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May 27, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Wildwood Historic Preservation Commission Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: Participation in Missouri Bicentennial Time Capsule Program (Wards – All)

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
The Honorable City Council of Wildwood
Steve Cross, City Administrator
John A. Young, City Attorney
Travis Newberry, Senior Planner

Background >>>

In mid-2019, the Commission chose to identify, develop, and support activities that would be part of the State of Missouri's Bicentennial Celebration in 2021. The Commission has spearheaded the City's participation in both the Missouri Community Legacies and the Endorsed Projects. The Community Legacies component sought recognition for three (3) areas in the City, including the Monarch/Centaur (Gumbo Flats) Area, the Meramec River/Glencoe Area, and the Old Pond School. The Endorsed Projects application was successful and the annual Celebrate Wildwood Event for 2020 (which was canceled) and the upcoming event in 2021 have been endorsed by the State Bicentennial Committee as well.

Through a partnership of the Saint Louis Ambassadors and the State Historical Society of Missouri, a Bicentennial Time Capsule is now being offered. Local governments are invited to participate by contributing three (3) items: the first should represent the past, the second the present, and the third should be a note to future Missourians. This opportunity was presented to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) at its January 2021 meeting, at which time, the Members supported pursuing preparing items to be submitted for placement in the Bicentennial Time Capsule.

As part of the Commission's discussion at its January 2021 meeting, the question was raised whether the limitation of the item being only ¼ inch thick applied to the overall submittal, or whether each category (i.e., past, present, and future) could ¼ inch in thickness, allowing up to a total of ¾ inches. Based on the Department's research, the requirement is specifically described as follows, "*Items should measure no larger than 8.5 x 14 inches – i.e. no larger than legal size paper – and **combined** be no more than a quarter-inch thick.*" With this information, the Department believes the overall submittal is limited to ¼ inch. The Department did reach out

to a representative from the State Historic Society of Missouri to verify this interpretation by it, but did not receive a response, prior to the publication of this Memorandum.

Consideration of Items for Inclusion in the Bicentennial Time Capsule >>>

With the Commission’s direction to place this item on its 2021 Work Program, the Department has prepared the following list of items for consideration to be included in a submission from the City of Wildwood to be placed in the Bicentennial Time Capsule. This list of items is inclusive of ideas that have been offered by Commission Members.

Past	Present	Future
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collage and/or collection of historic photographs • Original Wildwood logo • ‘Incorporate Wildwood’ sign and/or other materials related to the incorporation of the City • Other ideas from Commissioners and public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current publications of the City (i.e. Wildwood brochure, event calendar, Points of Interest Maps, etc.) • Current City logo and 25th Anniversary logo • Most recent copy of the Wildwood Gazette • Photographs of Local Registry properties and structures • Other ideas from Commissioners and public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department is seeking general direction from the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the preparation of a note to future Missourians

Next Steps and Contact Information>>>

The Department is seeking the input and direction from Commission Members regarding this item at tonight’s meeting. Following this discussion, and if the Commission remains supportive of participating in this opportunity, the Department can compile and prepare a draft submission, which can be presented to the Commission at its June 24, 2021 meeting. The deadline for submittal to the State Historic Society of Missouri for inclusion in the Missouri Bicentennial Time Capsule is August 10, 2021.

If any of the Commission Members should have any questions or comments in this regard, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning at (636) 458-0440. A presentation is planned on this matter at tonight’s meeting. Thank you for your review of this information and input on the same.