

MARIEMONT ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 3, 2023

Mr. Wren called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Ayer, Mayor Brown, Mrs. Getter, Mr. Kintner, Dr. Lewis, and Mr. Lockhart and building/Zoning Official Mr. Holloway. A motion to accept the minutes as written for the July 17, 2023, meeting was made. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

1. Application from the LED Citizen's Committee (on behalf of Randy York) to convert up to 120 historical streetlights to LED technology in multiple locations throughout the village. Some of the options would require replacement of the lens and assembly with a slightly different style.

Findings of the Building Department:

The lamp posts and streetlights are defined as Landmarks per 151.075 (F)(21) as defined as the original lamp post and street lights, all original cast-iron type street lamp posts throughout the village, as originally installed by the Mariemont Company or reproductions of same throughout village, and identified in Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company circuit maps 5802B and 5803B;

§ 151.075 HISTORIC DISTRICT:

(H)(1) *Limitations on issuance of building and demolition permits.* No construction, reconstruction, alteration demolition, or removal of any structure or significant exterior architectural feature, including painting and staining, and including signage, thereof to any listed landmark structure or any other building within a historic district shall be undertaken prior to obtaining a certificate of appropriateness from the Architectural Review Board (see §§ [151.021](#)(E) and [151.025](#)) and a permit from the Building Commissioner, if appropriate.

(H)(2) *Regulations governing site modifications: Standards for review: design requirements for certificate of appropriateness.* The Architectural Review Board, in deciding whether to issue a certificate of appropriateness, shall determine that the application under consideration promotes, preserves, and enhances the distinctive historical integrity of the landmark structure as set forth in division (F) above, as well as the historical village character of the community and would not be at variance with existing structures within that portion of the district in which the structure is or is proposed to be located. In conducting its review, the Board shall make examination and give consideration to the elements of the application including, but not necessarily limited to:

- (o) Historical integrity of all landmark and historic sites shall be maintained according to the original architects' design, town plan, concepts, and philosophy of Mary M. Emery, John Nolen, and the Mariemont Company. Any act or process that results in any change to an archaeological feature shall require a certificate of appropriateness.

Two options were shown and described to the ARB. One option was a standard LED bulb inside an existing or new globe/lens the other option is sold as a complete assembly (LED + Globe). The variable

dimming and adjustable shielding features of the StressCrete unit were viewed positively, but ultimately the ARB found either of the two lamps to be appropriate. The motion carried on roll call, five ayes, no nays (Mr. Kintner departed prior to the vote).

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. Brad Lockhart
Secretary