



WILDWOOD

July 16, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning and Parks Committee Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: **Potential Use of Public Space in Glencoe Area for Athletic Fields (Ward Six)**

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
Administration and Public Works Committee Members
Economic Development Committee Members
John A. Young, City Attorney
Rick Brown, P.E. and P.T.O.E., Director of Public Works
Kathy Arnett, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks
Gary Crews, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation

Background >>> Since shortly after its incorporation, the City of Wildwood has been acquiring properties within the Glencoe Area. The majority of these properties have been located within the 100-year floodplain. Over the past twenty (20) plus years, the City has amassed an area of contiguous properties. The only development to occur on these properties has been the construction of the Glencoe City Park (2009) and the Al Foster Memorial Trailhead (2016). The remainder of the property remains vacant.

In preparation of the design and, ultimately, the construction of the Glencoe City Park, a number of neighborhood meetings were held and a survey distributed to the residents to gather their input on what improvements they would like in this area. The results of this survey, conducted in 2003, are attached and reflect a desire for a combination of a neighborhood park and passive areas. Since the survey's completion, besides the construction of the two (2) park areas, the City has continued to acquire individual pieces of property, when sales were requested by the property owners, but has not formalized any development plans for the remaining open space.

At the Committee's previous meeting, in June 2019, discussion was held regarding use of a portion of this open space for sand volleyball and/or pickleball courts. A decision was deferred to a future timeframe on this matter, while additional information is gathered. Following this meeting, the Committee Chair requested this matter be placed on this month's agenda to discuss the potential for athletic fields, particularly soccer, in these open spaces.

Next Steps >>> The Department is seeking Committee direction relative to the use of the open spaces within the Glencoe Area.

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

Glencoe Park Survey

The following survey questions were sent to property owners within the Glencoe area and thirty-four (34) responses were received. These responses have been reviewed and tabulated as follows:

1. How would you like to see the Glencoe Park used (41 selections made)?

Option	Number of Selections	Percentage
A. Unimproved Open Space	1	2%
B. Passive Park, with walking trails	5	12%
C. Athletic Fields	5	12%
D. Neighborhood Park	22	54%
E. Combination of Above	8	20%

2. Identify the activities you would like to see constructed (circle all that apply).

Activity	Number of Votes	Percent of Total Votes (152)	Percent of Total Respondents (34)
Picnic	23	15%	68%
BBQ pits	22	14%	65%
Pavilion	22	14%	65%
Playground	22	14%	63%
Trails	11	7%	32%
Horseshoe Pits	11	7%	32%
Ball Fields	8	5%	24%
Basketball	6	4%	18%
Concessions	4	3%	12%
Other - River Access	4	3%	12%
Tennis	3	2%	9%
Soccer	3	2%	9%
Amphitheater	3	2%	9%
Dog Park	2	1%	6%
Other -			
School bus shelter	1	$\frac{1}{2}\%$	3%
Public restrooms	1	$\frac{1}{2}\%$	3%
Drinking water facilities	1	$\frac{1}{2}\%$	3%
Boat dock	1	$\frac{1}{2}\%$	3%
Volleyball	1	$\frac{1}{2}\%$	3%
Waffle ball	1	$\frac{1}{2}\%$	3%
Equine hitching rail	1	$\frac{1}{2}\%$	3%
Wildlife	1	$\frac{1}{2}\%$	3%
Camps/Activ.	0	0%	0%

3. The City Council has discussed the development of a dog park at some location within the City for its citizens. This type of park is a place where people can walk their dogs and even provide off-leash play areas. The park area is fenced and the users of this facility monitor the park for clean-up and maintenance. Would this type of facility interest you in Glencoe?

Option	Number of Selections	Percentage
A. High Interest	5	15%
B. Some Interest	3	9%
C. No Interest	26	76%
D. Unsure	0	0%

4. What priority level should the funding of this park and its associated improvements have in future budget considerations of the City?

Option	Number of Selections	Percentage
A. High Priority	15	44%
B. Medium Priority	10	29%
C. Low Priority	1	3%
D. Not a Priority	5	15%
E. Unsure	3	9%

5. Should the City acquire additional land within the existing park's vicinity when made available?

Option	Number of Selections	Percentage
A. Highly Support	23	68%
B. Somewhat Support	5	15%
C. Unsure	5	15%
D. Somewhat Oppose	1	3%
E. Strongly Oppose	1	3%

6. Should the City pursue partnerships with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, St. Louis County, and the W, F, & P Railroad for further development of their facilities in Glencoe (33 responses)?

Yes	No	Maybe
52% (17)	24% (8)	24% (8)

Planning Process

Would you be interested in a follow-up meeting(s) to discuss the results of this survey and future developments within the Glencoe Park (33 total responses)?

Yes	No	Maybe
28 (85%)	2 (6%)	3 (9%)

If interested in follow-up meeting(s), what location, days, and times are best for you?

LOCATION - (32 total selections)

Glencoe	LaSalle Institute	City Hall
15 (47%)	9 (28%)	8 (25%)

DAY - (57 total selections)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 (25%)	12 (21%)	9 (16%)	12 (21%)	4 (7%)	6 (9%)

TIME - (29 total selections)

Morning (before noon)	Afternoon (3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)	Evening (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
5 (17%)	8 (28%)	16 (55%)