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MEMORANDUM

To: Historic Preservation Commission Members and Liaisons

From: Department of Planning and Parks

cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
The Honorable City Council of the City of Wildwood, Missouri
Steve Cross, Co-Interim City Administrator
John A. Young, City Attorney

Re: Update on Projects, Initiatives, & Efforts (**Wards – All**)

The Department of Planning has undertaken a number of efforts relating to assignments made by the Commission and is providing updates relative to them each month to its members. These updates are to ensure the direction of the Commission is met in these regards. The following updated items are provided for the Commission's consideration and discussion at tonight's meeting:

- A. Social Media Initiatives** – Department staff, on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission, posts items on all three (3) of the City's social mediums, along with its website – www.cityofwildwood.com.
- B. Points of Interest Map – Celebrate Wildwood 2019** – The next set of scenic by-ways that will be described and identified on the map include the following roadways: ???
- C. Celebrate Wildwood 2019** – The Commission will meet with Jill Von Gruben at tonight's meeting to discuss the next chapter in the Wildwood History Book, which covers the span of time from the Roaring 20's to 1990. Subsequently, the last chapter of the book will be the incorporation history and the timeframe from 1990 to 2020 (25th Anniversary of the City). The incorporation chapter has been partially written, while the last component will be focused more on major events in a timeline form.
- D. Historic Marker Programs** – The final marker installation will be in Orrville, and is dependent upon a bridge replacement project scheduled by the City of Wildwood. Within the last two (2) weeks, the Department of Public Works has almost completed its meetings with property owners in the vicinity of the bridge project. These meetings are being held to obtain needed easements and dedications for the bridge's replacement and upgrade, which will allow the placement of the last historic marker in the Orrville Community.
- E. Historic Preservation Training** – The Commission must meet a minimum of training credits to maintain its Certified Local Government (CLG) designation. The Department recognizes the busyness of everyone's schedules and the difficulty of attending conferences, workshops, and other training

opportunities, when not in the St. Louis Region. Given this circumstance, the Department would like to propose having individuals or organizations present to the Commission at its monthly meetings, which could be before the start of the normal proceedings, i.e. like a Work Session, or an item on its regular agenda. Identifying potential presenters has not begun, but could reflect the Commission's areas of interest, such as cabin reconstruction, Historic Route 66, and others. The Department will seek direction from the members at tonight's meeting.

F. City Project Updates - The Commission has been advised on a few projects that have ramifications relative to it. These projects are detailed below:

⇒ **Manchester Road** – Utility relocation work has begun on this Phase Three (and final) portion of Manchester Road Streetscape Project. The Historic Preservation Commission has requested, as part of its Historic Route 66 efforts, that some reference and acknowledgement be developed, reviewed, and approved for use along this Town Center Area portion of the corridor, as well as elsewhere along it. Please see Work Program for 2019.

⇒ **State Route 109** – Another major infrastructure project of the City that is with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). This project includes two (2) new roundabouts south of State Route 100, on State Route 109, a pedestrian tunnel, and the widening of the State Route 109 bridge over State Route 100. Given these projects are utilizing federal grant dollars, an archeological evaluation was required. The assessment indicated no impacts in this regard.

⇒ **Belleview Farms** – The City is working with several not-for-profit groups and other governmental agencies to further define the characteristics of the property, before making any decision regarding the extent of its future use. The lease between the City of Wildwood and St. Louis County does require the development of an access roadway into the park from St. Paul Road, an interior park drive, a parking area, and a trail, all for public use. These uses must be available to the public before the end of January 2020.

⇒ **John L. LeCave Memorial Levee Trail** – The project is underway, with the anticipated completion date of May 31, 2019. This project is located between the Monarch and Centaur Historic Communities.

⇒ **Community Park – Phase 3** – This phase of the park's development is nearing its start, with a contract for its construction about to let at the end of January to Gershenson Construction Company, which was the winning bidder of nine (9) companies that responded to the project's advertisement.

G. Essen Log Cabin – See attached report from the Department on this matter, given it provides greater details in this regard.

H. Historic Cemetery Property – No change in status, since the July 2017 update report.

Each of these items has been discussed or acted upon by the Commission over the course of the past three (3) years and its input improved the outcome of such by its participation. Many of these projects are completed or nearing completion, so as City residents and visitors can benefit from them.

If any of the Commission members should have comments or questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. A presentation is planned on these matters at tonight's meeting. Thank you for your consideration of this information and discussion of the same.

**CULTURAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT
Section 106 Review**

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PROJECT:

Route 109 Pedestrian Tunnel south of Route 100 interchange, Wildwood

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The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the information submitted on the above referenced project. Based on this review, we have made the following determination:

After review of initial submission, the project area has a low potential for the occurrence of cultural resources. A cultural resource survey, therefore, is not warranted.

Adequate documentation has been provided (36 CFR Section 800.11). There will be "no historic properties affected" by the current project.

An adequate cultural resource survey of the project area has been previously conducted. It has been determined that for the proposed undertaking there will be "no historic properties affected".

For the above checked reason, the State Historic Preservation Office has no objection to the initiation of project activities. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT, IF THE CURRENT PROJECT AREA OR SCOPE OF WORK ARE CHANGED, A BORROW AREA IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT, OR CULTURAL MATERIALS ARE ENCOUNTERED DURING CONSTRUCTION, APPROPRIATE INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO THIS OFFICE FOR FURTHER REVIEW AND COMMENT. Please retain this documentation as evidence of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended.

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Date

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For additional information, please contact Judith Deel, (573) 751-7862. Please be sure to refer to the project number:
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