

CITY OF WILDWOOD
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
WILDWOOD CITY HALL (HOSTED)
16860 MAIN STREET
WILDWOOD, MISSOURI 63040
and on Zoom
April 22, 2021

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Meeting: Thursday, April 22, 2021, hosted at Wildwood City Hall, via Zoom, at 6:30 p.m.
Attending: Commissioners Stevens, Scott, Hrubes, Hammond, Rowton, and Bachert, Council Liaison Clark, and Chair Wojciechowski
Absent: Alternates Adams and Quaternik, Commission Liaison Broyles, and Council Liaison Gillani
Staff: Director of Planning and Parks Joe Vujnich and Senior Planner Travis Newberry

II. Opening Remarks

Chair Wojciechowski welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

III. Approval of the Historic Preservation Commission March 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Hrubes, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the minutes from its meeting of March 25, 2021. A voice vote was taken on the motion, with a unanimous affirmative result, and Chair Wojciechowski declared the motion approved by a vote of 7-0.

IV. Public Comment

Patrick Barnidge, 744 Spiceberry Lane, provided a summary of the property owners' request to change the street name of Old Slave Road and respectfully requested the Commission support such.

V. New Business

A. Ready for Action – Three (3) Items

1. Presentation of Property Owners' Request to Change The Street Name of Old Slave Road

Director Vujnich stated the Department of Public Works is in receipt of a request from the property owners who are addressed to Old Slave Road to change the street name. He outlined the required process for such a request and described the Historic Preservation Commission's role in this request, given the nature of the street name and this area of the City. Director Vujnich outlined a previous request from the property owners along this street, which received support from the Commission on the request, but it was ultimately not supported by the City Council at the time. He noted the current proposed new street

name is Madison Lane. Director Vujnich stated the matter is being presented to the Commission at tonight's for information, and, with the Commission's direction, the Department will prepare a report, with recommendation, for the Commission's June meeting.

Discussion was held among Commission Members regarding the location and maintenance responsibilities for the historic slave cemetery located on Old Slave Road; the consideration of a commemorative plaque identifying the historic significance of the area; the consideration of not wanting to draw unwanted attention and interest in the road, given it is private property; and the consideration of Madison Lane versus Elijah Madison Lane for the new street name.

A motion by Commissioner Rowton, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, to have the Department prepare a report, with recommendation, regarding the requested street name change. A voice vote was taken on the motion, with a unanimous affirmative result, and Chair Wojciechowski declared the motion approved by a vote of 7-0.

2. Discussion of the Three (3) Candidates For The Historic Route 66 Roadside Park

Director Vujnich stated the Commission conducted interviews with the three (3) planning and design firms for the Historic Route 66 Roadside Park at its March 2021 meeting. He noted the Department is presenting a memorandum summarizing the results of these interviews and seeking the Commission's input and direction on the selection of a firm for this project at tonight's meeting.

Discussion was held among Commission Members regarding the various highlights, positive aspects, and areas of concern for each of the three (3) firms that were interviewed.

A motion by Commissioner Hrubes, seconded by Commissioner Bachert, to engage SWT Design for the Historic Route 66 Roadside Park project.

A roll call vote was taken, with the following results:

Aye: Commissioners Stevens, Hrubes, Rowton, and Bachert

Nay: Commissioner Scott

Abstain: Commissioner Hammond and Chair Wojciechowski

Chair Wojciechowski declared the motion approved by a vote of 4-1, with two (2) abstentions.

A motion by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Hrubes, to identify Gateway Design Studio as the Commission's second choice, in the event an agreement is not reached with SWT Design.

A roll call vote was taken, with the following results:

Aye: Commissioners Stevens, Hrubes, Rowton, and Scott

Nay: Commissioner Bachert

Abstain: Commissioner Hammond and Chair Wojciechowski

Chair Wojciechowski declared the motion approved by a vote of 4-1, with two (2) abstentions.

3. Review of Manchester Road Shared-Use Path

Director Vujnich provided an overview of the proposed shared-use path along the north side of Manchester Road, between State Route 109 and Pond Road. He stated the City's Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed and approved the associated plan sheets for the project. Director Vujnich stated the Department is presenting this item to the Commission for its input at tonight's meeting, given the trail's location in the Pond Historic District of Town Center, as well as a portion of it abutting Old Pond School.

Discussion was held among Commission Members regarding the placement of the trail on the north side of Manchester Road; the positive connectivity this shared-use path would create; the pervious material that is planned for the shared-use path project; and the consideration of adding the Historic Route 66 decals to the path's surface.

A motion by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Rowton, to endorse the Manchester Road Shared-Use Path, as presented. A voice vote was taken on the motion, with a unanimous affirmative result, and Chair Wojciechowski declared the motion approved by a vote of 7-0.

B. Not Ready for Action – Three (3) Items

1. Primer on Property Maintenance Codes and Impacts on Historic Structures (Wards – All)
2. Discussion Regarding the Age Threshold Used to Determine Qualification as Historic (Wards – All)
3. Maintenance Bid at Old Pond School (Ward One)

VI. Old Business

A. Ready for Action – Three (3) Items

1. Missouri Bicentennial Celebration (2021) – Time Capsule for Cities

Director Vujnich stated the Department has reached out to the State Historic Society of Missouri regarding the submittal requirements, specifically on the allowable thickness of such, but has not received a response from that organization regarding such. He requested the Commission postpone discussion on the matter at tonight's meeting.

Consensus was reached among Commission Members to postpone the matter at tonight's meeting.

2. Update on 2021 Work Program

Director Vujnich provided an update on the 2021 Work Program, specifically highlighting the following: repairs to Old Pond School; the status of the Wildwood History Book and the chapter on the City's incorporation; the Points of Interest Map; the status of the City Council's review of the Champions of History Program; and future training opportunities.

No discussion was held regarding this agenda item.

3. 2020/2021 New Surveys of Historic Properties

Director Vujnich stated the consultant, Landmark Association of St. Louis, has completed the 2020/2021 update of the Historic Inventory of Wildwood. He noted the prepared report is very professional and thorough. Director Vujnich stated this report is being provided to Commission Members at tonight's meeting for information, and noted the consultant will be providing a presentation and answering any questions the Commission Members may have in this regard at its May 2021 meeting.

No discussion was held regarding this agenda item.

B. Not Ready for Action – Four (4) Items

1. Final Action on Location of Orrville Historic Community Marker (Wards One and Three)
2. Discussion Regarding the Future Location for the Essen Log Cabin (Wards – All)
3. Work Program for Historic Route 66 Promotion (Wards – All)
4. Update on Kohn Park Sign (Ward One)
5. Wildwood History Book

VII. Review of Proposed Zoning/Plats/Site Development Plan/Demolition Requests – No Items

VIII. Other Matters for Consideration

None

IX. Upcoming Meeting Date – May 27, 2021 (Thursday)

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 27th, at 6:30 p.m.

X. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, and seconded by Commissioner Hrubes, to adjourn the meeting. With a unanimous voice vote, Chair Wojciechowski declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.