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DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

December 1, 2022

The Development Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 4:45 p.m. Committee members present: Mayor Elliott, Vice Chair Thalman, and Member Thorngate. Others present: Councilors Ketchum, Sklavounakis, and Palmer, Development Director Nancy Prager, City Clerk Brenda Delbert, and media.

Discussion on Victorian Homes Improvement Program

Mayor Elliott in conjunction with Mr. Sklavounakis presented intentions of the program. It is tailored to Historic Preservation and households who would benefit from higher income threshold than Home-Owner Repair Program. The Victorian Home Improvement Program would have similarities but also include specialized language for historic homes. A discussion ensued about the specific requirements for Victorian Home Improvement Program. Including but not limited to the following: \$5,000 grant with 20% match (\$1,000), owner-occupied, exterior repairs done in a manner generally consistent with the National Park Service Historic Preservation Standards and Guidelines, daylight down spouts (if feasible without significant construction), pre-1940 homes, eligible homes must have an assessed market value below \$350k market value by the Ohio County Assessor, applicants cannot have received funding under the Homeowner Assistance Repair Program or the Façade Improvement Program, and possible involvement from the Historic Landmarks Commission. The committee inquired about meeting with the Historic Landmarks Commission for insights and ideas to move program forward. The HLC meets the 1st Thursday of the month but can meet as needed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, to adjourn. Time: 5:25 p.m.