

**MARIEMONT ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2010**

Mr. Raeon called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Present were Mr. Raeon, Mr. Stegman, Mr. Bruggeman and Mrs. Boone. Building Commissioner Dennis Malone was also present. Mr. Koepke arrived at 5:36 p.m.

Mrs. Boone moved, seconded by Mr. Stegman to appoint Mr. Koepke as Chairman. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mrs. Boone moved, seconded by Mr. Stegman to appoint Mr. Raeon as Vice-Chairman. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mr. Raeon moved, seconded by Mr. Stegman to appoint Mrs. Boone as secretary. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

1. The first request was Request from Mariemont Preservation Foundation, 3919 Plainville Road, Mariemont, OH 45227 for Certificates of Appropriateness for the installation of 15 inch by 12 inch bronze plaques mounted on stone boulders identifying five historic housing groups: "Short Group; "Elzner and Anderson Group"; "Howe and Manning Group"; "McGoodwin Group"; "Atterbury Group".

The boulder will be placed either in the central garden area (Denny Place, Sheldon Place, Albert Place) or on the grass lawn area between the sidewalk and street (Oak Street and Beech Street).

Mrs. Gail McBride said MPF chose the area to start because they are a group of housing with multiple addresses. The smallest plaque they were able to come up with that would fit the wording is 15x12. It will require that the plaque go on the boulder itself. They would like to place them in the common area of each housing group. It will be a double bronze plaque with a border and some text. She is working with the Stone Center in Madisonville. The boulders will need to be individually selected and will weigh approximately 1500-2000 lbs. The boulders will be consistent in color with others within the Village. They will mount the plaque, deliver and place the boulders within the Village. She believes the boulders will be visually attractive.

Mrs. Janet Setchell said eventually the boulders will tie in with the walking tour booklet which will have more detailed information regarding the Historic houses.

Mayor Policastro said Council has agreed to boulders in the past. They do not want something that looks like a grave marker. There are several boulders within the Village right now, such as the Square, Jordan Park and Trolley Turn Around Park.

Mrs. McBride said the thought is to place the boulders in a landscaped area so mowing and trimming around them would cause the least amount of trouble. Mr. Raeon

said it may be the case of a resident assigning themselves a beautification project and undertake the upkeep themselves. He suggested when purchasing the boulders to provide them with a written description of what it is she is looking for.

Mr. Bruggeman asked if there would be more boulders placed in the Village. Mrs. McBride said the other ones would be smaller because for the most part they would be identifying individual buildings. When possible they would be mounted directly onto the building. It will require approval from both residents and the Village. Those projects will be done in smaller segments as they go along. Mr. Bruggeman said he would prefer to see cut stone.

Mr. Stegman asked about the architectural classifications. Mrs. McBride said based on Millard Rogers's recommendation the architecture will be referenced and identified on the plaque.

Mayor Policastro suggested that once the boulders are ready to be placed to contact Superintendent Scherpenberg so he can be present.

Mr. Stegman said placing the boulder in the central area on Denny Place between #5 and #6. It is central between the walking distances and it will also cut down on people running over the green space leaving tire ruts. He would be willing to care for the maintenance surrounding the boulder by placing landscaping.

Mayor Policastro said it would make the area look nicer. Right now it looks sloppy where the cars cut through. Mr. Koepke suggested meeting with the neighbors for suggestions on where to place it and then contacting Louise Schomburg of the Parks Advisory Board for her input.

Mr. Raeon said at some point we need to develop some guidelines for future boulders and plaques. Right now we do not have any standards.

Mrs. Boones suggested letting ARB know what the font of the plaque is for future reference.

Mrs. McBride asked for ARB's input as to where to put the boulder for the Elzner and Anderson Group which includes Linden Place, Beech Street and part of Wooster Pike. One suggestion is at the corner of Linden Place and Beech. The other suggestion is at the corner of Beech Street and Wooster Pike. MPF inclination was to place it at Beech and Wooster. Mr. Koepke agreed with that location.

Mr. Raeon said he believes it would get lost at that location and would prefer to see it located at Linden Place and Beech. On Wooster Pike a person does not have the chance to observe them if driving by. On Linden Place you can pull over. Mrs. Boone and Mr. Bruggeman agreed with Mr. Raeon.

Mrs. Setchell said the misconception may be if it is placed at Linden Place that the reference is only to the area of Linden Place and people may not realize it includes a larger area of Wooster Pike and Beech Street. But the addresses will be listed on the plaque.

Building Commissioner Malone said at the corner of Beech Street and Wooster Pike on the west side the first two houses are not listed in the Historic District. The next two houses are in the Historic District and the Vianello house is not. Those houses are not on the official map that shows the designation of the Historic District.

(Subsequent to the ARB meeting, Mrs. Setchell and Building Commissioner Malone met and determined that all six houses on Wooster Pike west of Beech - excluding 6570 Wooster Pike are in the Historic District).

Mr. Raeon moved, seconded by Mr. Stegman to approve the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness and the plaque design as submitted and the locations as submitted with the exception of Beech and Wooster (2A) being the preferred location. Written instructions in terms of final placement will come from the Village via the Building Commissioner and Superintendent Scherpenberg. The Denny Place location will also consist of Mr. Stegman, Mr. Koepke and the Parks Advisory Board being involved in the placement of the plaque. The Parks Advisory Board shall be involved with the placement of the plaques for all those located in parks. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mrs. Boone moved, seconded by Mr. Raeon to approve the minutes as written for October 19, 2009 and November 18, 2009. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Boone
Secretary