

City of Wildwood
Council Planning/Parks Committee
"Planning Tomorrow Today"
Minutes from the
June 21, 2022 Meeting

The Council Planning/Parks Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Bartoni, at 6:30 p.m., on June 21, 2022, at Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main Street, Wildwood, Missouri, in virtual format (Zoom Webinar).

I. Welcome and Roll Call:

The roll call was taken, with the following results:

PRESENT – (6)

Council Member Clark
Council Member Farmer
Council Member Flaschar
Council Member Rambaud
Council Member McCutchen
Council Member Bartoni

ABSENT – (2)

Council Member Gillani
Council Member Ottenberg

Other City Officials present:

Steve Cross, City Administrator
Melanie Rippetoe, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks
Travis Newberry, Senior Planner

II. Approval of Minutes from the Committee's Meeting of May 17, 2022

A motion was made by Council Member Farmer, seconded by Council Member Clark, to approve the meeting minutes of May 17, 2022, A voice vote was taken to regarding the motion. The motion was declared approved by Chair Bartoni by a vote of 6-0, with two (2) abstentions (Flaschar and McCutchen).

III. Public Input (opportunity for the public to speak to any Action Item on Tonight's Agenda).

Krista Taves, Friends of Belleview, provided a presentation updating the Committee Members on the work of the organization at the Belleview Farm Park property. She provided information regarding the not-for-profit organization's history, mission and vision, future goals, partnerships with other organizations and agencies, and concluded with upcoming workdays and volunteer opportunities.

IV. Action Items

a.) Planning Matters – Three (3) Items Ready for Consideration

1.) Further Information and Discussion of Hometown Heroes Banner Program and its Components (Wards – All)

Assistant Director Rippetoe provided an overview of the Hometown Heroes Banner Program, as it is implemented in other communities within the St. Louis Region. Ms. Rippetoe outlined the various considerations that are anticipated for the City with its potential implementation of this specific banner program, including duration of display, time of year, and pricing and cost items. Ms. Rippetoe stated the Department is seeking the Committee's endorsement to move forward with additional research to determine the various options for the City to consider in implementing a Hometown Heroes Banner Program.

Discussion was held among Committee Members regarding the notion the interest in the community to participate will have an impact on many of the factors under consideration for this program; the support of the Committee of the improved aesthetics to the streetscape with this banner program; and the desire of the Members to gather additional details for the Committee's consideration and direction.

A motion by Council Member Flaschar, seconded by Council Member Rambaud, to endorse the Department continuing to proceed forward and provide refined details to the Committee regarding the implementation of a Hometown Heroes Banner Program in Wildwood. A voice vote was taken to approve the motion, with affirmative result. The motion was declared approved by Chair Bartoni.

2.) Update on the Wall That Heals Application Process (Wards – All)

Senior Planner Newberry provided an update regarding the City's application for the Wall That Heals. He stated the Department contacted the organization to gather any new or additional information prior to submitting its application and noted the representative advised that, given the exhibit is visiting Warrenton, Missouri in 2022, the City of Wildwood would not be favorably considered as a host for 2023. The representative encouraged the City to visit the installation in Warrenton this fall to experience the setup and learn from those individuals organizing it. Mr. Newberry stated the Department is seeking the consensus of the Committee regarding this approach.

Consensus was reached among Committee Members regarding the information and approach, as presented by the Department.

No action was taken regarding this update item.

3.) Overview of Recent Development Trends within City of Wildwood (Wards - All)

Senior Planner stated this item is for informational purposes and the Department is available to address any questions the Committee Members might have on this summary.

No discussion was held among Committee Members regarding this update item.

b.) Parks Matters – Seven (7) Items Ready for Consideration

1.) Presentation of Engineered Plans, including Updated Cost Estimates, for the Hardcourt Facility in Community Park (Ward One)

Assistant Director Rippetoe provided an overview of the Committee's discussion and direction regarding this matter, which is now reflected on the provided plan sheets. She stated the Department is seeking the Committee's input regarding this most recent version of the plans for the hardcourt facility in Community Park and direction to proceed with the bidding process.

Discussion was held among Committee Members regarding future programming efforts to support the hardcourt facility, after its completion; the consideration of potential forthcoming hardcourt areas, specifically pickleball courts, within the Town Center Area and if that possibility might influence the decision making of the Committee; and concerns regarding the stormwater management associated with these improvements, i.e. amended soils.

A motion by Council Member Flaschar, seconded by Council Member McCutchen, to direct the Department to present the Committee's favorable recommendation to proceed with the bidding process for the hardcourt facility, as designed, with its presentation to the City Council. A voice vote was taken to approve the motion, with affirmative result. The motion was declared approved by Chair Bartoni.

2.) Consideration of a Change to Park and Recreation Regulations for Special Events Seeking to Serve Alcohol on Public Park Property (Wards – All)

Assistant Director Rippetoe provided a summary of the origin of this request relating to the City's regulations regarding the prohibition of alcoholic beverages in the City's park facilities and the consideration of modifying them to allow for such via a dedicated permitting process for special events only. She stated the Department has provided a Memorandum that summarized the key considerations regarding this potential change, which also includes recommendations to accommodate and address them. Assistant Director Rippetoe stated the Department is seeking the Committee's discussion and input regarding the its recommendations. She stated at the conclusion of the discussion and any input, the Department is also seeking the endorsement of the Committee to

proceed with the development of amended regulations and associated permitting process, with the assistance of City Attorney Young.

City Administrator Cross explained a situation that occurred in Community Park the previous weekend, which involved alcohol being illegally consumed, which led to various enforcement issues. Mr. Cross stated the information was being provided to the Committee Members to assist in the discussion regarding the consideration of this matter on tonight's agenda.

Discussion was held among Committee Members regarding concerns relating to the enforcement of new regulations, given the existing requirements currently prohibiting alcohol may not be adhered to by park visitors; questions regarding limiting the alcohol content and types of beverages that may be allowed to be served for special events in the parks; concerns regarding the City's liability, if it were to allow for alcohol to be served in park facilities; concerns regarding regulations for the concealed carry of firearms, as they relate to this matter; and questions regarding other City and State permitting requirements that would need to be taken into consideration.

A motion by Council Member Rambaud, seconded by Council Member Farmer, to direct the Department to proceed with this matter by preparing draft regulations and associated permitting process, as recommended. A voice vote was taken to approve the motion, with a tie. The motion was declared failed for the lack of a majority by Chair Bartoni by a vote of 3-3 (Voting Aye: Farmer, Rambaud, Bartoni/Voting Nay: Clark, McCutchen, Flaschar).

3.) Consideration of Purchases for Community Park Restrooms' Wastewater System (Ward One)

Assistant Director of Planning and Parks Rippetoe provided an overview of the current situation regarding the grinder pumps that are critical to the operation of the restrooms in Community Park, noting one (1) of the two (2) pumps is broken and beyond repair, and the other is nearing the conclusion of its normal lifetime. She noted the City's plumbing contractor has made the recommendation that two (2) new grinder pumps be purchased and installed, with the one (1) that is still working being saved as a reserve in the event of needed maintenance of another pump. Assistant Director Rippetoe stated the Department is recommending the Committee support this approach, which will provide assurances the restrooms at Community Park will remain in service at all times, regardless of maintenance needs of the grinder pumps.

Discussion was held among Committee Members noting concurrence with this approach, given it is prudent and will ensure uninterrupted availability of the restroom facilities in this popular park.

A motion by Council Member Rambaud, seconded by Council Member Clark, to support the Department's recommendation, as presented. A voice vote was taken to approve the motion, with affirmative result. The motion was declared approved by Chair Bartoni.

4.) Consideration of Bids for Anniversary Park Swing Replacements (Ward Four)

Senior Planner Newberry stated the City was contacted by a resident expressing concern regarding the lack of shade on the swings in Anniversary Park. The resident requested the City consider addressing this situation. Mr. Newberry stated the Department contacted the City's park designer to inquire how to best address this matter and was advised the retrofitting of the existing swings was not plausible; however, equipment now exists that includes swings with integrated shade structures. Mr. Newberry stated the Department requested three (3) bids for this type of equipment, which are being presented to the Committee tonight for its consideration and direction.

Discussion was held among Committee Members regarding the general consensus for shading at this location, as noted by the resident, and questions regarding the broad range in costs identified by the three (3) bids.

A motion by Council Member Farmer, seconded by Council Member Clark, to support the Department moving forward with this purchase, with the request to investigate the reasons for the widely varying bids and, more specifically, the difference between the low bid and the next to lowest bid, and report back to the Committee, prior to final action. A voice vote was taken to approve the motion, with affirmative result. The motion was declared approved by Chair Bartoni.

5.) Presentation of Tree Removal/Trimming Program at Glencoe City Park (Ward Six)

Assistant Director Rippetoe stated the City's certified park inspector has identified the need to address a number of issues relating to tree trimming and removal in Glencoe City Park. She stated this led the Department to seek a bid from its contractor for this type of work, which is being presented to the Committee for its consideration, direction, and endorsement.

No discussion was held among Committee Members regarding this matter.

A motion by Council Member Farmer, seconded by Council Member Flaschar, to approve the Department's recommendation, as presented. A voice vote was taken to approve the motion, with affirmative result. The motion was declared approved by Chair Bartoni.

6.) Update on In-Person and Virtual Recreation Programs (Wards - All)

The Committee was asked to review the attached Memorandum concerning *Updates on the In-Person and Virtual Recreation Programs* and present any questions the Members might have upon this information.

Assistant Director of Planning and Parks Rippetoe advised this item was only an update and no action was needed.

7.) Update on Facility Reservations, Event Registrations, and Ongoing and Long-Term Maintenance Costs for Parks and Trail Facilities (Wards – All)

The Committee was asked to review the attached Memorandum concerning *Updates on Facility Reservations, Event Registrations, and Ongoing and Long-Term Maintenance Costs for Parks and Trail Facilities* and present any questions Members might have upon this information.

c.) Executive Session Pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (2) – No Items for Consideration

V. Not Ready for Action – Parks and Planning Matters – Seven (7) Items

No discussion.

V. Other Matters

A question was raised regarding the meeting format of the Committee (i.e., virtual, in-person, hybrid, etc.). Chair Bartoni stated the question would be placed on the agenda next month for discussion.

VII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment:

A motion by Council Member Flaschar, seconded by Council Member Farmer, to adjourn. A voice vote was taken regarding the motion, with unanimous, affirmative result, and it was declared approved by Chair Bartoni at 8:37 p.m.