



WILDWOOD

June 16, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning and Parks Committee Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: **Discussion on Scheduled Events Through the Remainder of Summer 2020 (Wards - All)**

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
Administration and Public Works Committee Members
Economic Development Committee Members
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
Gary Crews, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation

The global pandemic surrounding COVID-19 Coronavirus has resulted in significant changes in group gatherings, human interactions, and face-to-face events. As the Committee is aware, the Department of Planning and Parks did cancel a number of events to protect Wildwood's residents, per the County Executive's Order in March, and instead proceeded with offering virtual programming. With the lifting of the Stay-at-Home Orders, while still having significant restrictions associated with them, the Department is attempting to determine the best timing for the return to in-person events, albeit with modifications. In reviewing the previously scheduled events, the Department has made tentative decisions on each of them and is seeking the Committee Members' feedback on their ultimate scheduling or cancelations. The table below outlines a list of events and potential scheduling:

Event	Original Date Scheduled	Disposition	Rationales for Recommendation
Spring Egg Hunt	April 4 th	Canceled	Stay-at-Home Order was in place; event is held around Easter.
Business Appreciation Reception	April 30 th	Canceled	Stay-at-Home Order was in place; City supporting businesses through pandemic via other means.

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			Economic Development Manager and City Administrator support recommendation.
Plein Air Event	May 2 nd	Rescheduled to September 26 th	Stay-at-Home Order was in place; proposing to reschedule because this event naturally involves social distancing, as artists work at their selected, individual locations. Modifications will be employed for the start and end of event to ensure social distancing and keep event outdoors. Lunch will be individually packaged for participants.
May Music on Main Concert	May 15 th	Canceled	Stay-at-Home Order was in place; large group gatherings ill-advised at this time.
Board and Commission Appreciation Event	May 15 th	Rescheduled to early December	Stay-at-Home Order was in place; this irreplaceable group has been resilient in modifying meeting structures and still accomplishing important work during the pandemic, and the Department believes they should be recognized. A nice dinner could be provided in five (5) to six (6) months, when in-person meetings are allowed again.
GreenRock Trail Challenge	June 6 th	Canceled	Social distancing cannot be accomplished with the setup of this event; other Trails Day Events were canceled by the national organization.
June Music on Main Concert	June 19 th	Canceled	Large group gatherings ill-advised at this time.
July Music on Main Concert	July 17 th	Canceled	Large group gatherings ill-advised at this time.
New Resident Picnic	July 25 th	Undetermined	Awaiting direction from the Mayor in this regard.
Back to School Party	August 21 st	Undetermined	Waiting on Rockwood School District to provide direction on how it will manage school openings and large gatherings of people again. If school will be in person, the Department is proposing a far different event than in previous years, which would incorporate more physical separation and likely a greater timeframe to avoid having too many people congregating in one (1) location. If school is online learning at the start of the new school, the event would likely be canceled.
Tour de Wildwood	October 4 th	Undetermined	Assessing information regarding second spike of virus in Fall, which is predicted.
Celebrate Wildwood/Art Festival	October 10 th & 11 th	Reduced timeframe for the event, with limited activities to be offered	The Wildwood Celebration Commission will be providing its final recommendation on this event at its July 8 th meeting.

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Shivering Shadows 7K	October 23 th	No planned change to event	The Department is proposing rescheduling this event, given it is outdoors, limited numbers of participants and last event of 2020. Modifications will be employed for start and end of event to ensure social distancing and keep event outdoors. After-race items will be individually packaged for participants.

The Department is respectfully requesting the Committee’s review of this list and endorsement of it, through the end of 2020. Modifications and an additional discussion on the Tour de Wildwood can take place at a future meeting of the Committee. Direction is sought on all other events, given the needed planning efforts that are required.

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 review and input on this information.