

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

Wildwood City Hall – Community Room

Thursday, April 7, 2016

16860 Main Street

Wildwood, Missouri

I. Welcome and Roll Call:

Acting Chair Barth called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., subsequent to the demolition site visit and catered dinner earlier in the evening. He welcomed everyone in attendance and requested a roll call, with the following results:

Attending: Acting Chair Barth, Commissioner Rosener, Commissioner Wojciechowski, Commissioner Jeter, Alternate Thompson, Council Member Liaison Cullinane, and Planning and Zoning Commission Liaison Gragnani

Absent: Commissioner Sahm, Commissioner Long, and Council Member Liaison Manton

Staff: Director of Planning Joe Vujnich and Senior Planner Terri Gaston

II. Opening Remarks and Event Booklet Discussion:

Director Vujnich thanked the Commission for attending this work session, as well as the 5:00 p.m. site visit, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz, for the demolition at 17715 Mueller Road. Per the initial discussion held in January, which outlined the eight (8) major elements for the History Section of the booklet, February's first Work Session detailed three (3) of them in depth. Since that session, staff met with Stacey Mincoff, the City's graphics consultant who prepares the booklet, and discussion continued, as follows:

1. Modify the cover of the booklet to include a photograph of one (1) of the more historically-significant buildings located in the City of Wildwood (i.e., what building or buildings?).

Similar to the previous year's booklet, tabulated cover pages will highlight the different sections:

- A) Opening/Introduction
- B) Artist component
- C) History component – updated timeline, new photographs
- D) Map - 11 communities, link to chapter of book, historic registry and puzzle

The front cover will incorporate 'Celebrate Wildwood' and the City's event logo as its focal point, but on the bind, instead of centered. Since past booklets didn't promote anything for kids, the photographs should be changed out, utilizing those that better represent the event, and include a children's item, such as the Old Pond School with kids playing.

It was suggested a winding border wrap both front and back covers, with a collage of photographs on the back. Ms. Mincoff preferred the watermark of old land survey maps be included on history pages, inside the booklet, and not on the cover. Director Vujnich noted that Ms. Mincoff has the aforementioned design underway and will provide a draft for the Commission's end-of-the month meeting [4/28/16, but later, rescheduled to 5/4/16].

2. **Consider selecting a period of history of this area and develop it into the story for inclusion in the booklet, such as the *Civil War Years in Wildwood*.**

Discussion moved onto content, specifically noting the Incorporation story should be toned down; it doesn't need to be redone, since it was already online. Mention can be made in the booklet briefly, re-directing anyone interested to the City's website.

Director Vujnich reiterated the eras identified during February's discussion: Prehistorical [native American influence of the area up to 1776]; Revolutionary War to the Civil War; Civil War to World War I; Industrial Era through the Depression; and World War II to 1995 [Incorporation of Wildwood].

Discussion ensued on the different eras, ranging from prehistorical items, such as burial mounds, archeological sites, the Missouri and Meramec Rivers history and the role each played in the settlement of this area; Joe Harl's book [UMSL] could provide a lot of historical information on Tavern Creek and Lewis and Clark's Expedition; and the State's commission from Jefferson City to St. Louis that mandated improvements to Manchester Road in the 1800's [Revolutionary War-Civil War Era].

Director Vujnich requested the Commission further define which era should be emphasized for this year's Celebration, which they concurred should start at the beginning, since last year's focus was on Wildwood's incorporation to the 20th Anniversary. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosener, seconded by Commissioner Jeter, to proceed with Prehistory to 1776 for this year's history section, which would also suffice as the first chapter in preparation of the overall book. Chair Barth declared the motion passed, with the affirmative and unanimous voice vote [5/0].

Director Vujnich noted that staff would specifically research Native American/Indian Culture beginning approximately 10,000 years ago, location of pathways utilized from coastal regions to the mid-west plains after the last significant Ice Age, up to the Mississippians [c. 1,100 years ago]. An outline of major features and locational components would be provided for the next Work Session. Council Liaison Cullinane offered assistance with researching art/photographs, arrowheads, pottery, and locational photographs, which could be verified by the Wildwood Historical Society.

3. **Develop a new set of *Points of Interest*, including a corresponding map.**

With time running short and the need to proceed onto the regular Commission session, discussion on another set of *Points of Interest* [14] would be the priority at a future work session, along with Items 5 - 8, listed below.

4. **Include photographs of all of the historical properties on the City's Register in the booklet.**

Director Vujnich mentioned a collage of photos will include the eleven (11) buildings on the City's Historical Registry, as part of the back cover being prepared by Ms. Mincoff.

5. **Change out photographs from 2015 booklet, so all are new for 2016.**

6. **Engage re-enactors to participate in the event and highlight the period of history emphasized in the booklet.**

7. Engage storytellers to participate in the Saturday portion of the Celebrate Wildwood Event. These storytellers could highlight the selected timeframe from the area's history.
8. Highlight the Community Markers Program, with photographs of them and the text inscribed upon each of them to be included in the booklet as well. Other components associated with this program that were discussed by the Commission members included an automobile tour designed to highlight the eleven (11) communities and the markers located at each of them and hosting ribbon-cutting ceremonies at their newly-installed locations.

III. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Director Vujnich requested the Commission consider another work session prior to the regular meeting scheduled for April 28th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. *[This work session was later rescheduled to May 5th]*

Acting Chair Barth adjourned the work session at 7:05 p.m. The Commission would take a short break, before reconvening for the regular meeting scheduled for this evening.