

LAW AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
Meeting Summary
May 11, 2021

Attendance:

Tom Henning, Chair
Chris Hilberg, Vice Mayor
Brian Mueller, City Council
Tom Moeller, City Manager
Lori Thompson, Assistant City Manager
Brian Fox, Law Director
Scott Gehring, City Council/Invited Guest
Anne Horne, Park and Recreation Board/ Invited Guest

The meeting was held via Zoom Teleconference in accordance with the regulations approved by the State of Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

1. **Zoning Code Review.** The committee discussed the issues recently reviewed by the Madeira Planning Commission in response to the request made by the committee for further review of those issues. Mr. Gehring participated in the discussion as he was the presenter of the issues to the Planning Commission at its special meeting on April 8, 2021. The following issues were discussed:
 - **Lot Coverage.** The Planning Commission recommended retaining accessory structures in the lot coverage calculation and retaining the limit of 160 square feet in the proposed R3 Residential District. Accessory structure size limits for the remaining residential districts will continue as proposed in the draft Zoning Code document. After discussion, the committee agreed to accept Planning Commission's recommendation.
 - **Decks.** The Planning Commission recommended removing decks from the lot coverage calculation but limiting the size of decks to a maximum area of 25% of the area of the footprint of the principal structure. The committee agreed with this recommendation for R3.
 - **Impervious Surface.** The Planning Commission recommended retaining the 40% impervious surface calculation with an increase up to 60% if approved by the City Manager. Uncovered decks would be expressly excluded from the calculation. The committee discussed the issue and eventually agreed to a standard of 50% with an increase of up to 65% with appropriate mitigation of water run-off as approved by the City Administration.
 - **Corner Lots.** No recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding reducing the side yard setback on the secondary street frontage. The committee took no additional action on this.
 - **Garage/Yard Sales.** The committee discussed the time frame and duration of sales in residential districts. They agreed to recommend that the current language in the code requires clarification regarding what constitutes a "day" and to limit

the duration of yard sales to two (2) consecutive days no more than twice per calendar year.

- **Residential Scale Business District Overlay.** Mr. Moeller asked the committee to consider adding language to the Residential Scale Business District Overlay (RSBD) to permit mixed-use development. The language would mirror the mixed-use development language that is in the Main Street Core (MSC) district. The committee raised no objections to the proposal and agreed to send the topic to Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation.
2. **Native Meadow Regulations.** Mr. Fox prepared a draft of the proposed regulations regarding native meadow/gardens in residential district. The committee agreed to present the draft to City Council for first reading including the list of prohibited/noxious plants and the list of approved plants. The approved list will include “non-common” milkweed and all plants identified by the State of Ohio under the Ohio Revised Code. “Common milkweed” will be removed from the prohibited list.
 3. **Telecommunications/5G.** Mr. Mueller asked how our current telecommunications zoning regulations addresses 5G technology antenna/transmitters. Mr. Moeller stated that the current code does not address them as currently written. He will discuss this with the Law Director and work toward developing standards which apply to the new technology.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Tom Henning, Chair