

**CITY OF WILDWOOD
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
16860 MAIN STREET
WILDWOOD, MISSOURI 63040
July 25, 2019**

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Meeting: Thursday, 7/25/19, City Hall, Community Room, 6:30 p.m.
Attending: Commissioners Hrubes, Stevens, Hammond, Scott, Compton, Wojciechowski, Alternate Rowton, Commission Liaison Gragnani, and Council Liaison Edens.
Absent: Commissioner Sprunger, Alternate Bachert, and Council Liaison Taylor.
Staff: Director of Planning Joe Vujnich and Assistant Director of Planning Kathy Arnett

II. Opening Remarks by Chair Wojciechowski

Chair Wojciechowski welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

III. Approval of the Historic Preservation Commission June 27, 2019 and July 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to approve the meeting minutes from June 27, 2019. A voice vote was taken on the motion, with a unanimous affirmative result, and Chair Wojciechowski declared the motion approved by a vote of 6-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hrubes, seconded by Commissioner Compton, to approve the meeting minutes from the July 10, 2019 site visit, once the spelling of Council Member Edens' last name was corrected. A voice vote was taken on the motion, with a unanimous affirmative result, and Chair Wojciechowski declared the motion approved by a vote of 6-0.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. New Business

A. Ready for Action – Two (2) Items

1. Presentation by Dan Cavanaugh, Forestry Crew Leader, Missouri Department of Conservation, on Historical Pine Plantations within Rockwoods Reservation. Mr. Cavanaugh's presentation is a training session creditable to the requirements of the City's Certified Local Government (CLG) status through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). (Wards – All)

Director of Planning Vujnich introduced Dan Cavanaugh, the Forestry Crew Leader at Rockwoods Reservation. Mr. Cavanaugh was invited to the meeting to provide information on the

Rockwoods Reservation's historic pine forests. He noted this session also counts as training for the Certified Local Government (CLG) annual requirements.

Dan Cavanaugh introduced himself noting he has been at Rockwoods Reservation for fifteen (15) years. He is now a Forestry Crew Leader, but previously he had been a technician. Mr. Cavanaugh explained there are eleven (11) memorial forests in the reservation and eleven (11) in Rockwoods Range. Each memorial forest used to have a sign noting the parties these areas had been dedicated to over the years, but the signs were removed in the 1970's. Currently, each forest has a post noting its location. The Department of Conservation has limited information on these groups, but has extensive documentation on the tree stands and other vegetative information. The original intent of the forest plantings was to honor individuals or organizations, who excelled at conservation, and to plant the trees in their honor.

Mr. Cavanaugh explained the forests were started in the 1930's and 1940's. At that time, the species used were varieties being tested for commercial viability, such as the ponderosa pine (typically found in the Rocky Mountains) and the red pine (found in northern Minnesota), as well as the loblolly pine, the eastern red cedar, a range of walnut species, and other varieties. He noted none of the stands are very large, with most in the range of one (1) to three (3) acres, with the largest measuring 4.5 acres. Six (6) of the forests are located along Manchester Road, just east of Glencoe Road, and a number are also located at Woods Road and State Route 109.

Mr. Cavanaugh then gave the following timeline for the planting of the eleven (11) memorial forests:

1. Rockwoods Reservation was acquired in 1938;
2. Stand 1 planted in 1947;
3. Stand 2 planted in 1942;
4. Stand 3 planted in 1948;
5. Stand 4 planted in 1953;
6. Stand 5 planted in 1946;
7. Stand 6 planted in 1948;
8. Stand 7 planted in 1940;
9. Stand 8 planted in 1949;
10. Stand 9 planted in 1958;
11. Stand 10 planted in 1960; and
12. Stand 11 planted in 1951.

A number of the forests have been replanted over time. Mr. Cavanaugh noted the forests are not overly managed, just removal of invasive species occurs, and the expected age of the stands is between two hundred (200) and four hundred (400) years.

Finally, Mr. Cavanaugh noted that, prior to planting, the Reservation and Range were used for agricultural uses and had cattle pasture and open fields when they were first acquired. Rockwoods Reservation is the second parcel of ground the State acquired by the Conservation Department. The first building the Department owned was the general store on Glencoe Road, which today only the foundation remains. The areas were decimated prior to the Department of Conservation's acquisition, since they were used for agriculture and a limestone quarry. The lime kilns, which are still there today, were used in conjunction with quarrying and ran on charcoal.

Therefore, and any tree over a small diameter was removed and used to make charcoal. At its peak, there were over one hundred (100) structures in Rockwoods Reservation.

2. Work/Volunteer Assignments for 2019 Celebrate Wildwood Event (Wards – All)

Director of Planning Vujnich noted a schedule was available at tonight’s meeting for Commissioner Members to select timeframes each could volunteer at the Celebrate Wildwood Event. He noted the event will be held in the same location as last year.

Discussion was held regarding the following: two (2) changes that need to be made to history book: Commissioner Stevens noted that, on Page 40, some of the text regarding her relative, Ninian Hamilton, was incorrect; Council Member Edens noted that, on Page 176, the title needs a space, after the WWII parenthetical; Department Staff noted the book will be sent to the printer on Monday morning, so if the members found any other necessary changes, to let staff know by early Monday morning; the Commissioners noted their continued interest in selling the final version of the book and use the monies raised for preservation efforts; and their desire to have a donation jar at the Celebrate Wildwood Event for the Essen Log Cabin reconstruction project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Hrubes, to accept donations at the Celebrate Wildwood Event and the Route 66 Event for the Essen Log Cabin reconstruction project. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, and the motion was declared approved by Chair Wojciechowski.

B. Not Ready for Action – One (1) Item

1. Discussion Regarding the Future Location for the Reconstruction of the Essen Log Cabin (Wards – All)

VI. Old Business

A. Ready for Action – Two (2) Items

1. By-Way Text for 2019 Points of Interest Map (Wards – All)

Assistant Director Arnett presented the final changes on the 2019 Points of Interest Map. Discussion was held regarding this year’s scenic byways and the other features of the map. Consensus was reached to change the word ‘Town’ to ‘Community’ in the Centaur Road description. Staff noted they would make this change and requested any additional comments be provided by Tuesday midday for inclusion in the final version.

2. Update on 2019 Work Program of the City’s Historic Preservation Commission (Wards – All)

Director of Planning Vujnich provided an update on the status of each of the fifteen (15) items in the Commission’s Work Program for 2019. He highlighted the project of the repair of the WPA wall at Old Pond School, noting it should take place within the next two (2) weeks, now that the weather is more favorable. He also noted the analyses completed by Missourians for

Monarchs for the Belleview Farms property were provided in the packet and asked members to contact staff with questions from their reviews of the reports.

Council Member Edens questioned if the Commissioners were interested in organizing a dog walk, as part of the Route 66 event. Consensus was reached by the Commissioners to not participate in the dog walk's organization.

Commissioners discussed the Route 66 event scheduled for September 14th and noted they would like a Route 66 handout, which would highlight registry items along the route.

B. Not Ready for Action – Three (3) Items

1. Discussion on Archiving Documents from the City's incorporation that are Currently Being Stored at City Hall and Other Off-Site Locations. (Wards - All)
2. Continued Discussion Regarding the Commission's Participation in the Missouri 2021 Bicentennial Celebration (Wards – All)
3. Work Program for Historic Route 66 Promotion (Wards – All)

VII. Review of Proposed Zoning/Plats/Site Development Plan/Demolition Requests – No Items

VIII. Other Matters for Consideration

A. Discussion Regarding Scheduled August 22, 2019 Meeting

Director Vujnich asked if the Commission Members wanted to have their August 22, 2019 meeting, since it is in close proximity to the Celebrate Wildwood Event, where they would be working the Historic Preservation Commission Booth. Following discussion, consensus was reached among the members to have a short meeting after the Celebrate Wildwood Event, preferably early September. Staff noted they would send out some options for meeting dates, with a possibility of merging the regular September meeting, with a short meeting before the Route 66 event.

A motion was made by Commissioner Compton, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to reschedule the August 22nd meeting to early September. A voice vote was taken, with a unanimous result, and Chair Wojciechowski declared the motion approved.

IX. Upcoming Meeting Dates – September 26, 2019 (Thursday), at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 26th.

X. Closing Remarks and Adjournment by Chair Wojciechowski

A motion was made by Commissioner Hrubes, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to adjourn the meeting. With a unanimous voice vote, Chair Wojciechowski declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.