



# CITY OF WHEELING HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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## **City of Wheeling – Historic Landmarks Commission**

Regular meeting of the Wheeling Historic Landmarks Commission: June 6, 2024

Commissioners present: Gilot, Kaiser, Sexton, Smith, Sweeny

Commissioners absent: Thorngate

Staff present: Brenda J. Delbert

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Kaiser in City Council Chambers

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Gilot, seconded by Mr. Smith, moved to approve May 2, 2024, minutes as presented. Motion carried. All in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### *Demolition-209 N. Wabash Street*

Applicant Paul Harris was not in attendance but has filed out the Certificate of Appropriateness Application and is in agreement to demolish the house. Applicant stated the structure is beyond feasible repair, and hazardous materials, particularly asbestos is present and structure is in deteriorating condition. Estimates for restoration are more than \$70,000, as the cost of demolition stands around \$14,000 seems more practical. Neighbor Pat Long, owns property at 213 & 211 and agrees the deterioration has been on going and best for structure to be demolished. Jeanne Finstein from Friends of Wheeling, spoke against issuing the demolition permit as she would like to see the structure saved due to historical value. Mr. Gilot, seconded by Mr. Smith, moved to grant demolition permit. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### *Discussion on Preservation Easement Program*

Chairman Kaiser reviewed his draft of the proposed program. The program is designed for property owners who have made investments in buildings and want to keep historical integrity intact. Mr. Kaiser indicated he has spoken to legal and staff and is waiting review by City Manager. Mr. Kaiser proposed giving the commission and City Manager time to review and comment with discussion to continue at July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

C.J. Kaiser; Chair