

Parks Action Plan Update Committee – PAPUC 2018

City of Wildwood, Missouri

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July 24, 2018 – 2nd Draft

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Action Plan Components

Action Point Number #2 – Type and Extent of Facilities

Goal: To provide a range of facilities at locations throughout the City that offers ample space for recreational buildings, and programs, while creating passive areas as well, particularly in environmentally sensitive portions of these publicly owned properties.

Recommendations:

1. **Continue and** expand current commitments to the development of all types of trail systems (pedestrian, bicycle, equestrian) within the City of Wildwood, which should eventually link all public park spaces, **e.g. State, County, and City, and surrounding municipalities as well (Pages 2, 30, 31, and 32), while being inclusive of all wards** ~~in the City of Wildwood~~ and population centers together, and follow the recommendations of the recently adopted “Access and Mobility Plan,” while having as a primary focus of it the completion of the southern extension of the Al Foster Memorial Trail to the City of Eureka, Missouri and therein beyond to Route 66 State Park;
5. Establish a ~~minimum of three (3), new~~ a neighborhood-sized or pocket type park **in any Ward of** in the City of Wildwood within the next **five (5)** ~~ten (10)~~ years, **which currently lacks such,** with their order being prioritized by City Council, with these **priority** locations being determined by projected population densities and demographics, **availability of land areas, and appropriate access options;**
9. **Allocate adequate City resources to meet future costs associated with the opening and operation of Belleview Farms for public use, such being consistent with its environmental characteristics,** desires of residents, **appropriate and desired programming, and heritage restrictions,** thereby allowing this park site to become part of an inter-connected network of trails and properties that link Castlewood State Park and the Al Foster Memorial Trail to Route 66 State Park. To achieve this recommendation, if necessary, seek an extension to the existing lease agreement between the City of Wildwood and St. Louis County, which currently stipulates a completion date for an identified level of improvements by January 2020 that may not be met.

Action Point Number #3 – Acquisition Policies and Programs

Goal: To provide land area for future park properties to support facilities and programs.

Recommendations:

1. Identify and prioritize locations for future park land acquisitions, **specifically focusing on an acquisitions in the City’s Town Center Area for a Village Green,** as a location for events and the center of a radiating trail system, along with completing the desired greenbelt and trail corridor **between the Meramec and Missouri Rivers, e.g. between Rockwoods Reservation and Babler State Park, including the** needed acquisition by the City of Wildwood of the **Pruitt Site (Pages 2 and 3),** which would provide a desired link from Rockwoods Reservation to the Town Center Area. ~~with the first action to be the acquisition of a parcel of ground, of a size to accommodate a community park, within the central area of the City (proximity to State Route 100 and~~

State Route 109 and environs) or the acceptance of land banked property from another governmental entity, i.e. St. Louis County's Packwood Park;

Action Point Number #4 – Funding Sources and Application Policies

Goal: To develop **new (Pages 3 and 4)** and maintain **existing** funding sources, along with programs for grants, gifts, and donations, to meet the recreational and fitness needs of residents through a system of park facilities and recreation programs.

Recommendations:

1. Implement the necessary steps to promote the presentation of a park sales taxⁱ to the voters of Wildwood, **at an appropriate April Municipal** ~~the November 2008 General Election~~ **to be determined (Page 41), and, if approved, said revenues,** would be ~~for~~ used in the development of parks facilities and recreation programs, along with staffing, maintenance, and other expenses **in this regard;**

Assumptions:

2. The ~~CCPP~~ **Committee** recognized the difficulty of seeking support for a ~~property~~ tax increase for the purpose of expanding its park facilities and programming offerings **from Wildwood residents.**

1st Draft Changes/Deletions – Bolded, blue type represents changes, with deletions shown as a single, strike-through line.

2nd Draft Changes/Deletions – Bolded, red type, which is also italicized, represents changes, with deletions shown as a single, strike-through line.

3rd Draft Changes/Deletions – Yellow highlighted type reflects changes from Committee's July 2018 Meeting.

ⁱ This sales tax, if approved, should be structured to be solely dedicated to parks funding and contain no sunset clause, thereby ensuring monies for on-going maintenance of properties and related improvements.