

Mariemont Parks Advisory Board

Village of Mariemont

April 7, 2020

Present: Louise Schomburg, David Wuertemberger, Leah Geldbaugh, Joan Vago, Mary Tensing

Absent: Ruth Varner, Marcia Duval, Eric Marsland, Carrie Gray

The first meeting of MPAB was held outside on the patio of the Dilly Cafe due to the present Covid 19 and social distancing advisory. Members brought their own chairs and sat appropriately apart from each other.

The MPAB would like to welcome our two new members; Mary Tensing, and Carrie Gray. Both have already voluntarily been helping in the parks.

Village Trees:

Trees are all in bloom and starting to leaf out. Members have been removing sticks in the park areas as part of the spring clean up.

Parks and Gardens:

Louise reported that Waldorf School would like to assume the Village Property on the west side of their property behind the dumpster area and going down the church hill. They drew up a plan to plant trees and other plantings, make a walkway, and put down mulch. MPAB discussed the plan and believe that this plan will not be successful. The board's opinion is that mulch will slide down the hill, plants will not get watered, and will die. Further we would like to state that it is our opinion that village should not contribute money towards this plan. Our board volunteers will not maintain it if this plan does go forward. We agree that grass should be planted in the bare places on the hillside and the students from the Waldorf School should stay off of the hillside.

Joan reported that on the west side of the Concourse the arbor-cross pieces are missing and maintenance needs to replace them.

This year the MPAB will try to have group "work days" one Saturday a month to tackle big projects or areas that need work.

David's son Evan has done a great job helping to clean up the Concourse and can contribute four more volunteer hours to help the MPAB. He will use the hours for towards his high school volunteer hours requirement.

South Jordan Park would like to see if The Maintenance Department can pressure wash a few of the park benches in the area.

Our board members have been hard at work already weeding and cleaning many of the park areas. Louise has already cleaned up the Old Town Square area and we would like to thank The Maintenance Department for already coming and mulching. Last year mulching did not occur in the park areas and it became almost impossible to keep up with all the weeding. We look forward to the park areas being mulched after each area is weeded this spring.

An email with arrangements for the next meeting will be sent prior to the meeting. Our scheduled meeting date is the first Tuesday of each month.

Ruth Varner

Secretary

(Notes of this meeting were provided by Joan Vago)