

CITY OF WILDWOOD  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
WILDWOOD CITY HALL (HOSTED)  
16860 MAIN STREET  
WILDWOOD, MISSOURI 63040

May 5, 2022 – Special Meeting of HPC & Route 66 Project Team Members

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**I. Welcome and Roll Call**

**Meeting:** Thursday, May 5, 2022, hosted in the Wildwood City Hall Community Room, at 1:00 p.m.  
**Attending:** Commissioners Hrubes, Secretary Bachert, Vice-Chair Scott, Commission Liaison Broyles, Council Liaisons Nyhan and Rambaud, and Chair Stevens  
**Absent:** Commissioners Hensic, Hammond, and Rowton, and Alternates Adams and Quarternik  
**Staff:** Director of Planning and Parks Joe Vujnich and Planner Robyn Keefe  
**Other:** Scott Runde, SWT Design, Carolyn Hampel, Citizen Volunteer, Kimberly Bertel, Citizen Volunteer, Robert Gehl, Route 66 Association of Missouri

**II. Opening Remarks by Chair**

Chair Stevens gave a brief welcome followed by a statement from Planner Keefe explaining the meeting's new focus from the scheduled Visioning Workshop.

**III. Public Comment**

None.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Ready for Action – Three (3) Items**

1. Route 66 Roadside Park Project Work Program (**Wards – All**)

Scott Runde, SWT Design, presented on the Route 66 Roadside Park Project engagement efforts and feedback to-date.

Planner Keefe gave a brief slide presentation on a proposal for a longer engagement period for the park project, to allow for student engagement, potentially in the form of a design competition. Director Vujnich noted that restructuring the engagement period would also allow Staff to focus on other projects, with rapidly approaching deadlines, including the Wildwood History Book and Points of Interest Redesign.

Commissioner Hrubes stated that the more “grey matter the better,” in expressing his support for this new direction. He further elaborated by stating students have more ideas than “we do.”

Robert Gehl, of the Route 66 Association of Missouri, stated that it would be a great project for art students studying graphic design.

Chair Stevens noted that, to do this type of broad engagement, support would be needed from the Administration. However, she noted there were lots of possibilities for such a project and expressed support for involving all age groups.

Commission Liaison Broyles noted that both art and history teachers should be involved, and that it would take a lot of time and energy to put it together. She stated that, in her experience as an educator, doing this sort of broad engagement, a leadership group of key individuals from each school should be assembled for their own meeting to get everyone on the same page.

Ms. Broyles also noted her preference for the term “interpretive site” vs. “roadside park” and the desire to extend the interpretation throughout the corridor. Planner Keefe noted that Director Vujnich had originally proposed the concept of a “linear park,” as a part of the half-acre parcel in Grover, given that the City owns the right-of-way along the frontage of the park. Planner Keefe also proposed the question of whether or not youth would favorably respond to the term “interpretive site.” Mr. Gehl noted the term “heritage park” had been successfully used in several communities doing similar projects.

Vice-Chair Scott questioned whether Staff could take on such a project. Director Vujnich noted that, while the Staff support wasn’t in place right now, it would be once the Department had hired and filled its open positions.

Director Vujnich requested a Motion to authorize the Department to proceed with a new timeline. Vice-Chair Scott motioned to approve the new direction for engagement and timeline for Route 66 Roadside Park Project. Commissioner Hrubes seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## 2. Historic Route 66 Revitalization Initiative Work Program **(Wards – All)**

Planner Keefe and Director Vujnich presented some key project updates, with Planner Keefe noting the desire from the Metro West Fire Protection District to involve the City in its renovations in order to incorporate Route 66 interpretative elements into the design. Director Vujnich noted the Celebrate Wildwood Commission had decided to theme its parade around Route 66. Commission Members were then asked to debrief, noting any conversations that had occurred at the event.

Commissioner Hrubes noted that Mark Harder, Councilman of St. Louis County, had sounded intent in helping the effort. Planner Keefe noted West Magazine had written about the effort in a feature article.

3. McReynolds Award Debrief and Update – Historic Community Markers Program  
**(Wards – All)**

Planner Keefe presented, noting the HPC was invited to present the award at City Council on June 13, 2022. She noted several methods of publicizing the award around that time.

- B. Not Ready for Action – Two (2) Items
  1. 2022 Points of Interest Map Redesign **(Wards – All)**
  2. Schedule for Discussion of Essen Log Cabin **(Wards – All)**
  3. Update on 2022 Work Program **(Wards – All)**
  4. Discussion Regarding the Future Location for the Essen Log Cabin **(Wards – All)**
  5. Update on Kohn Park Sign **(Ward One)**

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Ready for Action – No Items**

- B. Not Ready for Action – Two (2) Items
  1. Discussion Regarding the Age Threshold Used to Determine Qualification as Historic **(Wards – All)**
  2. Overview of Maintenance Bids for Old Pond School **(Ward One)**

## **VI. Review of Proposed Zoning/Plats/Site Development Plans/Demolition Requests – No Items**

## **VII. Other Matters for Consideration – Two (2) Items**

- A. Site Visit to Bluff View Park (Weather Permitting)
- B. Site Visit to Belleview Farms (Weather Permitting)

It was noted the weather had not cooperated for site visits, and the Department would be showing a movie instead after the meeting called, "Show Me 66: Main Street Through Missouri," which was produced by the Missouri History Museum.

## **VIII. Upcoming Meeting Date – May 26, 2022 (Thursday) – Regular Monthly Meeting**

## **IX. Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

Commissioner Hrubes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chair Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.