



WILDWOOD

May 25, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: Wildwood Historic Preservation Commission Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: City's Memorial Tribute Program (**Wards - All**)

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
Thomas Lee, Interim City Administrator
John A. Young, City Attorney
Rick Brown, P.E. and P.T.O.E., Director of Public Works
Melanie Rippetoe, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks
Robyn Keefe, AICP, Planner

COMMISSION'S AND/OR CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS >>> Over the course of the past few months, the Historic Preservation Commission has been discussing several individuals as possible candidates for recognition via its Memorial Tribute Program, which was developed and adopted by its Members and then City Council in 2021. Below are updates or reports on these individuals.

City Council Action on Nomination of Paul Wojciechowski - The Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation report was presented to the City Council for action at its May 8, 2023 meeting. The Department presented the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission and explained the components that had been considered, including how the members considered this nomination from the perspective of the parameters and criteria set forth for such. The City Council concurred with the recommendation and authorized the tribute and the components that are associated with its application. These components include the following items:

- a. A Memorial Brick at Old Pond School (large size).
- b. Memorial Tree planted within one (1) of the eleven (11) historic communities, with small marker.
- c. Proclamation at City Council.
- d. Article in the Wildwood Gazette.
- e. Acknowledgement on City's website.

Final Action by Historic Preservation Commission on Nomination of Judy Sahm - Also at the April 2023 meeting, the Commission Members recommended that Ms. Sahm be nominated for recognition through this memorial program, given the following accomplishments in this regard:

- a. Length of term on Commission five (5) years, three (3) months.
- b. Secretary of the Commission for two (2) years.
- c. Volunteered at the Historic Preservation Tent at Celebrate Wildwood for several years.
- d. Served as a City Treasurer for nine (9) years.

With this record, Ms. Sahm would minimally qualify for the 'Sustaining Members' designation. The Commission Members considered the criteria and agreed the 'Sustaining Member' category was

appropriate for Ms. Sahm and requested a final report be prepared for consideration by the Commission Members, which reflect, as noted in the table below, the compliance to the criteria and items to be provided in recognition for her service to the City.

Recognition of Contribution and Manner	Public Participants, i.e. City elected and appointed officials	Manner of Recognition by City
Sustaining Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Served for four (4) or more years on the Historic Preservation Commission b. Participated in a major initiative of the Historic Preservation Commission during their terms. c. Volunteered for off-hour participation at Celebrate Wildwood or other events of the Historic Preservation Commission d. Provided another type of unique and/or significant historical contribution to the City and area's history 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A Memorial Brick at Old Pond School (small size) b. Proclamation at City Council c. Acknowledgement on City's website

Recommendation Report on the Nomination of Larry Thompson - The Historic Preservation Commission, at the conclusion of its discussion, also noted former Commission Member Larry Thompson and his role in historic preservation within the City of Wildwood. The Commission Members requested the Department evaluate Mr. Thompson's contributions relative to the criteria set forth for the same and provide a recommendation in this regard. The Department acknowledged the direction and agreed to provide this information and recommendation at the next meeting of the Commission.

In completing this initial assessment in this regard, the Department determined the following regarding Mr. Thompson's public service to the City and its historic preservation efforts in this regard:

- a. Length of term on Commission four (4) years, four (4) months.
- b. Served as Vice-Chair of the Commission for one (1) year and Secretary of the same for one (1) year.
- c. Served on the Wildwood Charter Commission.
- d. Volunteered at Wildwood Days and Celebrate Wildwood Events.
- e. Donated the wood-burning stove to the City for placement inside Old Pond School.

With this record, Mr. Thompson would minimally qualify for the 'Sustaining Members' designation. The Commission Members will need to discuss this designation and make its determination upon the same in this regard.

Recognition of Contribution and Manner	Public Participants, i.e. City elected and appointed officials	Manner of Recognition by City
Sustaining Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Served for four (4) or more years on the Historic Preservation Commission b. Participated in a major initiative of the Historic Preservation Commission during their terms. c. Volunteered for off-hour participation at Celebrate Wildwood or other events of the Historic Preservation Commission d. Provided another type of unique and/or significant historical contribution to the City and area's history 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A Memorial Brick at Old Pond School (small size) b. Proclamation at City Council c. Acknowledgement on City's website

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

ATTACHMENT A - PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Recognition of Contribution and Manner	Public Participants, i.e. City elected and appointed officials	Manner of Recognition by City	Private Participants (includes youth and young adults)	Manner of Recognition by City
Champions of Conservancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Served for six (6) or more years on the Historic Preservation Commission b. Provided leadership on the Commission as its Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary c. Led a major initiative of the Historic Preservation Commission during their terms. d. Volunteered for off-hour participation at Celebrate Wildwood or other events of the Historic Preservation Commission e. Provided another type of unique and/or significant historical contribution to the City and area's history 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A Memorial Brick at Old Pond School (large size) b. Memorial Tree planted within one (1) of the eleven (11) historic communities, with small marker. c. Proclamation at City Council d. Article in the Wildwood Gazette e. Acknowledgement on City's website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Leadership position with the Wildwood Historical Society or another regional historic preservation group or organization b. Owner of a historic asset that is part of the City of Wildwood's Historic Registry c. Regular attendee and participant at the City's Historic Preservation Commission meetings d. Provided another type of unique and/or significant historical contribution to the City and area's history 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A Memorial Brick at Old Pond School (small size) b. Proclamation at City Council c. Acknowledgement on City's website
Sustaining Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Served for four (4) or more years on the Historic Preservation Commission f. Participated in a major initiative of the Historic Preservation Commission during their terms. g. Volunteered for off-hour participation at Celebrate Wildwood or other events of the Historic Preservation Commission h. Provided another type of unique and/or significant historical contribution to the City and area's history 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. A Memorial Brick at Old Pond School (small size) e. Proclamation at City Council f. Acknowledgement on City's website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Member of the Wildwood Historical Society or another regional historic preservation group or organization b. Owner of a historic asset that has been maintained and retained on the property. c. Provided another type of unique and/or significant historical contribution to the City and area's history. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A Memorial Brick at Old Pond School (small size) b. Acknowledgement on City's website
Guardians of History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Served for four (4) or less years on the Historic Preservation Commission b. Provided another type of unique and/or significant historical contribution to the City and area's history 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A Memorial Brick at Old Pond School (small size) b. Acknowledgement on City's website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Owner of historic asset on the federal National Registry of Historic Places b. Provided another type of unique and/or significant historical contribution to the City and area's history 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A Memorial Brick at Old Pond School (small size)