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MEMORANDUM

To: Wildwood Historic Preservation Commission Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: Discussion of **Points of Interest Map** and **Wildwood History Book** for Celebrate Wildwood 25+1 (**Wards – All**)

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
The Honorable City Council of Wildwood
Steve Cross, City Administrator
John A. Young, City Attorney
Rick Brown, P.E. and P.T.O.E., Director of Public Works
Travis Newberry, Senior Planner
Robyn Keefe, Planner

The Department of Planning had mentioned its desire to have the final chapter of the history book to members of the Commission by tonight's meeting. The chapter, as has also been mentioned, is generally complete. The construction of this narrative consists of two (2) parts. The first is an explanation of the City's incorporation process from the perspective of those individuals that worked to make such successful. This part was collectively authored by four (4) of the original incorporators (Maryanne Simmons, Ron Marcantano, Sue Cullinane, and Dan Vogel). The other component was prepared by the Department of Planning. The collection of the components creates the chapter being offered for consideration, all of which was edited and formatted by the Department of Planning.

As of tonight's meeting, the final edits are still being incorporated into the content of the chapter and will be finalized in time for the planned August meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission. This editing process in association with this chapter is critical due to two (2) different authors collaborating upon it. Therefore, the additional time from tonight's meeting until August will provide a final draft hopefully better than today.

The Department would note that, with this delay on its part, the publication of the completed **Wildwood History Book** will not be ready for the September 25, 2021 Celebrate Wildwood Event. The

publication of the book, now not linked to a specific time and event, will allow for it to be accomplished in a manner befitting of its importance to the community. Therefore, the Department intends to keep the matter on each of the Historic Preservation Commission's agendas through the rest of 2021, until such time the entirety of the book is completed and ready for publication.

Also, as noted in the title of this Memorandum, the **Points of Interest Map** is underway and will be discussed at tonight's meeting, with the full intent to have it ready for distribution at the City's Celebrate Wildwood Event on September 25, 2021. A Departmental representative has been discussing these selected roadways in the area of Westland Acres and beyond with representatives of the Wildwood Historical Society, along with utilizing a number of other sources. These new byway descriptions will be added to the long list of other features, landmarks, and roadways that make Wildwood unique within all of the St. Louis Region.

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