

**Village of Mariemont
Council Meeting
May 28, 2024**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Mr. Ayer, Mr. Bartlett, Dr. Lewis, Mr. Van Stone and Mr. York.

Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mr. York to excuse the absence of Mrs. Brownknight. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Minutes:

Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Van Stone to accept the minutes as written. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Communications:

*From Police Chief Hines: April 2024 Monthly Report

*From Building Official Holloway: April 2024 Monthly Report. Mr. Holloway commented that rental inspection continue to trickle in. An inspection of a unit on Murray will start the needle to the large rental owners in the Village. He did indicate that the new rates are in effect that were passed by Council.

*Young Entrepreneur Landscaping: Cost Estimate Mariemont Square Circle Planting \$7,761.60 (To be Split Between the Village and Spinnenweber Builders). Mayor Brown wanted Council to be aware of the plan. The plan will also include additional planters on Madisonville Road by Mio's. The Village will share 50/50 the cost with the upkeep and maintenance to be done by Spinnenweber Builders. The sprinkler system will be expanded to accommodate the new plantings. It will provide a lower profile so traffic will not be inhibited. Council was supportive of the idea but would like a written confirmation from Spinnenweber Builders of the agreement.

Permission to Address Council:

Ms. Mandi Beecroft, Mariemont Public Library, was granted permission to address Council. She updated Council on upcoming events at the library including: June 1st - Summer reading kickoff with balloons, free books and activities; June 3rd - Live music and snacks on the patio; June 6th - Fairy tale Science: Explore science with experiments by each fairy tale. Plus, more fun activities for the rest of June.

Mr. Syd Sabo, 3857 Indianview Avenue, was granted permission to address Council. He recalled a conversation two years ago with Mr. Ayer while talking about the Columbia Connector where he was positive the Mariemont Connector was going through the Trolley Line Park. He responded that it would be a mistake. Eleven months ago, there was an Open House to view the plan for the Connector through the trolley Line Park. There were objections to the plan including a petition to preserve the Park with 50 signatures. Since then, there has been no follow-up meeting planned in spite of several requests. At the April 8th, 2024, meeting Councilman Ayers said there would be public meeting sot discuss the plans for the Miami intersection and the Connector from Miami to the library. Since that statement there have been two approvals to proceed with the Connector Plan/Bid but no meetings. His question to Council is - who do you represent - The CROWN or the citizens of our neighborhood who wish to be heard but have been ignored for 11 months? It is the opinion of the residents on the Indian Hill side of the Pike that Council majority does not care about our neighborhood and have no desire to represent us with status equal to those on the south side of the Pike. If Council proceeds with the approval of the plan, it will confirm out lack of representation. In the past, Council has guarded Mariemont from outside influences such as ODOT's bypass St. Rt. 50's plan and recently the roundabout on Plainville Road. But the

property from Plainville Road to the library is treated as fair game and is available to the Crown. Replacing our park's green grass with asphalt, well that is OK because it is not in your neighborhood and you do not have to look at it.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of meetings held which resulted in changes being made to the plan proposals based on resident input. In addition to the petition submitted by Mr. Sabo, there was also a petition signed by 75 residents from Mrs. Clingerman. In addition, there was an online survey. Mr. Ayer clarified that when Kleinger's Group had the study to pick the route, he had no preconceived notion of what the answer would be. Mr. Van Stone suggested putting a rough calendar together of upcoming meetings so residents can prepare to attend. The Village should find out July/August 2024 if funding is available.

Motion to Pay the Bills:

Mr. Van Stone moved, seconded by Mr. York to approve the bills. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Committee Reports:

None

Miscellaneous:

*The Budget Hearing will be held Monday June 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The Council meeting will begin immediately following the conclusion of the Budget Hearing.

Resolutions:

None

Ordinances:

- "To Amend Sections 151.125 and 151.127 Relating to Signage" was tabled March 25, 2024. Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to remove the matter from the agenda. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.
- "To Delete in Their Entirety Sections 151.115 and 151.116, Solar Heating, Cooling, and Hot Water Systems from the Mariemont Code of Ordinances and To Include New Sections 151.115 Through 151.121 Solar Energy Systems" had a second reading.
- "To Amend Ordinance No. O-2-24 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances to Increase Payment of Employees" had a first reading.

Mr. Bartlett congratulated Dr. Lewis on the CEDAP grant. He asked if it was for a specific project that should be listed on the Project List. Mayor Brown said the project has more to do with what the Pease Brothers plan to do with the interior of the building. The deadline is 2025. Solicitor McTigue will contact Dr. Lewis to go over some questions he has. As far as he can determine, the Village will bear no cost, thought the Village will serve as a pass-through account.

Mr. Ayer asked to have removed from the Safety Committee the matter of the pool 2024 business plan and proposed capital projects for 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Kelly I. Rankin, Fiscal Officer