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February 25, 2019

The Honorable City Council
City of Wildwood, Missouri
16860 Main Street
Wildwood, Missouri 63040

Re: Public Hearing Notice for Historic Register Application by the Marianist Retreat Center – State Route 109, at Alt Road

Council Members:

The Department of Planning would like to advise all members of City Council regarding an upcoming public hearing that will be held by the Historic Preservation Commission. The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Wildwood will conduct this public hearing on **Thursday, February 28, 2019**, for the purposes of obtaining testimony regarding a proposal to place a certain structure, building, and/or property (historic element) on the City's Historic Registry. This particular asset is one (1) of the most important in all of St. Louis County, as well as Wildwood. The specific request is as follows:

H.R. 1-19 The Marianist Province in the U.S., c/o Curtis Ballenger, 4000 State Route 109, Wildwood, Missouri, 63025 - A request to place a family retreat lodge, which is located at 4000 State Route 109 (Locator Number: 26V310045), known as *Marycliff (formerly Woodcliff)*, c. 1905, per St. Louis County Tax Records, c. 1891 per City of Wildwood's Historic Building Inventory [Survey 2014-15, Updated 12-6-2018, Page 120 of 343], on the City's Historic Register. This tract of land is zoned NU Non-Urban Residence District. The property owners submitted an application to place this building onto the City's Historic Register, with the intent of its continued use as a family retreat lodge at the Marianist Retreat Center, and no requested incentives from the City of Wildwood. **(Ward Six)**

This site and its improvements have been architectural, cultural, and religious anchors in this area of St. Louis County since the early 1800's and provides the respite as well by its location along the Meramec River and within the Hamilton-Carr Creek Valley, thereby offering some of the best views in all of Wildwood from it. The atmosphere of the retreat center is one-of-a-kind in this regard. Therefore, to add this asset to the City's Historic Register would be a wonderful outcome for the community and all parties.

If any of the City Council members should have questions or comments in this regard, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning at (636) 458-0440. Thank you for your interest in this matter and any feedback you would like to provide in regards to this application as well.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF WILDWOOD

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Vujnick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Joe Vujnick, Director
Department of Planning

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
Historic Preservation Commission Members – City of Wildwood
Steve Cross, Co-Interim City Administrator
John A. Young, City Attorney
Kathy Arnett, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks