informed the members the cities are powerless to enforce hunting regulation in Tennessee. That authority is vested in the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). Individual property owners may “post” their property with signage stating, “No Hunting” or “Hunting by Permission Only.” Such posting would allow the property owner to press charges for trespass. Trespass would be enforced by Metro P.D. The City will place a “Hunting by Permission Only” poster on the website and maintain a supply for residents in the City Office.

(b) Gun Fire Ordinance: The Board of Commissioners previously passed an Ordinance restricting gun fire within the city limits. That Ordinance was submitted to the Metro Council for approval; however, it never moved forward. Since that time, the City had an election and the original Ordinance has expired and the Board would need to redraft the Ordinance and start over. It was suggested that the Attorney begin that process.

(c) Russell Bridges’ house located at 5654 Hillsboro Road: Mr. Foster stated he met with Mr. McAllester, attorney for Mr. Bridges, and they had agreed in principal to a contract for demolition of the house. The contract was drafted by Mr. Foster, distributed to the members and discussed at length. After discussion,

Commissioner Coke, made a motion, which was seconded by Mayor Evers, the Board unanimously voted to approve to contract, as presented by the City Attorney.

(d) Contract for construction of Stone Wall & Landscaping for the Gateway Entrances at Old Hickory Boulevard & Hillsboro: Mr. Foster informed the Board that he currently has three areas of concern about this project. First, the NES easement is not in place. Mr. Foster has a meeting next week with the NES attorney to complete this permanent easement. Secondly, there is no water on the northeast corner. The City must locate, tap, and extend a water line to the corner, in order to supply the irrigation system. Finally, the lowest and best bidder has not submitted the information, as required by the Bid Specification. At the request of the City Manager, the members deferred this matter.

5. New Business:

(a) December 20th Board of Commissioners meeting: The Board of Commissioners had previously discussed cancellation of this meeting. Upon motion by Vice Mayor Lovell, which was seconded by Mayor Evers, the Board unanimously voted to approve cancellation of the regular Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for December 20, 2007.

(b) Open Space Committee: On behalf of Commissioner Coke, who had to leave early, the City Manager submitted the minutes of the December 3, 2007 Open Space Committee to the Board of Commissioners for acceptance. The minutes recapped the considerations of the Committee, the selection process of a Consulting Firm, to create the Open Space Conservation Plan, and ratified its recommendation to the Board

of Commissioners. Upon motion by Vice Mayor Lovell, which was seconded by Mayor Evers, the Board unanimously voted to approve the December minutes and actions of the Open Space Committee.

There being no further matters to be discussed and there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned, upon motion by Vice Mayor Lovell, which was seconded by Mayor Evers.

Recorder

Mayor