

722-724 Main Street: Update #3, March 2022

The video crew from Wheeling Heritage has begun documenting work on the building in anticipation of posting updates on *Weelunk*. The first photo shows project manager Roger Edwards pointing out building details to Dillon Richardson and Johnathon Porter as part of the “before” set of videos..



Some of the exterior steel bracing is also visible in the picture. This was installed by the prior owner to prevent collapse of the buildings after most of the interior had been removed. Contractors will soon be sequentially removing this bracing and repurposing it as vertical supports in the interior. These interior supports will be permanent and will eventually be hidden behind interior walls. After the exterior bracing is removed, two other contractors can begin work on the façade – work funded in part through a matching grant from the city’s Façade Improvement Program.

Architect Michael Gioulis was onsite on April 20 to do an initial assessment of the exteriors of all five buildings in this half of the block. He will make recommendations on paint colors for all five through a Main Street Design Assistance Grant. There was no cost to the project for his services, and

there is no requirement that we take his recommendations. But we felt that this was a great way to get some expert advice – for us and for the neighbors.

Meanwhile, a demolition crew has been busy with their work, as seen in progress in the second picture. They removed the first floor flooring (to enable the steel contractors to pour concrete footers that will support the interior steel bracing), removed two dilapidated wooden additions on the rear of the building, and removed other debris from what will become a walled courtyard.

The project is moving along nicely, and we again appreciate your contributions that are making this happen.

