



CITY OF WHEELING HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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City of Wheeling – Historic Landmarks Commission

Regular meeting of the Wheeling Historic Landmarks Commission: October 1, 2020.

Commissioners present: Gilot, Kaiser, Karelis, Rouhier, and Smith

Commissioners absent: Greco and Thorngate

Staff present: Connelly, Humway-Warmuth

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular meeting: September 3, 2020. A motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Communications

Staff reported on the announcement by the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History that applications are being accepted for FY 2021 historic preservation survey and planning grants through the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The deadline to apply is November 30, 2020

Victorian Old Town Association (VOTA) – Local Historic District

Members of the VOTA board appeared to provide an update with the ongoing efforts to create local historic district with design review guidelines in North Wheeling. Commissioners appeared at a kick-off meeting a few years ago. Jeanne Finstein presented the draft and items such as parking and accessible ramps that still need to be added. A discussion ensued with the Commission. Chairman Kaiser reiterated the guidelines should be developed and supported by the building owners and not the city. Mr. Kaiser recommended the draft be updated to reflect topics discussed during today's review and they be provided to the owners for comment prior to moving forward with scheduling a public hearing. Staff discussed the hearing and approval process. Jeanne Finstein, Roger Edwards, Lisa Singer, and Art Burnside spoke on behalf of the board and agreed with Mr. Kaiser's recommendations and estimated being able to move forward in December.

OLD BUSINESS:

Demolition Review Ordinance

Chairman Kaiser provided an updated draft of the language proposed for ordinance. He requested Commission members review the final draft prior to the November 5, 2020 meeting, citing specifically the penalties section. Rose Humway-Warmuth reviewed the proposed process which would be to refer the matter through Councilman Thorngate to the Development Committee of city council for a work session. Following that stake holder meetings and public hearing(s) would take place.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

C.J. Kaiser

COMMISSION MEMBERS

C.J. KAISER, CHAIR · JON-ERIK GILOT · VICTOR GRECO · BEKAH KARELIS ·
CHRISTOPHER ROUHIER · COUNCILMAN TY THORNGATE · GREGORY SMITH
STAFF: TOM CONNELLY, AICP