

Call to Action – Save E.S. Rose Park

If you think that a baseball field, softball field, soccer field, football field, and a running track ...

*If you think all of those things can be used **rather continuously by a university** without infringing on the freedom of the community, then you will buy the Brooklyn Bridge for two dollars.*

Reverend Bill Barnes, 2007 ([video](#))

*The first thing is to keep your assets for the community. And don't let some other group, whether it's **a respected university** or Metro Government, take your assets.*

Mayoral Candidate John Cooper, 2019 ([video](#))

What: A Historic Chance to Stand Against a Historic Injustice

**When: Metro Council Public Hearing
Tuesday, September 1, 6:30 p.m.**

Email: CouncilMembers@nashville.gov

Speak: [Guide to Virtual Attendance and Phone-in](#)

Tell the Metro Council:

- Oppose **[Bill BL2019-11](#)** (new Belmont University Rose Park Middle School lease and park lease amendment).
- Metro parks are for the health of neighborhoods and the public.
- Enact priority neighborhood and public access to Rose Park.
- Don't allow a private religious institution – that **[openly practices discrimination](#)** – to operate a Metro schools facility for 30 to 50 years.
- Metro Council members and officials do not work for Belmont.
- Honor the **[results of community meetings](#)**.
- Honor the **[Metro Council's Community Covenant on Equity](#)** (Resolution 31).
- Honor Mayor Cooper's commitments to **neighborhoods, financial stewardship, and ethics and transparency**.

Visit the **[Rose Park page](#)** of the Edgehill Neighborhood Coalition website for more information.