

**MARIEMONT ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 21, 2014**

In the absence of Chairman Mark Bruggeman and Vice-Chairman Charlie Thomas, Mayor Policastro called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. Present were Paul Allen, Jane Stalzer, and Joe Miller. Also in attendance were Building Commissioner Kirk Hodulik and Joe Thomas, Facilities Manager of Cincinnati Waldorf School.

The first item on the agenda was election of Officers of the Board for the current year. Mrs. Stalzer moved, seconded by Mr. Miller that Mr. Bruggeman should remain as Chairman, Mr. Thomas should remain as Vice-Chair, and Mr. Allen should remain as Secretary. On roll call: four ayes, no nays.

The first request was from Christine Masur on behalf of Cincinnati Waldorf School, 6743 Chestnut Street, Mariemont, OH 45227 for a Certificate of Appropriateness for new double-sided "Enter" and "Exit" signage at Dale Park Parking Lot that serves the Cincinnati Waldorf School, Dale Park, and the Mariemont Community Church. Signage will "resemble the typical village signs with the Old English font in white with a brown wood sign."

Mr. Thomas, Facilities Manager of Cincinnati Waldorf School, stated that the school is currently using white, bi-fold signs at the entrance and exit. They would like to do something in keeping with the style and design of other signs located in the Village. The goal of the new signs is to improve traffic flow in and out of the parking lot, to clarify the traffic flow direction for residents and parents, and to replace the existing signs with something that would have a nicer appearance. He said the signs would be brown with white lettering using an Old English font and presented a photo that resembled the design they were considering.

Mayor Policastro asked if any neighbors had inquired about this request. Mr. Hodulik said that the school's only neighbor is the church and no residents in the surrounding area had asked about the school's signs.

After discussion to clarify the style and font of the signs, Mayor Policastro moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the request. On roll call: four ayes, no nays.

Following the vote to approve the signs, Mr. Allen asked if the signs would be mounted on two posts, with one post on either end of the sign. Mr. Thomas said the Waldorf School would have no objection to mounting the signs on two posts. Mayor Policastro moved that the approval be amended to require that each of the two signs to be mounted on two posts. On roll call: four ayes, no nays. The approval was amended to include this stipulation.

The second request was from Village of Mariemont on behalf of Chandley Shilderink, 6588 Wooster Pike, Mariemont, OH 45227 for a Certificate of Appropriateness for variance of exterior colors of siding, trim and shutters. The exterior of the house color scheme was updated with the understanding that based on a call made to the Village Administration Office the

residence property was not in a Village of Mariemont Historic District. The residence is in fact just within one of the Historic Districts and therefore has non-complying exterior colors. The trim and siding colors on the residence, although not anywhere near any of the approved color palettes designated for this property address, are muted, in character and appropriate, and within the spirit of the Architectural Review Board Historic District Color Guidelines. The shutters, on the other hand are a vibrant blue that was noticed by a village resident as not an Historic District approved color.

Mayor Policastro explained that Ms. Shilderink had been misinformed by Mrs. Singleton in the Administration Office who had told Ms. Shilderink that her home is not in the Historic District, so she did not have to use any specific colors when painting her house. Mr. Hodulik said that the house had been painted a muted color, but the shutters were a vibrant blue color. Mayor Policastro said that because Ms. Shilderink chose her paint colors based on inaccurate information from the Village, our liability insurance would pay to have the shutters repainted and we would have to pay a deductible amount of \$1,000.00. He suggested that we add the existing color of the shutters to the list of approved colors for the Historic District.

Mrs. Stalzer said she had gone to look at the house and thinks it looks great. She saw no reason to ask the homeowner to repaint. Mayor Policastro agreed that the house looks nice and he is glad to see people improving properties in the Village. Mayor Policastro moved, seconded by Mrs. Stalzer to approve the current color of the house and shutters. On roll call: four ayes, no nays. The request was approved.

Mrs. Stalzer moved, seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2013, public hearing as written. On roll call: four ayes, no nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Allen
Secretary