



WILDWOOD

April 15, 2019

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

The Planning and Zoning Commission has completed its review of the requested updated plan for parks and recreation and prepared the following recommendation report in this regard. This recommendation report reflects the Planning and Zoning Commission's action in this regard, which is now being forwarded for receipt, endorsement, and ratification by the City Council. This recommendation and action were completed in accordance with the requirements of the City of Wildwood's Charter, Chapter 89 of Missouri Revised Statutes, and those regulations of the City relating to public notice and publications (Chapter 415.560 of the City of Wildwood Zoning Ordinance). The details associated with this request, and the Commission's related action, are as follows:

Petition: P.Z. 1-19
Petitioner: City of Wildwood Planning and Zoning Commission c/o Department of Planning, 16860 Main Street, Wildwood, Missouri 63040
Request: A request for the Planning and Zoning Commission's review and action on the 2018 update of the City of Wildwood's Action Plan 2007, which is a component of the City's Master Plan. The updated Action Plan 2007 has been under review by the Parks Action Plan Update Committee (PAPUC) since October 2017 and its members have acted favorably on this draft. The Action Plan 2007 establishes goals and recommendations regarding five (5) major categories relating specifically to parks and recreation within the City of Wildwood. These categories include Recreation Programming, Facilities, Property Acquisition, Funding, and Town Center Public Space. Along with these goals and recommendations, the Action Plan 2007 includes Support Information, Supplemental Factors, and Assumptions for each of the major categories. The initial plan, first adopted in 2007, requires it to be reviewed and updated after its first ten (10) years of implementation. The draft of the plan is now being submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission and, ultimately, City Council, for review, consideration, and appropriate action.
Zoning District (s): Multiple, including the PS Park and Scenic District
Public Hearing Dates: February 19, 2019 and March 4, 2019
Date and Vote on the Information Report: April 1, 2019 – Approval and adoption of the updated plan by a vote of 7 to 0 (Voting Aye: Deppeler, Helfrey, Gragnani, Beattie, Kohn, Woerther, and Archeski)

Date and Vote on the

Letter of Recommendation: April 15, 2019 - Approval and adoption of the updated plan by a vote of 10 to 0
(Voting Aye: Deppeler, Helfrey, Lee, Gragnani, Beattie, Kohn, Simpson, Woerther, Bowlin, and Archeski)

Report: Attachment A

Action Plan 2018: Attachment B

Background Information: Attachment C

School District: Rockwood

Police: St. Louis County Police Department – Wildwood Precinct #6

Fire: Eureka, Metro West, and Monarch Districts

Wards: All

Recommendation and

Action : **Approval of the updated Action Plan, as submitted.**

Copies of the City of Wildwood’s Master Plan, Charter, Action Plan 2018, Action Plan 2007, and Zoning Ordinance are all on file with the City Clerk’s Office.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF WILDWOOD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Rick Archeski, Chair

ATTEST:

Joe Vujnich, Director
Department of Planning

cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
Ryan S. Thomas, P.E., City Administrator
John A. Young, City Attorney
Kathy Arnett, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks
Travis Newberry, Planner

ATTACHMENT A - REPORT

BACKGROUND >>>

MASTER PLAN - The City began developing its planning documents shortly after its incorporation. The first major planning document the City-initiated was its Master Plan, which began in September 1995, within days of the City's formation. This plan required over seven (7) months to complete, while a Stay was in place to hold and manage new development proposals and any rezonings of properties, in light of the changing conditions caused by the City's new approach versus St. Louis County's past policies. The plan had to address many of the components of the Plan of Intent, while also improving on its detail.

This task led to the engagement of a group of top consultants to assist in this regard. The consultants and the community created a document that had seven (7) elements associated with it; one (1) of which was the Open Space and Recreation Element. Even from its inception, the City viewed open space, parks, and trails as an integral part of the overall community, even when the City owned none of these types of improvements and amenities. This foresight for these public spaces was a product of protecting the more regional types of facilities located in the new City of Wildwood (Rockwoods Reservation and Range, Greensfelder County Park, and Babler State Park), while also preserving the 'greenbelt.'

The Open Space and Recreation Element began this effort with a list of goals and policies, but was not intended to substitute for an eventual plan that would solely focus on the parks, recreation, and trail development and other considerations relating to them. With two (2) updates of the Master Plan, the goals and policies have been added to with objectives as well. These goals, objectives, and policies now reflect a more fully developed vision for the future relating to the plans in this regard. This information, the goals, objectives, and policies, are provided as part of the Background Information to this report.

PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN – As the City grew the first few years after its incorporation, there was a desire on the part of elected officials and residents to begin providing more local facilities and events, particularly with the passage of a new park sales tax that would ultimately create Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) and new funding opportunities for all cities in the three (3) county area of its influence, i.e. City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County. This desire led to the development of the City's first Parks and Recreation Plan. This plan would utilize the goals, objectives, and policies of the Master Plan, but further elaborate upon them and expand as well, given new opportunities and greater input from residents.

This plan identified ten (10) major goals and subordinate recommendations to them. The goals and recommendations reflected an input of a group of residents led by the former Director of Parks and Recreation with St. Louis County – Jim Hall. Additionally, Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) was also in formation and information being developed from that organization was used by the City's volunteer committee as well. The plan focused on connections of existing and future public spaces and population centers together through a system of trails. Along with these goals and recommendations in this regard, the plan also placed a high priority on new events and partnerships in providing them to residents.

This plan was comprehensive and far-reaching in its vision. The application of goals and recommendations began almost immediately, after its adoption and continues today. The development of this plan was to address future needs and current conditions through a period of ten (10) years. This plan began the processes that led to Old Pond School Park, Glencoe City Park, Anniversary Park, and the development of the Al Foster Memorial Trailhead and the system of trails serving it and other locations across the City.