

Village of Mariemont
Committee of the Whole Meeting
August 12, 2024

Vice-Mayor Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Ayer, Mr. Bartlett, Dr. Lewis, Mr. Van Stone and Mr. York. Mayor Brown was also in attendance as well as Fiscal Officer, Kelly Rankin. Mrs. Brownknight arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Vice-mayor Ayer distributed a handout that had Permanent Improvement projects for the Village broken down by Public Spaces, Public Buildings, Parking Lots, Service Department, Storm Water, Police and Fire. The purpose of Council is to rank the projects and score them according to what their perceived prioritization should be. The document lists projects that have already been started and funding is encumbered. The street projects were not included in this exercise. It also includes project that are 100% self-funded which require no Village funds. Those include: Dale Park Statuary, Mariemont Connector Pocahontas to Miami, Hopkins Park (Replace sign, replace lamp posts, new landscaping, repair aggregate walkway, add new garden cottage), Dogwood Park renovations and Pleasant Street sidewalk.

Tree Plantings were listed under the operating budget for the Service Department for easy tracking year to year by fund accounts clearly identified. \$51,000 is built in for the care/maintenance of trees and \$20,600 for new trees. There was concern that with the maturity of the Village's tree canopy, that the amount of funds needed for trees will increase.

It was noted that the General Fund has never been above 2 million dollars except for this year. It was asked of the Fiscal Officer to provide a report of the General Fund through the end of the year projection for this year and the end of 2025 if possible. Discussion ensued regarding street paving projects, the condition of the Village's road, and possible funds from the General Fund to help with street rehabilitation projects.

Council discussed the various projects, costs and the status of the projects. Council then agreed on the following list to be the projects to be prioritized and scored. In discussion of the Dale Park Sidewalk Project, Mr. Ayer moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to proceed with Choice One \$9400 contract for topographical survey and Dale Park Construction Plans. Dr. Lewis asked what the resident feedback was. She had concerns that this portion of the plan was not vetted. Mr. York said it was part of the original Dale Park plan, which he does not recall the resident feedback. It is to connect the parks and the connecting the Old Town Rental District with the rest of the Village. Mr. Ayer opined that once we see what Choice One puts together for this concept and shows how it will work into the hillside making it attractive and ADA compliant, it will be easier to convey to the residents. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Council agreed to remove and replace the Patriot Park Picnic pad for \$4,000. The work should last four years.

Public Spaces	Replace Concourse pergola Concourse - clean, tuckpoint, restore sidewalk LED Lights Municipal sidewalk repairs Mary Emery Park repair stone aggregate walkway Dale Park sidewalk - final design & construction New wading pool Columbia Connector: survey & title work Ann Buntin Becker Park - planning Patriot Park replace picnic pad
Public Buildings	Municipal Building: add copper ridge to main roof Pool Bathhouse or TBD Improvement

	Admin Office re-model
	Boathouse roof repairs
Parking Lots	Old Town Municipal Lot
	Old Town Center: signage to parking lot
	Old Town Center: add lighting to parking lot
Service Dept	Arm Lift for Skid Steer
	Leaf vac and/or Loader/Backhoe
Police	1 Police car and equipment
Fire	Replace cardiac monitors

Vice-Mayor Ayer asked that the information be submitted to him by August 21, 2024, so he can include the tabulation documents for discussion at the August 26, 2024, Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Kelly I. Rankin, Fiscal Officer