



WILDWOOD

April 11, 2016

The Honorable City Council
City of Wildwood, Missouri
16860 Main Street
Wildwood, Missouri 63040

Re: Historical Marker Program

Council Members:

Over the course of 2015, and now starting in 2016, the Historic Preservation Commission has continued its efforts in completing a longstanding project of placing historic markers throughout portions of Wildwood that represent its original eleven (11) historic communities. In 2015, the markers for the Glencoe and Pond Communities were installed and received very favorable feedback from those parties that participated in their unveiling ceremony, as well as members of the larger community. These markers were selected for the first phase of installations, given the locations would be on City-owned properties, making it easier in that regard.

The next two (2) installations occurred just a couple of weeks ago and included the Monarch and Westland Acres Communities, both located on the north end of the City. The members of the Historic Preservation Commission and residents of the areas attended these installations. Participants at the unveiling of the marker at Westland Acres included Doris Frazier, a longtime resident, and some of her family members. Having the Frazier Family represented at the unveiling of this marker was particularly appropriate and made the day very special.

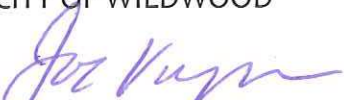
The status of the remaining seven (7) markers are as follows, along with the needed steps to complete their planned installations, between now and the 2016 Celebrate Wildwood Event at the end of August:

Community Name	Item Needed for Installation
Centaur	A new design is being considered by the Historic Preservation Commission for this marker's pole and was discussed at its April 7 th meeting.
Fox Creek	The edge of Fox Creek Road right-of-way (City-owned) has been defined and the wording for this marker is being finalized upon which it will be ordered for fabrication and installation shortly thereafter
Grover	The easement area has been defined on this private property and the Department will now provide this information to the private property owner – Imogene's Tea Room - for consideration of its establishment and use of an area upon the site for this marker.

Community Name	Item Needed for Installation
Hollow	The edge of State Route 100 right-of-way has been defined, along with a small easement area on the abutting private property, and the Department will now provide this information to the owner – Stovall’s Grove - for consideration of its establishment and use upon an area of the site for this marker.
Kelp	The marker is in fabrication and not ready for installation.
Melrose	A plan for the use area has been developed, where the marker is to be situated, which would include adding asphalt to the existing shoulder, thereby creating a pull-off area for viewing. This plan is also needed for permit purposes.
Orrville	The redesign is still underway, given concerns about safety and stormwater drainage along edge of roadway (Eatherton Road). Permit will be needed as well.

If any of the City Council Members should have questions or comments in this regard, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (626) 458-0440. A short presentation is planned on this item at tonight’s Work Session. Thank you for your continued support of this effort to preserve the history of the area that is now the great community of Wildwood.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF WILDWOOD


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