

Rose Park Community Meeting
December 9, 2019
Midtown Hills Precinct
Building



MNPS
Carter Lawrence ES

E.S.
Rose Park

MNPS
Rose Park MS

Meeting Purpose

- ❖ Advance a **positive, collaborative** approach to issues presented by the bill.
- ❖ Reframe these issues as **opportunities** for all involved – Metro Nashville, MNPS, the Edgehill neighborhood, and Belmont University – to work together for the **improvement** of the Rose Park partnership.
- ❖ Ensure that key questions, concerns, and recommendations are **heard, valued, and documented**, with a **commitment to addressing them** in a systematic, thorough, and transparent process.

Belmont Website

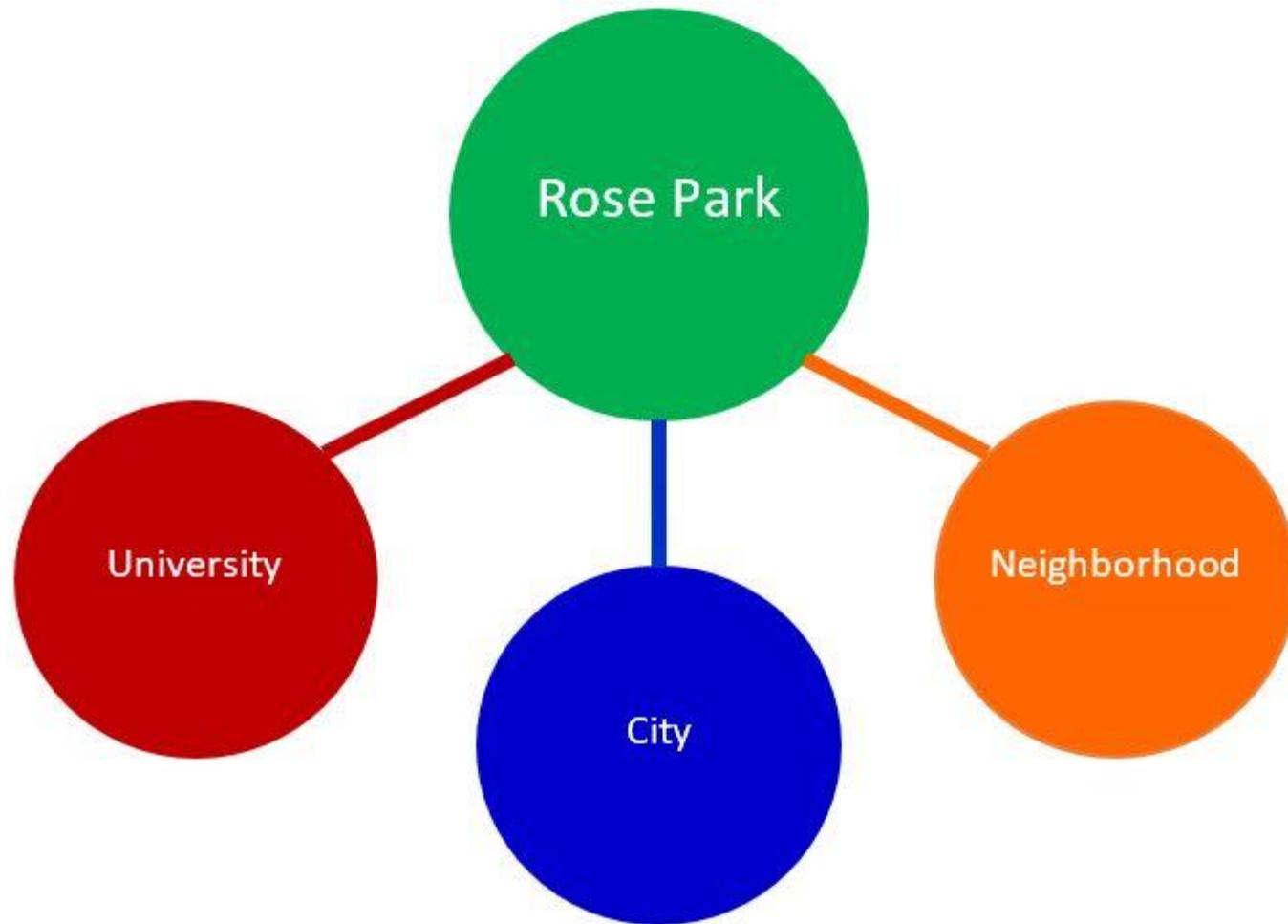


After a lengthy process requiring buy-in from both sides, Belmont funds the renovation and creation of Rose Park in the neighboring Edgehill community. Rose Park serves as a constant reminder of the partnership between Belmont, the city and the neighborhood.

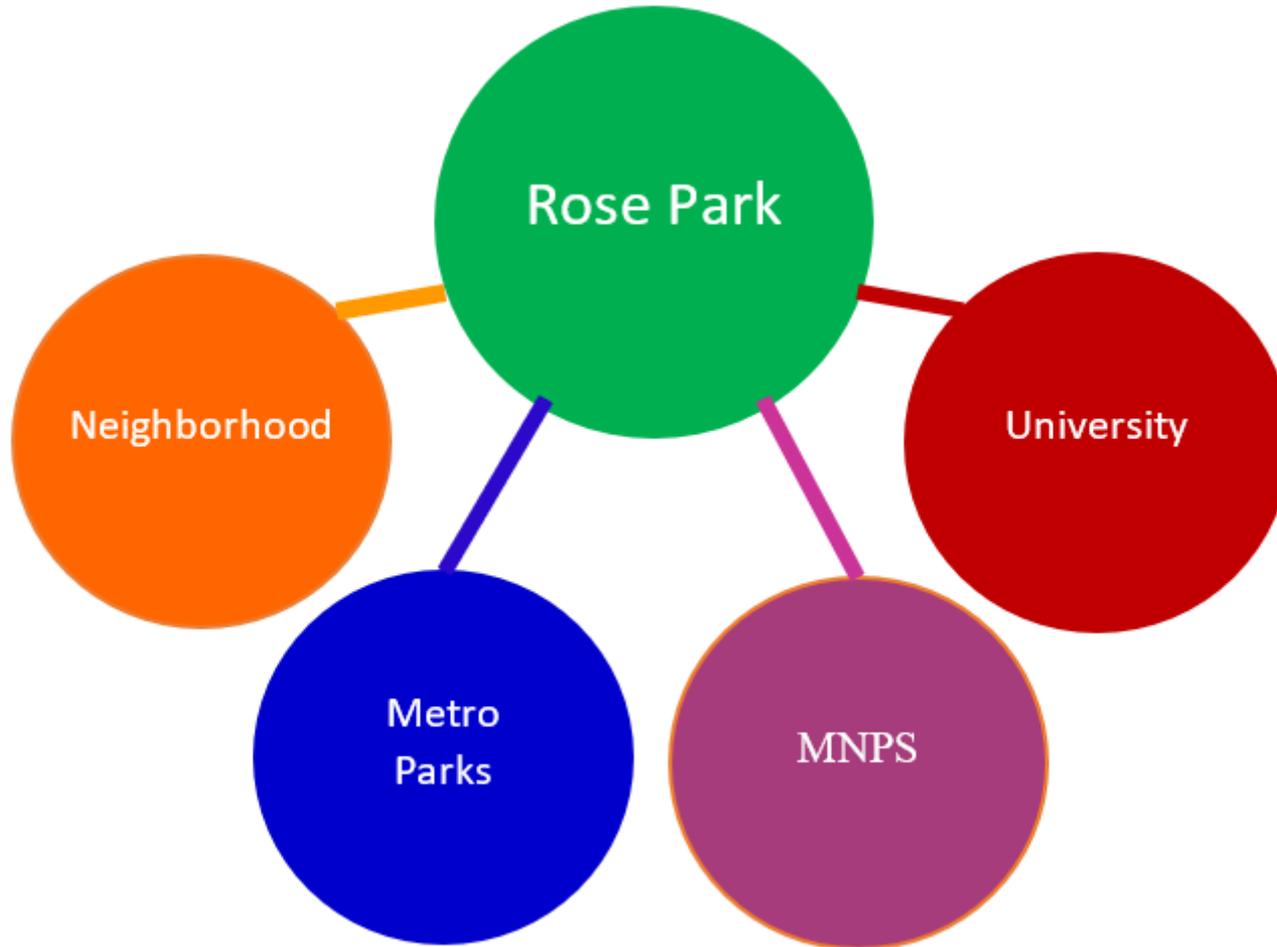
Metro Parks Website

“Metro Parks and Recreation owns and controls the scheduling of E.S. Rose Park Athletic fields. In addition to its athletic offerings, the renovated facility promotes **new and improved collaboration between Metro Parks, Carter Lawrence Elementary School, Rose Park Middle School, local neighborhood organizations, and nearby Belmont University.**”

“Three-legged Stool”



“Four-legged Stool”



Short Timeline

2007
Rose Park Lease

2007–2010
Legal Case

2011
Sportsplex
Opens

2017
Lease Amendment

2017–2019
Renewed
Examination of
Partnership

November 2019
Deferral for
Building/Improving
Partnership

2007 Lease

Duration	40 years.
Financial Terms	Sportsplex construction costs, annual lease payments (\$50,000, 80% to Parks, 20% to adjacent schools) including an inflation escalator, applicable maintenance and utility costs, and scholarships.
Scheduling	Operated by Metro Parks with a commitment to “make reasonable efforts to schedule Belmont’s first choice of dates and times.” Established priority for schools, etc.
Oversight and Accountability	Metro Parks, including annual reports, informed by consultation with the Belmont Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

Proposed 2019 Lease

Duration	50 years.
Financial Terms	Construction costs, an annual grant of \$35,000 (currently inflation escalator; to be reduced to \$20,000 if Metro funds Saturday operations of any neighborhood community center), maintenance, and utilities.
Scheduling	Operated by Belmont with a commitment to allow use by MNPS and RBI when the facility has not been previously scheduled by Belmont.
Oversight and Accountability	Provisions of the 2007 Rose Park lease do not apply.

Observations (1)

- ❖ Many neighborhood concerns and recommendations clearly have merit.
- ❖ Concerns are motivated by a desire to protect Rose Park and realize its full potential as a historical, scenic, and recreational resource for the neighborhood and the city.
- ❖ Both in 2007 and today, Edgehill residents and neighborhood organizations deserve respect for their extraordinary investment of thought, time, resources, and energy on behalf of Rose Park.

Observations (2)

- ❖ Belmont funded construction of facilities that have been shared with community and school groups and pays annual lease directed to Community Center and schools.
- ❖ Belmont has awarded 2 four-year scholarships per year since partnership began.
- ❖ Belmont recently award State's Benefactor Award for contributions to Community Center.

Observations (3)

- ❖ Metro wants to help to make the Rose Park partnership work better.
- ❖ Communication concerns and agreeing to solutions together is preferred method over legal confrontation.
- ❖ Constructive solutions – including creative ideas, improved processes, and compromises – are needed and possible.

Work Areas

- ❖ Financial Terms and Duration of the Proposed Lease
- ❖ Building Use, Access, and Scheduling
- ❖ Park Use, Access, and Scheduling
- ❖ Oversight and Accountability Mechanisms
- ❖ Longer-term Plans for Rose Park and the Easley Center

Goals for the Use of Public Land with Private Partners

- ❖ Fiscal benefits for all involved.
- ❖ Oversight: The identification of groups to oversee commitments made and long-term maintenance plan.
- ❖ Design, construction, operation, and maintenance to serve measurable public purposes (sustainable, healthy, and resilient neighborhoods and cities).

Goals and Guidelines for Discussion

- ❖ The goal is to gather recommendations for the improvement of the bill and the Rose Park partnership.
- ❖ Discussion should be respectful, positive, solution-oriented, and inclusive.
- ❖ Contributions should be focused and limited to about two minutes. Be aware of the need for the recorder to write down recommendations.



Next Steps

- ❖ Opportunities for Additional Ideas and Recommendations (closing date?)
- ❖ Review by Working Group (Edgehill Coalition Rose Park Committee)
- ❖ Publication/Distribution of Report on Recommendations (first week of January?)
- ❖ Draft Report on Proposed Actions (end of January?)