MEETING OF THE
WILDWOOD PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Community Room – 16860 Main Street
This meeting will be Livestreamed

Agenda

I. Roll Call

II. Approval Of Minutes (May 30, 2019 Meeting)

Documents:

5-30-2019 DRAFT MINUTES WW PRESERVATION.PDF

III. Introduction Of New Council Liaison Joe Garritano

IV. Public Participation

V. Missouri Stream Team: Chris Riggert And Josh Ward

VI. Update On Commission Initiatives

   A. Archaeological Study – Council Liaison Steve Taylor

   Documents:

   ARCHEOLOGICAL STUDY FOLLOW-UP.PDF
   ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCH CENTER PROPOSAL.PDF

   B. Resident Survey – Molly Rundquist

   Documents:

   CITY OF WILDWOOD SURVEY.PDF

VII. Miscellaneous

VIII. Next Meeting: TBD

IX. Adjournment

The Council Wildwood Preservation Commission Will Consider and Act upon the Matters Listed above and Such Others as May Be Presented at the Meeting and Determined to Be Appropriate for Discussion at That Time.
Notice is hereby given that the Wildwood Preservation Commission may also hold a closed meeting for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to one or more of the following: Legal Actions, Causes of Action, Litigation or Privileged Communications Between the City's Representatives and its Attorneys [RSMO 610.021(1) 1994]; Lease, Purchase or Sale of Real Estate [RSMO 610.021 (2) 1994]; hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees by a public governmental body [RSMO 610.021 (3) 1994]; bidding specification [RSMO 610.021 (11) 1994]; Bidding Specifications [RSMO 610.021 (12) 1994]; and/or individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment [RSMO 610.021 (13) 1994].

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL:

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Guest Speaker: Dr. Terry Jones

Staff Members present: Steve Cross, Co-Interim City Administrator
Joe Vujinich, Director of Planning & Parks/Co-Interim City Administrator
Justina Hudak, Accounting Clerk

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commission Member Clark and seconded by Commission Member Hrubes to approve the May 16, 2019 minutes. A voice vote was taken, with all in favor, and the motion was declared passed.

III. PRESENTATION AND Q&A WITH DR. TERRY JONES

Dr. Jones shared observations he has made from the Better Together initiative. He pointed out that most of the time a merger is offered as a solution, but no one has taken the time to define the problem. He used several examples of City & County mergers with unfavorable results. He suggested the Commission
should look at two areas: the municipal justice system and the public health system as possible areas that might benefit from a merger. He advised the Commission to keep an eye on the Charter Commission for St. Louis County. He stressed the importance of educating the community.

IV. UPDATE ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDY

Since Council Liaison Taylor was absent, the commission decided discussion regarding the Archaeological Study would be pushed to the next meeting’s agenda. Co-Interim City Administrator Cross expressed that the ARC proposal would be of value to the City of Wildwood and they would be moving forward with the proposal.

V. DISCUSSION REGARDING MISSOURI STREAM TEAM

Commission Member McGinnis discussed his conversation with Chris Riggert, Program Coordinator for the Missouri Stream Team. He feels a presentation from Mr. Riggert would be informational and educational. The Commission agreed that they would benefit from discussion with both Mr. Riggert and Mr. Ward, who is the Community Conservation Planner for St. Louis County. Commission Member McGinnis asked the Commission to prepare specific questions or topics and e-mail those ahead of time to guide the guest speakers in their preparation for the meeting.

VI. REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENTS TO SURVEY

The Commission appreciated the work Commission Member Rundquist put into the survey preparation. There was discussion about amending it to mention the potential merger, so that it will be productive in educating residents of the City of Wildwood. They agreed to add a summary statement to the beginning of the survey that will remind residents of the merger proposal and ask them what elements of Wildwood are important to them and what they would like to see protected in the event of a merger. Commission Member Munroe will provide the statement to Commission Member Rundquist, who will make the adjustments and e-mail out to the Commission for approval to expedite the survey to Co-Interim City Administrator Cross.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

No discussion.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Guest speakers will include: Chris Riggert, Program Coordinator for the Missouri Stream Team and Josh Ward, Community Conservation Planner for St. Louis County.
IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commission Member Clark, seconded by Commission Member Rundquist, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken, with all in favor, and the motion was declared passed. There being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.
From: Steve Taylor <taylor.steve.m@gmail.com>  
Date: May 23, 2019 at 12:18:07 PM CDT  
To: staylor@cityofwildwood.com  
Subject: Follow up on Archeological Research Center

To: Steve Cross and Joe Vunich  
From: Steve Taylor Ward 4

On May 22nd I visited the office of the Archeological Research Center at 2812 Woodson Rd. I was doing so to follow up with the suggestion by the Wildwood Preservation Committee that I pursue questions related to potential archeological assets, which may be of special interest to the City.

I met with the center’s president Robin Jorcke and senior cultural resource specialist Joe Harl.

During the meeting we determined that

1) Wildwood is replete with archeological sites both known and potential, including some known mounds.

2) There are many historic grave sites which would have some level of legal protection according to current Missouri law. It was stated that many are currently unknown by developers and the city. Mr. Harl suggested that sometimes human remains are not reported during development activity. This would be the case for both historic and prehistoric burials.

3) There are certain grants that would be available for the City to apply for related to archeological investigation. https://dnr.mo.gov/shpo/grants.htm https://dnr.mo.gov/shpo/certification.htm

4) There are many recorded archeological sites recorded in Wildwood including those along the "Bohnhome Creek Archeological District", a known mound near Etherton Rd. and Wildhorse Creek, as well as many sites along Cauk’s Creek that were found during the placement of sewer lines. These are known to archeologists, but they are not typically listed and are kept somewhat confidential by the archeology community to prevent looting and general privacy concerns.

5) If action is to be taken by the Army Corp. related to Cauk’s Creek that may trigger federal funding for Archeological surveys of impacted locations.

Possible legal protections for both historic grave sites and archeological resources is not a simple matter, but there seemed to be possible protection, especially on public land.
With this information in mind, the Archeological Research Center of St. Louis, Inc. suggested that a starting point would be for an archival review within the boundaries of the city to be conducted that would identify all known historic grave sites as well as known archeological sites and potential archeological and historic sites. The center, which would put together a formal proposal if the City is interested suggested that this could be done for an amount between $2,000 and $3,000.

Since this information would be of value not only to the WPC but the city in general, I recommend that we enter into a contract with the Archeological Research Center to produce this archival review.
May 24, 2019

Mr. Steve Cross
Co-Interim City Administrator
City of Wildwood
16860 Main Street
Wildwood, MO 63040

Dear Mr. Cross,

We can conduct an archival review to identify resources within the City of Wildwood, Missouri, that could have marked and unmarked human burials for a cost of $2,700.00. Registered burial grounds/cemeteries are protected by Missouri Statute 214.131-132, and unmarked human graves and burial mounds are protected by Missouri Statute RSMO 194.400-401 and federal law (Public Law 101-601; 25 U.S.C. 3001-3013), the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990. Having this information will allow the City to warn developers in the future of the potential for graves. In this way, the development can be redesigned to avoid the human remains or the cost of their removal can be added to construction budget at an early stage. This will eliminate costly down time caused when burials are encountered during construction. The archival review will consist of the following steps:

1.) A review will be conducted of historic atlases, plat maps, topographic maps, and other resources to identify the location of historic burial grounds and cemeteries. Although some of these may have been documented as having been moved, it is our experience that the headstones are taken away but nearly all of the bodies are left behind.

2.) Location of prehistoric burial mounds and locations where prehistoric graves have been identified will be documented. It should be cautioned that human remains often exist outside of the mound in the surrounding lands so an area larger than the mound needs to be taken into account.

3.) In 2013, we supplied the City of Wildwood with shape files depicting the location of all archaeological sites present within their limits. We will update these files to the present by using information supplied by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). This information also will be used to identify possible habitation sites. While these places are destroyed by development daily, we have found burials at nearly every habitation site that we have excavated despite the size
of the occupation. This information also can be used developers of the potential presence of unmarked human remains.

4.) Shape files marking the location of potential unmarked graves, burial mounds, historic burial grounds and cemeteries will be supplied to the city. It should be cautioned that these shape files are only for the City’s use and should not be made publicly known due to danger of these sites being looted.

5.) In addition, a summary report will be prepared describing the burials and how burial practices changed over time. This information will provide an understanding of the types of graves that may be encountered. For example, it has been found that between 900 and 1050 C.E. people were typically cremated. In the nearby City of Chesterfield, we have uncovered sites where cremated human remains were placed in jars buried just outside of homes. We also excavated a site where human remains were cremated during this time. This report will be written with no sensitive locational information so that it can be shared with the citizens of Wildwood.

This archival review and preparation of a report should take 10-20 business days to complete. If you have any questions concerning this proposal, please let us know. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joe Harl

Joe Harl
In January an organization called “Better Together” proposed a St. Louis City/County merger that could have fundamentally changed many of the services provided by local government and the way they were provided. While this proposal has since been withdrawn, another merger proposal is anticipated, which could directly impact the way our community functions. As we work to protect the many unique elements of our community from the potential effects of future initiatives, we’d like to better understand your prioritization of these assets and what you value most about Wildwood, our city government and our community. Your feedback is very important to us and will be utilized to direct our preservation efforts. Thank you!

1. Why did you move to Wildwood? Rank in order, with “1” being the biggest reason.
   _____ Good for Families (community events, local involvement)
   _____ Public Schools (Rockwood School District)
   _____ Parks and Trails (66-acre Community Park, several smaller city parks, and multiple trails)
   _____ City Amenities (shopping, restaurants, YMCA, Community College, etc.)
   _____ Cost of Living/Housing/Density
   _____ Crime and Safety (active policing, fast emergency response times)
   _____ Location within the St. Louis Region
   _____ Other ______________________

2. Wildwood is a very unique suburb of St. Louis. In the event of a city/county merger, which of these elements are you most concerned with protecting? Please rank in order with “1” being the most important item.
   _____ Local Control (easy access to city government, ability to impact local decisions, volunteer opportunities)
   _____ Zoning (three distinct land use designations: Town Center, Suburban, Non-Urban/3-acre density)
   _____ Outdoor Activities (multiple trails for hiking and biking, Hidden Valley, WPF Mini-Railway, etc.)
   _____ Community Events (summer music, farmer’s market, festivals, hikes, runs, etc.)
   _____ Parks and Green Spaces (Rockwood Reservation, Rockwoods Range, Greensfelder Park, Babler State Park, etc.)
   _____ Forests, Streams, and Rural Areas (feeling of being “in the country”)
   _____ Town Center and its Amenities (hotel, dining, shops, movie theater, connection to trail system, senior living)
   _____ Other ______________________

3. What are your thoughts about a potential city/county merger and its possible effects on Wildwood?
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4. What, if anything, would you like to see changed in Wildwood? Do you have any specific concerns?
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5. Overall, how satisfied would you say you are with living in Wildwood?
   Very Satisfied               Somewhat Satisfied               Neutral               Somewhat Dissatisfied               Very Dissatisfied

   Additional Comments:
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