



February 28, 2019

## 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**)

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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 these directions of the Commission are 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](http://www.cityofwildwood.com). Items posted since the last update include requests for family stories to be included in this year's chapter of the Wildwood written history project and a feature highlighting the Wildwood Historical Society, as one of the properties on the City's Historic Registry.
- B. 2019 Points of Interest Map** – Work will begin soon on the annual updates to the Points of Interest Map. The next set of scenic by-ways that will be described and identified on the map include the following roadways: Babler Park Drive, Centaur Road, Ossenfort Road, Pond Road, Rieger Road, and Wild Horse Creek Road.
- C. Celebrate Wildwood 2019** – Work by Jill Von Gruben is underway on 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 (25<sup>th</sup> 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. Work has also begun on an additional display banner, which will identify the locations of all of the eleven (11) historic communities.
- D. Historic Marker Programs** – The final marker installation will be in Orrville, and is dependent upon a bridge replacement project to be completed by the City of Wildwood. The Department of Public Works is working on right-of-way acquisition 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** – Per the Commission's direction, the Department is in the process of scheduling a speaker for the Commission's March meeting. This presenter will address an area of interest for the Commission.

**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, which includes the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), as a partner. 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. Work will begin on the project this Spring.

⇒ **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. This work, in a series of assessments, will begin when the weather breaks. 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** – Work on this project is now underway. Gershenson Construction Company began with utility extensions. This utility work is in the vicinity, but without direct impact, on the former homestead. The Department is also working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers relative to permitting for work in Bonhomme Creek.

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

Each of these items have 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.