

City of Wildwood

Parks Action Plan Update Committee

“Planning Tomorrow Today”

*Minutes from the
October 23, 2018 Meeting*

I. Welcome To Committee Members and Opening Remarks by Chair Garrett:

The Parks Action Plan Update Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Garrett, at 6:30 p.m., on October 23, 2018, at Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main Street, Wildwood, Missouri. Chair Garrett provided opening remarks and congratulated Committee Member Broyles on being appointed by the Mayor to be part of the Town Center Update Team (TCUT). He also advised the Committee that *Section V* of this evening’s agenda would be discussed at a future meeting.

II. Roll Call of Members:

The roll call was taken, with the following results:

PRESENT – (9)

Committee Member Broyles
Committee Member Napoli
Committee Member Coverdell
Committee Member Gillman
Committee Member Strand
Committee Member Pickett *
Council Liaison Bertolino *
Council Liaison Gragnani
Chair Garrett

ABSENT – (2)

Committee Member McCune
Committee Liaison Beattie

*Arrived late due to attending another meeting.

Other City Officials present:

Tim Woerther, Council Member (Ward – 7)
Joe Vujnich, Director of Planning and Parks
Gary Crews, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation

III. Review of Tonight’s Agenda Items:

Chair Garrett advised the Committee that, due to Committee Member McCune being unable to attend this evening’s meeting, the planned presentation concerning the Park Sales Tax would be rescheduled to a future meeting.

IV. Review and Action on the Meeting Minutes From October 2, 2018:

A motion was made by Committee Member Coverdell, seconded by Committee Member Strand, to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2018 meeting. A voice vote was taken to approve the motion, with unanimous, affirmative result. The motion was declared approved by Chair Garrett.

V. Presentation by Committee Member McCune on Parks Sales Tax Proposal – Timing:

Postponed

VI. Presentation of New Goal #5: Town Center Green Space:

Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich provided an overview of the recently acquired property that is located just west of Wildwood City Hall. For the benefit of the Committee, property lines were drawn onto an aerial view photograph to provide everyone with an idea of the location and boundaries of the approximate six (6) acres of property. The topography and vegetation (large trees) on the property was discussed at length. Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich informed the Committee the property currently has access to all utilities. It appears the property will work well for a Village Green facility/area, but careful planning will be required to determine the optimum layout and use. Discussion then focused on the 4th Draft of the Action Plan Components, specifically *Action Plan Point - Number #5 ... Town Center Green Space*. The Committee discussed the *Action Plan Point - Number #5* at great length, with agreement the new goal and associated recommendations would be a positive update to the Park Action Plan. Further discussion and action would take place on the agenda's Section VII.

VII. Presentation of Final Draft of Revised “Citizens Committee for Park Progress Action Plan 2007” – Pages 1 through 46:

Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich provided a thorough review of all five (5) Action Points, now included in the 4th Draft of the Action Plan Components. This review included the color coding in each of the four (4) drafts presented to the Committee, which indicates its recommendations. Discussion then returned to *Action Plan Point - Number #5 Town Center Green Space*. **A motion was made by Committee Member Gillman, seconded by Committee Member Napoli, to accept the Action Point Number #5 ... Town Center Green Space, as written in the 4th Draft of revisions of the Citizens Committee for Park Progress Action Plan 2007. A voice vote was taken to approve the motion, with unanimous, affirmative result. The motion was declared approved by Chair Garrett.**

Discussion then resumed concerning the *Final Draft of the Revised “Citizens Committee for Park Progress Action Plan 2007*. The discussion included the following information: several questions concerning the proposed/planned Monarch Chesterfield Levee Trailhead that is located on Centaur Road, at the flood gate; questions/comments on the Belleview Farms property/facility and the most recent wording that was added; further

discussion on making the proposed Village Green Area a focal point of a radiating trail system; comments that it was a good idea to change/consider locating small neighborhood/pocket parks within wards lacking such facilities, particularly over the next five (5) years as opposed to ten (10) years; the possibility of including a map as an addendum with the update to show how the Pruitt Site fits in to the Wildwood Greenway Trail System; the fact that under the *Parks and Storm Water Sales Tax* (Supplemental Factors under Action Point - Number #4), the anticipated revenue was left blank for now; the suggestion to *clearly* color code all the draft changes and deletions (especially the blue); and questions on the difference between a *sales tax* and *personal property tax*.

A motion was made by Committee Member Gillman, seconded by Committee Member Napoli, to accept the Action Plan Update Components final draft, as written by the Department. A voice vote was taken to approve the motion, with unanimous, affirmative result. The motion was declared approved by Chair Garrett.

VIII. Next Steps, Including Final Actions and Public Forums/Open Houses:

There was lengthy discussion on the final actions of the Park Action Plan Update Committee and many questions about how the *public input sessions* should/could be handled. Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich advised the Committee of how *public input sessions* have been handled in the past and offered suggestions to be considered, to include:

- How many?
- Schedules?
- Locations?
- Dates?
- How public input sessions should be organized?

Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich had suggestions for dates and locations, but the Committee asked how the suggested dates would accommodate the placement of the proposed *Parks Sales Tax* on the April 2019 ballot. He noted accomplishing that goal would be difficult from a time perspective, but not impossible. Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich advised that, if the Committee wanted to place the *Parks Sales Tax* on the April 2019 ballot, all approvals would have to be obtained from City Council, and paperwork filed, no later than January 15, 2019. Considerable discussion followed between Committee Members and City staff and the following decision was made:

- Park Action Plan Update Committee Meeting Scheduled for November 14, 2018
- 1st Open House* to be scheduled for November 27, 2018
- 2nd Open House* to be scheduled for November 29, 2018
- Park Action Plan Update Committee Meeting Scheduled for December 5, 2018

Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich advised the Committee the Department would attempt to schedule the two (2) Open House Sessions and, if that is successful, the

format and organization can be discussed and modified at the November 14, 2019 meeting. Committee Members were advised they would be notified of locations and times for the proposed *Open House Sessions* if/when they were scheduled/secured.

IX. Next Meeting Dates – November 27, 2018 (Tuesday) – No Meeting in December:

Per previous discussion:

Park Action Plan Update Committee Meeting Scheduled for November 14, 2018

Open House to be scheduled for November 27, 2018

Open House to be scheduled for November 29, 2018

Park Action Plan Update Committee Meeting Scheduled for December 5, 2018

X. Public Comments:

None

XI. Other Items of Interest:

The Committee was advised to be thinking of ways/methods to promote placing a *Park Sales Tax* on the April 2019 ballot to City Council and the community.

XII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment:

Chair Garrett summarized the evening's meeting and **a motion was made by Committee Member Napoli, seconded by Committee Member Strand, to adjourn. A voice vote was taken to approve the motion, with unanimous, affirmative result, and it was declared approved by Chair Garrett at 7:48 p.m.**