

**MARIEMONT ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

Mr. Bruggeman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Ms. Stalzer, Mr. Allen, Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Thomas and Mayor Policastro. Also in attendance was Building Administrator Don Keyes.

The first request was from Steven and Deborah Orr for a Certificate of Appropriateness for replacement casement windows to be installed on 12 windows at 14 Denny Place.

*Findings of the Building Commissioner:* This historic property steel casement windows currently installed, which are divided allowing just the bottom 3 window panes to open. The new windows will open the entire length of the window and the divided panes are longer so that there are a total of 4 panes in height rather than 5 panes. The windows are of energy conserving design so the grid pattern is between the inner and outer panes. Mariemont building code section 151.01(A)(2) requires that replacement windows shall closely match the color and configuration of the existing windows in all historic districts.

Mr. Orr said he submitted pictures of the before and after which were distributed to members of the ARB prior to the meeting. Their goal is to make the windows look exactly the same as they do now but also make them more thermally efficient. They are requesting to replace twelve windows.

Mr. Keyes pointed out that the pictures he included in the packet were of two different windows. When the windows are replaced they will be identical to what they were in terms of panes on the window.

Mr. Bruggeman asked out of curiosity if they priced what the cost would have been to replace the windows with what they currently have. Mrs. Orr said no.

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mayor Policastro to approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

The second request was for a Certificate of Appropriateness by Mariemont Preservation Foundation for the addition and movement of a plaque which identifies the building and organization.

*Findings of the Building Commissioner:* The existing wooden plaque is on the east side of the door and partially hidden by a bush, which the organization wants to trim down but keep in place. The new plaque, which will be moved to the west side of the front door will be of brass with a dark brown background in keeping with Mariemont code 151.01(B)(4) and section 151.075.

Mr. Allen said he does not have any problem with the request but he does not know why anyone would pick this particular font. It is on the list of one of the ten worst fonts – it resembles 1960's Sonic drive through. He would be happy to work with and show MPF different font styles.

Mr. Bruggeman asked if there was a standard font used by the Village for historic signage.

Mr. Keyes said this came from the manufacture. Mr. Allen said the previous sign look like this and his opinion is that they just tried to match it. Mr. Keyes said he would be happy to see what suggestions Mr. Allen had and would take them to MPF.

Mr. Allen moved, seconded Mr. Bruggeman by to approve the Request for the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented allowing MPF to choose what font they deem appropriate.

Mayor Policastro moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas to accept the minutes as written from August 15, 2016. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Paul Allen  
Secretary

