

CITY OF WILDWOOD
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
WILDWOOD CITY HALL (HOSTED)
16860 MAIN STREET
WILDWOOD, MISSOURI 63040
and on Zoom
May 27, 2021

I. **Welcome and Roll Call**

Meeting: Thursday, May 27, 2021, hosted at Wildwood City Hall, via Zoom, at 6:30 p.m.
Attending: Commissioners Stevens, Scott, Hrubes, Hammond, Rowton, and Bachert, and Council Liaisons Clark and Gillani, and Chair Wojciechowski
Absent: Alternates Adams and Quaternik, and Commission Liaison Broyles
Staff: Director of Planning and Parks Joe Vujnich and Senior Planner Travis Newberry

II. **Opening Remarks**

Chair Wojciechowski welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

III. **Approval of the Historic Preservation Commission April 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Hrubes, to approve the minutes from its meeting of April 22, 2021. A voice vote was taken on the motion, with a unanimous affirmative result, and Chair Wojciechowski declared the motion approved by a vote of 6-0.

IV. **Public Comment**

None

V. **New Business**

A. **Ready for Action – Two (2) Items**

1. **Consideration of Draft Recommendation Report on Property Owners’ Request to Change the Street Name of Old Slave Road (Ward One)**

Director Vujnich stated the Department of Public Works is in receipt of a request from the owners of properties that are addressed to Old Slave Road to change the street name. He outlined the

required process for such a request and described the Historic Preservation Commission's role in this request, given the nature of the street name and this area of the City. Director Vujnich outlined a previous request from the property owners along this same street, which received support from the Commission at that time, but it was ultimately not authorized by the City Council at the time.

Director Vujnich noted the Department contacted the Monarch Fire Protection District regarding the request and it offered no objection to such. He also stated the St. Louis County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) was contacted and it expressed its concern, specifically regarding the use of 'Madison Lane,' given the high number of other locations within its jurisdiction that have the same or similar street names. Director Vujnich stated the Department is recommending the Commission support the requested change to the street name, including either option of 'Elijah Madison Lane' or 'Madison Lane,' which would then be forwarded to the Administration/Public Works Committee for its consideration and action.

Discussion was held among Commission Members regarding the consideration of 'Madison Lane' versus 'Elijah Madison' Lane for the new street name.

A motion by Commissioner Hrubes, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, to support the Department's recommendation regarding the requested street name change, with the inclusion of the Commission's preference for the street name being 'Elijah Madison Lane.' A voice vote was taken on the motion, with a unanimous affirmative result, and Chair Wojciechowski declared the motion approved by a vote of 6-0.

2. Discussion with Selected Consultant on Scope of Work and Cost Estimate for the Historic Route 66 Roadside Park (Ward Eight)

Director Vujnich stated the Commission conducted interviews with the three (3) planning and design firms for the Historic Route 66 Roadside Park at its March 2021 meeting and ultimately selected to engage SWT Design for the project. He stated the representatives from SWT Design are in attendance at tonight's meeting and seeking the Commission's direction on a number of items, which will help in its preparation of a formal proposal.

Discussion was held among Commission Members, the representatives of SWT Design, and the Department regarding the following: the extent of planned public input for the planning and design process for this park; the desire to simplify the planning process; the consideration of engaging certain stakeholders, as part of the planning process; the consideration of any architectural components, if a structure is planned; the desire to focus on the rural character of this section of Historic Route 66 within Wildwood; the importance of providing restroom facilities and shade structures, as part of the plan for the roadside park.

VI. Old Business

A. Ready for Action – Four (4) Items

1. **Presentation by Consultant who Prepared the 2020/2021 New Surveys of Historic Properties, with Q&A (Wards – All)**

Director Vujnich introduced Katie Graebe, the consultant with Landmarks Association of St. Louis, who completed the survey of historic properties. He noted Ms. Graebe is in attendance to provide a presentation of the completed document and answer any questions Commission Members may have regarding it.

Ms. Graebe provided a comprehensive overview of the survey of historic properties she had conducted and provided photographs of selected properties. She provided an explanation as to why none of the properties would be eligible for federal designation, but noted one (1) property could be considered for the City's local registry. Ms. Graebe stated she is available for any questions Commission Members may have regarding the survey.

Commission Members and the Department thanked Ms. Graebe for the presentation and completing the survey, despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19.

2. **Update Missouri Bicentennial Celebration (2021) – Time Capsule for Cities (Wards – All)**

Senior Planner Newberry provided a brief update regarding the Missouri Bicentennial Time Capsule and the specifications and requirements for submittals to be included in such. He noted the Department has provided a list of initial ideas in its Memorandum for the Commission to consider for the time capsule. Mr. Newberry stated the Department is seeking input from the Members regarding this item at tonight's meeting.

Discussion was held among Commission Members regarding the list of items included in the Department's Memorandum and the desire to take additional time to individually think of possible items for inclusion in time capsule, with all to be presented at its June 2021 meeting.

3. **Update on 2021 Work Program (Wards – All)**

Director Vujnich provided an overview of the Commission's 2021 Work Program.

No discussion was held regarding this agenda item.

4. **Discussion of Points of Interest Map and Wildwood History Book for Celebrate Wildwood 25+1 (Wards – All)**

B. Not Ready for Action – Four (4) Items

1. Final Action on Location of Orrville Historic Community Marker (Wards One and Three)
2. Discussion Regarding the Future Location for the Essen Log Cabin (Wards – All)
3. Work Program for Historic Route 66 Promotion (Wards – All)
4. Update on Kohn Park Sign (Ward One)

VII. Review of Proposed Zoning/Plats/Site Development Plan/Demolition Requests – No Items

VIII. Other Matters for Consideration

None

IX. Upcoming Meeting Date – June 24, 2021 (Thursday)

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 24th, at 6:30 p.m.

X. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Hrubes, and seconded by Commissioner Rowton, to adjourn the meeting. With a unanimous voice vote, Chair Wojciechowski declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.