



CITY OF WHEELING HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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City of Wheeling – Historic Landmarks Commission

Regular meeting of the Wheeling Historic Landmarks Commission: May 6, 2021.

Commissioners present: Gilot, Greco, Kaiser, Karelis, Smith, Sweeny, and Thorngate

Commissioners absent: none

Staff present: Connelly

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman Kaiser. City Clerk Brenda Delbert swore in Betsy Sweeny.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular meeting: March 6, 2021. A motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Demolition Review of Contributing Structures in a Historic District

Staff presented the city's request to expedite the demolition of two structures listed as contributing structures in a historic district based on subsection (g) of the ordinance: 313 North York and 24-7th Street. Staff provided photos of their condition and an explanation that the structures on the city's demolition list are those in most need of being demolished as abandoned derelict structures that are a nuisance to the community for reasons of blight, criminal activity, including drug activity, squatting, and dumping despite repeated attempts by the city to secure the structures. Chairman Kaiser did not find the structures to qualify for the Public Safety Exception and instructed staff to place the two structures on the June agenda for a public hearing. Councilman Seidler was recognized to speak from the gallery. Mr. Seidler commented that it was his understanding as presented to Council by Chairman Kaiser, that the demolition review ordinance was not going to delay the city's demolition of structures identified by the city as being most in need of demolition on an annual basis for public health, safety and welfare reasons, but was intended to delay the instances of buildings being demolished quickly and quietly over the weekend that were not necessary to demolish for obvious reasons.

North Wheeling Historic District with Design Review

Art Burnside of the Victorian Old Town Association provided a brief background on the effort to create a local historic district with design review and Certificate of Appropriateness. Chairman Kaiser also discussed efforts made in the community up until today's hearing then opened the public hearing. The following people spoke:

- Theresa Weekly, 644 Main Street, opposed the designation
- Elsa Campeti, 654 Main Street, opposed the designation
- Jackie McGlaughlin, 817/819 Market Street, opposed the designation
- William Baker, 409 Market Street, opposed the designation

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STAFF: TOM CONNELLY, AICP

- Maria McElvey, 725 Main Street, supports the designation
- Roger Edwards, 823 Main Street, supports the designation
- Rita Beck, 823 Market Street, supports the designation on Main Street, not Market Street

In addition, the following submitted written comments to the Commission:

- Brandon Holmes, 633 Market Street, opposed the designation

Those in attendance were advised by Chairman Kaiser that written objections following the hearing are required in order to be considered “opposed”.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

C.J. Kaiser
Chair