

TO: Village Council and Mayor Brown  
FROM: Health and Recreation Committee, Randy York - Chair  
RE: Health & Recreation Budget Reviews and Requests  
DATE: January 17, 2024

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The Health and Recreation Committee met on Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> 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, and Mariemont Racquet Club member Linda Bartlett. The meeting commenced at 6:32pm.

The purpose of the committee meeting was to review:

1. Budget Request, 2023 Results and 2024 Operational Projections from the South 80 Trails Garden and Park Advisory Board.
2. Budget Request, 2023 Results, Revised Membership Rates and 2024 Operational Projections from the Mariemont Raquet Club
3. Planning and Engineering Estimates for the Sidewalk through Dale Park.
4. Review of Park Bench Program.

The committee reviewed the reports submitted by the South 80 Trails Garden and Park Advisory Board (attached) and unanimously recommend that the council approve the funding requests for 2024. The committee does respectfully request that the South 80 Committee review environmental standards for a flood plain to make sure that the gardens and other areas are in compliance and, if necessary, to develop a plan to move towards compliance. The committee also requests that the South 80 Committee evaluate the current process for gardeners to clean up their plots at the end of the season, and to provide clarity on the leash law and enforcement for the South 80.

The committee reviewed the reports submitted by the Mariemont Racquet Club (attached) and unanimously recommend that the council approve the funding requests for 2024. This approval is contingent on the Village executing a satisfactory contract agreement with the tennis pro. The committee also unanimously approved the membership rate increases for 2024. Related to the racquet facilities, the committee is developing a long-term capital plan as a component of over Village recreational subsidies.

The committee is not currently offering recommendations on the final two items on the agenda for this meeting as further research and evaluation is necessary including an overall inventory of the condition and placement of our current park benches.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Randy York, Chair

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Susan Brownknight (Vice-Chair)

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Matthew Ayer (Member)