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January 4, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: Wildwood Celebration Commission Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: Venue Location for the 2023 Event (**Wards – All**)

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
Steve Cross, City Administrator
Melanie Rippetoe, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks
Travis Newberry, Senior Planner
Kristin Naeger, Recreation Specialist

BACKGROUND >>> The Department would note that, on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the site that has hosted the Celebrate Wildwood Event for the last several years. This hearing is the first step in the rezoning process that could lead to the development of the site. This process, in terms of timing, can be summarized as follows:

- ⇒ Public Hearing – January 2023
- ⇒ Department's Recommendation Report – March 2023
- ⇒ Final Action on Rezoning Request – April 2023
- ⇒ Public Hearing at City Council – May 2023
- ⇒ Introduction of Bill for Rezoning of Site – June 2023
- ⇒ Final Passage of Bill, Now Legislation – July 2023
- ⇒ Site Development Plan Process – July 2023 to September 2023
- ⇒ Zoning Completed - September/October 2023

This timeline reflects a favorable action by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council on the rezoning request. If the action is not favorable, then the process concludes much earlier. Also, the timeline can be altered too, but the list represents the general footprint of this process.

CONCLUSION >>> The Department would note that, with a favorable action on this rezoning request, the first time a permit for use of the site, in this case, a Grading Permit, could be issued is after the scheduled Celebrate Wildwood Event, which is set for Saturday, September 23, 2023. Accordingly, the

event can be held at the same location in 2023, which is good news, given the Village Green will not be at a stage for its use, but, hopefully, for it in 2024.

SUMMARY AND CONTACT INFORMATION >>> If any of the Commission Members should have comments or questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to the 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.