



# Wildwood Celebration Commission Minutes

## Meeting Date:

- July 8, 2020
- 6:30 p.m.

## Commission Members Present:

- Libby Wilson
- Karen Stevens
- Sharon Hutson
- Jaclyn Tripp
- Cory Lawson
- Patricia Ward
- Council Liaison, Joe Garritano
- Gary Crews, Staff Liaison
- Susan Siebert, Chair

### **I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks**

Chair Siebert opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

### **II. Roll Call**

A roll call of members was conducted and the following individuals were in attendance via Zoom webinar platform:

#### Commission Members:

Libby Wilson  
Karen Stevens  
Sharon Hutson  
Jaclyn Tripp (arrived at 6:39 p.m.)  
Cory Lawson  
Patricia Ward  
Susan Siebert, Chair  
Joe Garritano, Council Liaison  
Gary Crews, Staff Liaison

Absent Members: Vicki Helfrey

#### Other Officials & City Staff:

Sergeant Brad Wendling and P.O. Steve DeGhelder, St. Louis County Police – Wildwood Precinct  
Joe Vujnich, Director of Planning and Parks  
Kathy Arnett, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks  
Travis Newberry, Planner

### **III. Approval of Minutes from the June 3, 2020 Meeting**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Hutson, to approve the June 3, 2020 meeting minutes. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, and the minutes were declared approved.

### **IV. Public Comments**

None

### **V. 2020 Celebrate Wildwood and Art Festival Events**

a. Potential Changes to Event due to COVID-19

Director of Planning Vujnich began by noting that, based upon the discussion at last month's meeting relative to options for the event, due to necessary changes and concerns regarding COVID-19, Department staff has provided a memorandum on potential scenarios on how the event can be organized. With the recent resurgence in numbers, care needs to be exercised by the City in its hosting of this event. He then outlined options for the event ranging from a large in-person event, a small group, or even virtual offerings, to canceling it in its entirety.

Commissioner Tripp arrived at 6:39 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding the following: the potential to postpone the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration to Spring 2021; the cancellation of the GreenTree Festival in Kirkwood this year; the concern with forcing an event that is not the celebration we want; the desire to wait to be able to have the full event and not have a partial type; the appeal to having the event in late Spring; the hope to use the budget from this year towards next year's event, in addition to next year's budget, so as to make it a large scale celebration; the continuing level of uncertainty; the potential for disappointment, if the event is scaled back and less than what the Commission generally hosts; the only money that may be lost is the deposit to the band from Nashville; and the support of postponement to ensure the event maintains a high quality.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to postpone the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrate Wildwood Event until 2021. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, and the motion was declared approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawson, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to cancel the 2020 Wildwood Art Festival event and reschedule for October 2021. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, and the motion was declared approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutson, seconded by Commissioner Lawson, to cancel the Commission's August meeting, but meet in September and October. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, and the motion was declared approved.

Following discussion regarding rescheduling the high school marching band, the band from Nashville, the Scouting Experience, and a few other major components of the event, the Commission decided to meet in August to select dates for the 2021 events.

b. Other

None

## **VI. Other Business for Consideration**

None

## **VIII. Next Scheduled Meeting – August 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

The Commission agreed to hold the next meeting scheduled on August 5, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

## **IX. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to adjourn. Having no further business to discuss, and hearing no objections, Chair Siebert called for a voice vote to adjourn, and it was approved. The meeting concluded at 7:06 p.m.