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October 24, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Wildwood Historic Preservation Commission Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: **Discussion Regarding Tribute to Lisa Kelpé (Wards – All)**

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
The Honorable City Council of Wildwood
Sam Anselm, City Administrator
John A. Young, City Attorney

Lisa Kelpé was a longtime Wildwood resident and very active in the community. She was passionate about history and worked tirelessly to promote preservation efforts within the community through her role as the President of the Wildwood Historical Society. Lisa's husband, Tom Kelpé, is part of the family that founded the historic community of Kelpé. Their presence and impact on the area, which now is Wildwood, has been long-standing and valuable to the community's formation. Lisa was tragically killed in an automobile accident in October 2017.

One (1) of the items on the Historic Preservation Commission's 2019 Work Program specifically addresses Ms. Kelpé's passing: *Create a tribute memento for Lisa Kelpé on one (1) of the City-owned properties that would be located in one (1) of the historic communities.* The Commissioners have discussed a number of ideas on how best to honor Ms. Kelpé's contributions to historic preservation within Wildwood. Department staff would like to suggest two (2) specific ideas for discussion and believes either, or both ideas, could be easily accomplished and should be discussed with her family prior to implementation.

The first suggestion would be to purchase a paver and install it as part of the Old Pond School patio. The second would be to create a tribute on the City's website. The website tribute could be part of a larger 'In Memoriam' Section that also honors the time and efforts of others within Wildwood who contributed to its historic preservation efforts, but are no longer with us, including former Commissioners Judy Sahm and Larry Thompson. Department staff is open to any other suggestions Commission Members may have in this regard.

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 this matter at tonight's meeting. Thank you for your consideration of this information and discussion of the same.