

TO: Village Council and Mayor Brown
FROM: Health and Recreation Committee, Randy York - Chair
RE: Review of Dale Park Rehabilitation Plan
DATE: August 14, 2023

The Health and Recreation Committee met on Thursday July 27th in council chambers. Present at the meeting were Health and Recreation Committee members Randy York (Chair), Susan Brownknight (Vice-Chair), and Matthew Ayer (Member). Also in attendance were Mayor Bill Brown, Administrator Chuck Barlow as well as trustees of MPF including Gail McBride, Janet Setchell, Rex Bevis, Bob Van Stone, and Ken White. The meeting commenced at 8:02am.

The purpose of the committee meeting was to review the design plan developed by the Mariemont Preservation Foundation for the construction of a shelter over the Family Statuary Group along with the redesign of the hardscape and landscaping in the area around the Family Statuary Group excluding the stone wall and steps along Plainville Road.

Gail McBride and Janet Setchell presented the Dale Park design plan and included information on the history of the Family Statuary Group and research supporting the need for the monument to be covered. They presented the evolution and justification for the design plan and provided details and justification of the hardscape and landscape plan. These plans were presented to the ARB on July 17th and the shelter, signage, lighting, and landscape components received a Certificate of Appropriateness from the ARB.

The committee recognizes and commends MPF for their work, diligence, and vision. The design and proposal were well presented and thoroughly researched.

The committee unanimously recommends that the Village move forward with utilizing the MPF design to go out for bid for fund raising and budgeting purposes. The committee recommends that the Village is not committing to naming or landscape details and that the design may be modified based upon budget and community input. Further, the committee directs that Village Engineer Chris Ertel develop an engineer's estimate for the project.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy York, Chair

Susan Brownknight (Vice-Chair)

Matthew Ayer (Member)