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Mayor Elliott Announces Committees on Housing, Volunteerism

Wheeling, WV – During the August 2 City Council meeting, Mayor Glenn Elliott discussed the remaining ad hoc committees that he introduced on July 5. He announced the members and mission of the Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing, while Councilwoman Wendy Scatterday announced the first steps for the Ad Hoc Committee on Community Volunteerism.

Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing

Mission Statement

The Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing is tasked with conducting and presenting to City Council an analysis of the affordable housing options existing in the Wheeling real estate market and, to the extent necessary, preparing a series of recommendations for incentivizing additional development thereof. The Committee will analyze local housing and population data and conduct research using local focus groups and other available information, and it will evaluate municipal and regional policies and practices as they pertain to housing development. The committee will consider both short-term and long-range strategies for improvement. Within six months from its formation, the Committee shall present its findings and recommendations to City Council.

The members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing are: Susan Hagan (Co-Chair), Jon-Erik Gilot (Co-Chair), Missy Ashmore, Josh Benyo, Mallory Clegg, Alex Coogan, Matt Drahos, Alyssa Duplaga, David Ellwood, Katie Hinerman, Elizabeth Paulhus, Jason Pockl, Brenda Steiniger, Brooke Hamilton Wetmore, Ashley Burkey.

COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Susan Hagan (Co-Chair)	Harvey Goodman Realtor Property Management
Jon-Erik Gilot (Co-Chair)	Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling–Charleston
Missy Ashmore	Kennen & Kennen Realtors
Josh Benyo	YWCA Wheeling
Mallory Clegg	WesBanco Bank
Alex Coogan	Monoceros Properties
Matt Drahos	Progressive Bank
Alyssa Duplaga	Paull Associates

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David Ellwood	WesBanco Bank
Katie Hinerman	Catholic Charities West Virginia
Elizabeth Paulhus	Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling–Charleston
Jason Pockl	Bailey & Wyant, PLLC
Brenda Steiniger	Habitat For Humanity
Brooke Hamilton Wetmore	The Schenk Foundation
Ashley Burkey	Huntington Bank

Ad Hoc Committee on Community Volunteerism: Wheel Help!

Through the Ad Hoc Committee on Community Volunteerism, City Council is seeking volunteers to help with future projects and initiatives. Councilwoman Scatterday revealed the name of this committee – *Wheel Help!* – as well as the tagline: “Volunteering for a better Wheeling.” The play-on-words title echoes the generous offers of assistance that Council members have heard from residents.

“We’re so excited to help folks engage across Wheeling for not only public service projects but also building stronger relationships and connections between the citizens of Wheeling and their neighbors,” Scatterday shared. “Over the past year, we talked to many people who said, ‘If there’s anything I can do to help, let me know.’ This is the embodiment of the offers of help that have come along the way.”

Wheel Help! is an opportunity for people who would like to get more involved in the community but aren't sure where to start. The first step is for interested volunteers to complete a brief questionnaire through Survey Monkey. Completing this survey does not commit volunteers to a project or committee. The information will be shared with City Council and city staff to be considered for future initiatives.

“Anything you’re willing to volunteer – time, skills, use of equipment, cookie baking, or phone call making – if you like doing something and want to contribute that to our city, we welcome you,” Scatterday added.

To sign up for volunteer opportunities through Wheel Help!, citizens can visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/wheelhelp. Emails can be directed to volunteer@wheelingwv.gov.

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