



Wildwood Celebration Commission Minutes

Meeting Date:

- August 5, 2020
- 6:30 p.m.

Commission Members Present:

- Libby Wilson
- Karen Stevens
- Jaclyn Tripp
- Cory Lawson
- Patricia Ward
- Vicki Helfrey
- Joe Garritano, Council Member 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
Jaclyn Tripp
Cory Lawson
Patricia Ward
Vicki Helfrey
Joe Garritano, Council Member Liaison
Susan Siebert, Chair

Absent Members: Gary Crews and Sharon Hutson

Other Officials & City Staff:

Sergeant Brad Wendling, St. Louis County Police – Wildwood Precinct
Joe Vujnich, Director of Planning and Parks
Travis Newberry, Planner

III. Approval of Minutes from the July 8, 2020 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the July 8, 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. Date Selection for 2021 Celebrate Wildwood Event (Spring 2021)

The Commission was presented with the results from a study completed by the Department of Planning and Parks on nearby events that are typically held in the Spring Season. The study was intended to help determine if there is a date or dates that would allow for the Celebrate Wildwood Event to be competition-free. Based on the study, the Department of Planning and Parks recommended the following dates in April to the Commission Members:

- 1st Choice: April 23 and 24, 2021; and
2nd Choice: April 9 and 10, 2021

The Commission discussed the recommended dates and took into consideration key factors, such as Lafayette's Marching Band schedule, weather, and hosting it earlier in the year than in the past.

Based on the discussion, the Commission would like to host the event earlier in 2021 versus in the fall (as the City has done in the past), as to not further delay celebrating the City's 25th Anniversary, which is being postponed in 2020. The members did note they do not plan to move future Celebrate Wildwood Events to the Spring each year, just for 2021.

The Board also addressed the need to continuously reevaluate the date due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

A motion was made by Commissioner Helfrey, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to select April 23 and 24, 2021, as the new date for the 2021 Celebrate Wildwood Event. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, the new date was approved.

b. Date Selection for 2021 Wildwood Art Festival (Fall 2021)

The Commission briefly discussed a date selection for the 2021 Wildwood Art Festival.

Chair Siebert inquired as to what the budget may look like for the event, and Director Vujnich noted that it will be addressed this fall at City Council, but for 2021 events, the Commission must review this event's budget and provide a recommendation, per ordinance.

A motion was made by Commission Lawson, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to select October 9 and 10, 2021 as the new date for the 2021 Wildwood Art Festival. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, the new date was approved.

c. Other and Updates

VI. Other Business for Consideration

None

VIII. Next Scheduled Meeting – September 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

The Commission agreed to hold the next meeting scheduled on September 9, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Helfrey, 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 7:03 p.m.