



May 16, 2018

## MEMORANDUM

To: Parks Action Plan Update Committee Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: Summary of Committee's Review of the 2007 Action Plan – Pages 1 through 46

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor  
 Ryan S. Thomas, P.E., City Administrator  
 Kathy Arnett, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks  
 Gary Crews, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation  
 Amanda Horstmann, Recreation Specialist

At its last two (2) meetings, the Parks Action Plan Update Committee reviewed and discussed the entire Action Plan for Parks and Recreation 2007. In March, the first twenty (20) pages of the Plan were reviewed and, in April, Pages 21 through 46 were discussed. The discussion of these pages resulted in the development of several points for future reference and further consideration. These items are summarized below for the Committee Members:

**Pages 1 - 20: Discussion held on March 27, 2018 -**

Discussion Points	Page #	Contents
<b>Trail Development and Connections</b>	2	The aggressive development of trails and other multiple-use facilities should be continued and include references to making necessary links of them to surrounding municipalities as well, while being inclusive of all wards in the City of Wildwood.
<b>Acquisitions</b>	2 and 3	The acquisition efforts of the City should reflect the purchase of the Community Park property in 2009, while potentially focusing on an acquisition in the City's Town Center Area, as a location for events and the center of a radiating trail system.
<b>Funding</b>	3 and 4	The development of new funding sources for the acquisition, development, and maintenance of parks and trails for Wildwood's future should be pursued.

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<b>Trail Development and Connections</b>	30 - 32	The development of trails and other multiple-use facilities are as much of a priority today, as they were in 2007. As discussed when reviewing Pages 1 – 20, trail development should be continued and include references to making necessary links of them to surrounding municipalities as well.
<b>Facilities</b>	28 - 31	With 30% of the City’s population under the age of 20, playgrounds should remain a priority in any revisions to the plan and efforts should be made to distribute them evenly around the City. While requests for a community swimming pool remain high, as they were in 2007, the Committee Members were hesitant to support this effort, based upon cost and long-term maintenance. Members were supportive of the addition of a sprayground, potentially in the Town Center Area, as a positive alternative. Members expressed the need for a gathering place within the commercial center of the City.
<b>Historical Assets</b>	37	Efforts should continue to preserve the historical assets of the City.
<b>Funding</b>	41	Consideration of another park sales tax initiative should be undertaken.

The Committee can return to these discussion points for further consideration and action, as part of this on-going update process, and as agreed upon by the members.

If the Committee Members should have questions or comments in this regard or need additional information, please contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. Thank you for your consideration of this information.