

TO: Village of Mariemont Council  
FROM: Planning and Zoning Committee  
DATE: July 22, 2020  
SUBJECT: Discussion of MPF's Proposed Mariemont Zoning Code Changes

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The Planning and Zoning Committee met on May 21, 2020 via Zoom at 4 pm for one hour to discuss the MPF's Proposed Mariemont Zoning Code Changes that were presented to Council January 27, 2020.

In attendance were Committee Members Marcy Lewis, Joe Stelzer, and Maggie Palazzolo; Mayor Bill Brown; Council Member Kelly Rankin; and residents and MPF Board Members Aileen Beatty, Rex Bevis, Don Keyes, Doug Manzler, Joe Stoner, Bob Van Stone, and Mary Beth York.

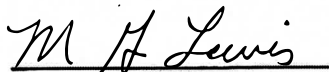
While MPF's proposed document made recommendations concerning six subjects, due to time constraints the discussion was limited to the subjects of demolition and the expansion of duties of the ARB that would ensue once that ordinance passes (see attachment). Mariemont currently has no ordinance restricting demolition outside of the Historic District. Marcy Lewis led the meeting and stated that there are over 75 municipalities in Ohio that have local preservation ordinances that are certified by the National Park service. Local examples include Glendale, Montgomery, Loveland and the City of Cincinnati. Furthermore, Mariemont Ordinance 151.025 states that the ARB "shall be the Historic Preservation Commission of the municipality" and shall work in conjunction MPF to "conduct a continuing survey of cultural resources in the community."

Council member Maggie Palazzolo was in support of a demolition ordinance. However, she questioned whether an appeal should go to Council or to the Planning Commission. Don Keyes clarified by stating that Ohio State law requires such an appeal to go to the Planning Commission. Ms. Palazzolo also asked for clarification about whether a list of contributing/noncontributing (C/NC) properties would be appropriate.

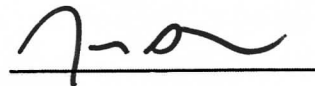
Council member Joe Stelzer expressed concerns about property rights and economic impact. He suggested soliciting input from developers, real estate agents and citizens.

Based on the exchange as summarized above, the committee recommends clarifying the issue of C/NC Properties, and soliciting input from other sources as listed. Dr. Lewis will follow up with MPF, and the committee will reconvene at a later date to resume the discussion.

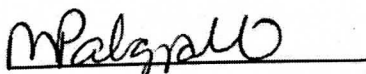
Respectively submitted,



Marcy Lewis, Chair



Joe Stelzer, Vice Chair



Maggie Palazzolo, Member