



WORK SESSION AGENDA

of the

CITY OF WILDWOOD'S

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wildwood City Hall – Community Room

16860 Main Street · Wildwood, Missouri

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016

WORK SESSION: 21ST Anniversary Wildwood Celebration Discussion
(6:00 p.m.)

REGULAR MEETING TO FOLLOW (7:00 p.m.)

I. Celebration Booklet

Documents: [CELEBRATION BOOKLET 2016_POINTS OF INTEREST.PDF](#)

If you would like to submit a comment regarding an item on this meeting agenda, please visit the Form Center.

Note: The Historic Preservation Commission will consider and act upon these matters listed above and any such others as may be presented at the meeting and determined appropriate for discussion at that time.

WILDWOOD POINTS OF INTEREST – 2016

[A continuation from the 14 Points of Interest identified in 2015]

15. AL FOSTER MEMORIAL TRAIL

225 Grand Avenue, Wildwood, MO 63038, #: (636) 458-0440

www.cityofwildwood.com

This 2.5 mile trail was a joint effort between the City of Wildwood, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation in 2003. Just south of Glencoe City Park, this chat-surfaced trail runs along the banks of the Meramec River, eastward to Sherman Beach. Trail connections can be made to Hamilton-Carr Greenway directly north of the soon-to-be-improved, 1-acre Al Foster Memorial Trailhead and parking area, Bluff View Trail at *mile marker 0.5*, Rock Hollow Trail at *mile marker 1*, and Castlewood State Park via a single-track natural trail. A one-half-mile western extension, including a 194-foot pedestrian bridge over Hamilton-Carr Creek, was completed in 2011 by a partnership between Great Rivers Greenway and the City of Wildwood. Eventually, this trail will extend further south to Route 66 State Park! *Source: Wildwood website*

16. ANNIVERSARY PARK

16511 Clayton Road, Wildwood, MO 63011, #: (636) 458-0440

www.cityofwildwood.com

This 13-acre property is largely consumed by floodplain of Caulk's Creek, which meanders through the majority of it. Completed in 2006, this 1-acre neighborhood park provides a playground, large pavilion, improved restrooms, a drinking fountain, and picnic tables. Nestled in the junction of three (3) City Council Wards, it serves as a premier destination for area families and is bustling with children playing all times of the day! *Source: Wildwood website*

17. BETHEL ROCK CHURCH AND BETHEL CHURCH

17500 Manchester Road, Wildwood, MO 63038, #: (636) 458-2255

<http://bethelunitedmethodist.org>

"Bethel" means House of God in Hebrew. In 1858, the original Rock Bethel Church was established on Wild Horse Creek Road. In March 1873, fourteen (14) acres of land was purchased for a new church and cemetery on Manchester Road. In April of 1875, the original, surviving church was dedicated. Bethel United Methodist Church has been, and remains, one of the centers of community in the City of Wildwood. *Source: Bethel Church website*

18. BLUFF VIEW PARK

1900 Old State Road, Wildwood, MO 63038, #: (636) 458-0440

www.cityofwildwood.com

This property was originally owned by Harold Donnelly, who donated it to St. Louis County per a land-exchange agreement in 1999. Since 2014, it has been leased to the City of Wildwood and is to be developed to serve the region's extensive outdoor community. A 2.5 mile single-track natural trail is planned that will switchback across 100 acres, then extends through neighboring State property to the 245-acre Rock Hollow Area, also leased to the City, creating an overall loop of more than eleven (11) miles of fun! *Source: Wildwood website*

19. GLENCOE CITY PARK

505 Washington Avenue, Wildwood, MO 63038, #: (636) 458-0440

www.cityofwildwood.com

This park came about from a series of land acquisitions of thirty-six (36) properties over a decade, mainly due to frequent flooding of the Meramec River. These properties, plus the network of alleys and rights-of-way owned by the City, create its linear configuration encompassing an area of more than fifteen (15) acres. A large playground, with parking lot, a shade structure, picnic tables, restroom facilities, and beautiful landscaping, fencing, and stone piers, were installed in 2005 on a portion of the site. The Al Foster Memorial Trailhead is nestled midway between the park to the north and the river's frontage to the south. *Source: Wildwood website*

20. IMOGENE'S TEA ROOM ~ WILDWOOD'S ORIGINAL CITY HALL ~

16962 Manchester Road, Wildwood, MO 63040, #: (636) 273-6111

<http://imogenes.net>

This circa-1879 building was built by Frederick Retker and was the only general store in the area for many years. Later, it housed the telephone exchange and, in 1921, under Elmer Funk's ownership, it resumed its role as a general store. The store and picnic grove to the east were important meeting places in the community for many years. It was renovated in 1980 for private offices, and then became Wildwood's first City Hall in 1995. A major expansion was completed in 2000, doubling the overall building's original size. After the City of Wildwood moved to a larger facility in 2010, the property was purchased by Wildwood resident Clarissa Wheeler and became Imogene's Tea Room. *Source: "Wildwood" by Jo Beck, 2009*

21. MARIANIST RETREAT CENTER

4000 Highway 109, Wildwood, MO 63025, #: (636) 938-5390

<http://mretreat.org>

This 133-acre property, located just south of the Old State Road/Highway 109 junction, was owned by the Alfred Carr Family from 1891 until 1943. The original home, known as MaryCliff, was built in 1905. It was sold to a Benevolent Society, which then sold it to the Society of Mary Province of St. Louis in 1950. Priests and brothers of the Marianist Order have served the spiritual and educational needs of over 75,000 students and adults since 1967. *Source: Marianist Retreat website*

22. OLD POND SCHOOL & PARK

17123 Manchester Road, Wildwood, MO 63040, #: (636) 458-0440

www.cityofwildwood.com

Listed on the *National Register of Historic Places*, Old Pond School served the area's elementary students from 1914 to 1951. This 1-acre property was deeded to the City of Wildwood by Lorraine Conreaux, a descendent of the original owners, the Dreinhofer Family. It is a classic one-room schoolhouse, which was authentically restored beginning in 2002 and now serves as a community meeting place and neighborhood park. *Source: Wildwood website*

23. POND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

1725 Pond Road, Wildwood, MO 63038, #: (636) 458-9627

<http://pondathletic.com>

Incorporated in 1963, Pond Athletic Association serves over 2,000 youth each year, training them in the finer points of baseball, softball, and sportsmanship. This all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization has

seven (7) well-maintained playing fields located upon twenty (20) acres, which serve youth from the entire region. *Source: Pond Athletic Association website*

24. ROCK HOLLOW TRAIL

777 Ridge Road, Wildwood, MO 63021, #: (636) 458-0440

www.cityofwildwood.com

The Rock Hollow Area encompasses twenty (20) properties, 275 acres, and is managed through a partnership between the City of Wildwood, the State of Missouri, the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Great Rivers Greenway District. Beginning at its trailhead, shared with Ridge Meadow Elementary School, a 2.3-mile asphalt trail follows the former Lawler Ford Road, also known to locals as *Zombie Road*. The trail winds from the ridgeline to the valley, having over 150 feet in relief, and featuring thirteen (13) bridges! *Source: Wildwood website*

25. ROCKWOOD R-6 SCHOOL DISTRICT'S WILDWOOD AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

SOURCE: <http://www.rsdmo.org>

- **BABLER** - Serves 563 students, with a 17:1 student/teacher ratio. This National School of Character is located at **1955 Shepard Road, Wildwood, MO 63038, #: (636) 733-1175**, on more than 16 acres. <http://www.rsdmo.org/babler>
- **FAIRWAY** - Serves 485 students, with a 16:1 student/teacher ratio, and Wildwood's newest school, which was built in 2004. It is located at **480 Old Fairway Drive, Wildwood, MO 63040, #: (636) 733-4175**, on 17 acres. <http://www.rsdmo.org/fairway>
- **GREEN PINES** - Serves 398 students, with a 17:1 student/teacher ratio. This Blue Ribbon School of Excellence is located at **16543 Green Pines Drive, Wildwood, MO 63011, #: (636) 733-4150**, on approximately 12 acres. <http://www.rsdmo.org/greenpines>
- **POND** - Serves 352 students, with a 15:1 student/teacher ratio. This Blue Ribbon School of Excellence is located at **17146 Manchester Road, Wildwood, MO 63040, #: (636) 733-3225**, on approximately 16 acres. <http://www.rsdmo.org/pond>

26. ROCKWOOD R-6 SCHOOL DISTRICT'S WILDWOOD AREA MIDDLE SCHOOLS:

- **ROCKWOOD VALLEY** - Serves 720 students, with a 15:1 student/teacher ratio. This school is both a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and a Missouri Gold Star School, located at **1220 Babler Park Drive, Wildwood, MO 63038, #: (636) 733-4270**, and situated on more than 68 acres! <http://www.rsdmo.org/rvalley>
- **LASALLE SPRINGS** - Serves 899 students, with a 17:1 student/teacher ratio. Listed as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, it is located at **3300 Highway 109, Wildwood, MO 63038, #: (636) 733-4200**, on approximately 28 acres. <http://www.rsdmo.org/lasalle>
- **WILDWOOD** - Serves 701 students, with a 16:1 student/teacher ratio. Rated as a Top Performing Middle School, it is situated upon 30 acres located at **17401 Manchester Road, Wildwood, MO 63038, #: (636) 733-4230**. <http://www.rsdmo.org/wildwood>

27. ROCKWOOD R-6 SCHOOL DISTRICT'S WILDWOOD AREA HIGH SCHOOL

- **LAFAYETTE** - Serves 1,924 students, with an 18:1 student/teacher ratio. Listed as a Top Ten Renaissance School for 15 years, it is located at **17050 Clayton Road, Wildwood, MO 63011, #: (636) 733-4100**, on more than 51 acres! <http://www.rsdmo.org/babler>

28. ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WILDWOOD CAMPUS

2645 Generations Drive, Wildwood, MO 63040, #: (636) 422-2000

<http://www.stlcc.edu/ww/>

The newest Community College in the St. Louis District, built in 2007, provides more than 85,000 square feet of student facilities on more than 132 acres! It is conveniently located in the heart of Wildwood, near the Town Center Area, yet nestled among native prairie and woodlands. It was the first community college in the Midwest, and Wildwood's first building, to receive the [United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design \(LEED\) Certification](#). The LEED Rating System is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings. Gold certification recognizes the District for a high level of energy efficiency, site sustainability, and enhancement to both indoor and outdoor environmental quality. The campus green features include a green roof, a lighting management system, with increased natural light throughout the building, and systems designed to ensure high indoor air quality. STLCC-Wildwood is also a TOBACCO-FREE Campus - no consumption of tobacco is allowed on any campus property; this includes the building, grounds, sidewalks and parking lots. The college is committed to maintaining a healthy living and working environment for its students, faculty, staff, and the community. It 'is a "green" campus, built with environmentally-friendly materials and architecture. It was designed to enhance occupant comfort and health, reduce operating costs, conserve natural resources, and reduce each building's impact on the environment and the community.' *Source: stlcc website*

29. WILDWOOD FAMILY YMCA

2641 Highway 109, Wildwood, MO 63040, #: (636) 458-6636

<http://www.gwrymca.org/locations/wildwood-family-ymca>

This community facility, built in 2001, is situated upon a parcel of ground over nine (9) acres in size and conveniently situated by Wildwood Square, a commercial/retail center; St. Louis Community College – Wildwood Campus; and the Meadows of Wildwood, a 65-lot, senior-living neighborhood. This facility offers over 20 amenities for members' physical enjoyment, including a large, indoor swimming pool and an outdoor community garden – it is the YMCA; need more be said!?! *Source: gwrymca website*

30. WILDWOOD MUNICIPAL BUILDING

16860 Main Street, Wildwood, MO 63040, #: (636) 458-0440

<http://www.cityofwildwood.com>

The third building to house City Hall, and the first to include the Wildwood Police Precinct, was built in 2013. It is the second building in Wildwood to receive LEED Certification, being awarded a Gold level in energy and environmental design. This building is home to the Department of Planning and Parks, the Department of Public Works, the Municipal Court, and Administration, Human Resources, and IT support on the upper level, accessible from the south parking lot; while the Police Department and public meeting rooms are located on the first floor, adjacent to Main Street. In cooperation with the St. Louis Community College – Wildwood Campus, student art is on display in the Community Room of this building. *Source: Department of Planning & Parks; Wildwood website*