

**Village of Mariemont
Special Meeting of Council
March 15, 2023**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Present were Mr. Bartlett, Mrs. Brownknight, Dr. Lewis, Mrs. Rankin and Mr. York. Also in attendance was Mrs. Van Pelt, Fiscal Officer Ford, Engineer Ertel and Chuck Barlow.

Mr. York said he has been in contact with Ohio Congressman Greg Landsman's office regarding submitting a Community Project Funding Request which is due Friday March 17, 2023. He reviewed with Chris Dalton, Deputy Chief of Staff for Greg Landsman, the Mariemont Centennial Projects and various infrastructure projects for the Village. Many of the potential funding sources are very restrictive and for this process they are looking for projects that have been planned and are 'shovel ready' to be implemented. Mr. Dalton is going to send information of federal storm water funding and bridge/road funding. This type of infrastructure funding is available on an on-going basis. Mr. York suggested this be an annual exercise and said a timeline should be prepared for appropriations for requests next March. He submitted to members of Council and the Mayor the attached Centennial outline of projects to upgrade Village parks and green spaces and a list of Capital Improvement Projects. He has most of the requests are ready to submit.

Discussion ensued regarding the Centennial plans and the requested asking amount of funding for the Community Project Funding Request. Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to submit the funding request for the Centennial projects and the amount requested based on the conversation feedback Mr. York is to have with Mr. Dalton on March 16, 2023. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Engineer Ertel said SORTA has a transit infrastructure fund grant. The number of requests is unlimited but it does have a 10% Village project match. The projects are limited to sidewalks, roads, curbs, bus shelters within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of a metro route, which encompasses all of the Village. The request is due May 31, 2023 and does require legislation. A request was made by Spinnenweber Builders for electric vehicle chargers. Mr. York responded to Spinnenweber Builders and told them to submit the request on letterhead along with a legal description of the property with the desired location of the chargers noted. A large portion of this grant money is given to sidewalks. It would need to be for Village owned sidewalks. Fiscal Officer Ford questioned if an assessment agreement could be made with a property owner to redo their sidewalk. Engineer Ertel was not sure if that was an allowable use of the grant money to pass the savings of the grant onto the property owner through assessment. Mrs. Brownknight said the Village should look at funding for bus shelters. Engineer Ertel said more points would be given in this round for shelters. It was discussed that the Village could request what the shelter looks like being that the Village is a historic landmark. It would have to be an agreeable design and approved by the ARB. It was agreed that the three priorities were sidewalks, curbs and bus shelters with Engineer Ertel to generate a work list. He will work on preparing the legislation for the first reading at the next Council meeting, which will also include the request for Nature Works (due June 1, 2023) and the Ohio Public Works Commission. He clarified that the application is due this May for SORTA, but the funds would not be available until next March which would allow time to appropriate any needed funding.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

William A. Brown Mayor

Richard D. Ford, Fiscal Officer

