



WILDWOOD

February 15, 2022

The Honorable City Council
City of Wildwood, Missouri
16860 Main Street
Wildwood, Missouri 63040

Re: **Discussion of Partnership with Wildwood Family YMCA on Hardcourt Facilities (Wards – All)**

Council Members:

CURRENT STATUS >>> During the latter part of 2021, representatives from the Wildwood Family YMCA began discussing the development of hardcourt facilities on its property that is located at the corner of State Route 109 and New College Avenue. This conversation occurred about the same time the City was also considering the same type of facilities and investigating locations for them. A discussion was held about a potential partnership with those representatives of the Wildwood Family YMCA and City leadership in this regard. This conversation led to a request for representatives of the Wildwood Family YMCA to gauge with the Members of Planning and Parks Committee the level of support of such a partnership and potentially define collective goals in this regard. The discussion was held at the Committee's February 12, 2022 meeting.

SUMMARY AND COMMITTEE ACTION >>> As the City Council is aware, the Committee has continued forward with the City's efforts to create a hardcourt area in Community Park, the selected location for such. These efforts are nearing the final stages of design and engineering, with bid plans, documents, and specifications only left to complete. Therefore, a significant amount of City resources and funds have been expended in this regard, which makes undertaking a different approach more problematic.

In considering the potential partnership between the Wildwood Family YMCA and the City, the Committee Members noted the positive aspects of such, but wanted to proceed forward with the Community Park location at this time. Such a recommendation does not preclude the Wildwood Family YMCA undertaking its own facilities, when desired by it. Also, the Committee Members did note that, with the City's active population, one (1) set of publicly-accessible hardcourt facilities for a range of games will not suffice anticipated demand. Therefore, the more of these facilities that are available regardless of source, the better it will be in many ways. In summary, the Planning and Parks Committee did not endorse an immediate partnership with the Wildwood Family YMCA and would recommend the City continue forward with the current plans for its facilities at Community Park.

CONTACT INFORMATION >>> If any of the City Council 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. This item has been placed on tonight's Work Session Agenda under 'For Information' and, if any City Council Member would like to discuss any of these items, the Departments of Planning and Parks will be available for such. Thank you for your consideration of this information.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF WILDWOOD

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Planning and Parks Committee

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