



# WILDWOOD

January 24, 2023

## MEMORANDUM

To: Planning and Parks Committee Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: **Centaur Time Trial – Event Changes (Ward One)**

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor  
Steve Cross, City Administrator  
Rick Brown, P.E. and P.T.O.E., Director of Public Works  
Melanie Rippetoe, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks  
Travis Newberry, Senior Planner  
Kris Naeger, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation  
Stacy Chanski, Recreation Specialist

**BACKGROUND >>>** The City has hosted the Centaur Time Trial for many years, which is held near Kohn Park. The course is Centaur Road onto Wild Horse Creek, to the south, where it stops at Hardt Road, then returns via the same route. The course is just less than ten (10) miles in length. The event has a three and one-half to four (3½ to 4) hour window of time. This time trial has cyclists that participate from all over the United States and is one (1) of three (3) cycling events held on this selected weekend in March.

The City's role in this event has had several components to it. These roles are noted below:

1. Offer the use of public roadways; and
2. Provide police services for safety and security; and
3. Provide two (2) portable restroom facilities; and
4. Notify residents along the route of the event's date and time; and
5. Promote the event on the City website and social media.

The remainder of the organizational and management of the event was under the auspices of the cycling association and local sponsors.

**CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND REQUEST >>>** The cycling association and local sponsors would like to hold the event in Wildwood again this year, but understand the City cannot participate in it, as in past years. To this end, the main sponsor is offering to cover all costs, with only seeking the right to use the two (2) roadways, i.e. Centaur Road and Wild Horse Creek Road, for that approximately four (4) hour period. The

City would continue to notify residents along the course to ensure they are aware of it, if the event is authorized. As point of reference, such an offer is consistent with the Program Budget Committee's direction to lessen city outlays of funds for events of all kinds, while making them either revenue neutral or profitable.

**SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS >>>** The Department is presenting this item to the Committee for its direction and input. If favorable, the organizers would be required to complete the City's Event Partnership Agreement and submit it for approval. Again, the Department would note the event has no direct cost to the City, other than notifications and promotion, but also needs to identify that certain property owners along this route have complained about the inconvenience of this event on the City's roadways.

**CONTACT INFORMATION AND NEXT STEPS >>>** If any of the Committee Members should have any questions or comments regarding this information, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning at (636) 458-0440. A presentation is planned on this items at tonight's meeting. Thank you for your review of this information.