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MEMORANDUM

To: Wildwood Historic Preservation Commission Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: Presentation by Karen Fox, Wildwood Historical Society, on One-Room Schoolhouses in Wildwood
(Wards – All)

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

At tonight's meeting Karen Fox, a Wildwood resident and accomplished author and researcher on the history of this area, will be in attendance. Ms. Fox will be discussing one (1) of her recent book publications – *One Room Schoolhouses of Wildwood*. This presentation will offer a distinctive perspective on these community meeting areas and major places in life within these former rural communities. The presentation, given it will take place in Old Pond School, a restored one-room schoolhouse, owned and rehabilitated by the City of Wildwood, is very appropriate, given this topic.

The Department has purchased several copies of the book and will have them available tonight, if members would like to repurchase them and have the author sign them or otherwise borrow them to read about all of these wonderful community landmarks and the role they played in earlier times as one (1) of this area's place makers, where residents, families, friends, and others gathered besides their homes and work locations. Additionally, this presentation on this book can be used for the required training opportunities that current Historic Preservation Commission Members of the City must complete, as part of Wildwood's participation in the Certified Local Government (CLG) offered and managed by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

If you should have any questions or comments regarding tonight's presentation and training session, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Planning at (636) 458-0440. The Department of Planning is always glad to assist and will have a brief presentation to provide at tonight's meeting regarding Ms. Fox and her book. Thank you for your review of this information and participation in this training session.