



# MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MERION VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

February 6, 2019 | 7:15 PM – 8:30 PM | St. Paul UCC (225 E. Gates St., Columbus, OH 43206)

## **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

- ✓ PRESIDENT | Jess Norman
- ✓ VICE PRESIDENT | Jessica Hatala
- ✓ TREASURER | Eric Stegemoeller
- ✓ SECRETARY | Amanda Harris
- ✓ MEMBER-AT-LARGE | Lauren Larrick

## **NEW FACES AT THE MONTHLY MEETING**

Welcome to the neighborhood, Lauren!

## **MVA TREASURER'S REPORT** presented by Eric Stegemoeller

In the month of January, \$341.36 was generated from memberships, \$500 was paid for rent, \$29.53 was paid for utilities, and \$5 was paid for promoting our Info Center Work Day on Facebook. We have a \$193.17 Net Loss for the month. Overall, we have \$32,000 in the account and \$360 in petty cash.

## **MARYHAVEN GUEST SPEAKER** presented by Andrew Moss, VP of Addiction Stabilization Services

The stabilization center opened one year ago in January. In this first year, they've triaged about 2,000 people and admitted about 1,800. Of those admitted, about 90% engaged in detox services. They were able to treat 50 pregnant clients, which not many facilities take on. There is a 60/40 male to female split, which is in line with EMS statistics in the city. They've partnered with 2 safe stations for referrals. Re-emission rate is 28%, which is sometimes a part of recovery.

Q: What has been the biggest surprise?

A: There has been a lot of success with the no walk-off policy that is in place. Contracting with CPD to have a 24/7 presence has been a success and has been renewed for another year. Having this surveillance has helped with security for the center and community, as well as given a positive interaction between clients and police. They were able to present on this success at an event.

Q: 43207 has the highest rate for opioid use. Is there training for using Narcan?

A: Check out the Franklin County Public Health Website to schedule a training.

Q: What's been the biggest struggle?

A: Finding safe housing for those who have completed treatment. Homeless shelters aren't always the best option, because it's going back to the same situation they came from. Recovery housing is limited and it typically doesn't allow for medication based treatment. The center also hits capacity frequently – 57 spaces available. People are routed back to the hospital if there's no room, which isn't good for their recovery. Not looking to expand in the next year, but hope to and the city wants them to. Refining their processes first.

Q: What are practical donations?

A: coats, shoes, socks, clothes, non-perishable baby supplies, colored pencils and markers, general art supplies. You can donate items by dropping them off anytime, 24/7.

## **MERION VILLAGE BLOCK WATCH UPDATE** presented by Block Watch Representative

No representatives present.

## **MVA COMMITTEE UPDATES** presented by Eric Stegemoeller

MVA is looking to get the committees started up again with 4 committees – zoning, social, memberships, and beautification. There will also be separate committees for the festival and garden tour. If interested, we are looking for chairs and members.



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You must be a member to chair a committee. Joining a committee will be what you make of it – 1 hour a month, 4 hours a week, ... whatever you have time for. Great opportunity to meet people!

We have removed the education committee. This is due to the work done in Southside STAY and South Side Area Commission. If you have an interest in education, please reach out and help them!

### **SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION UPDATES** presented by Current Commissioner(s)

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a festival, Avenue for All, on Parsons. Part of Parsons will close down for games and booths. This event will provide opportunities for everyone to get involved. More info to come. May 4<sup>th</sup> will also kick off the Harmony project, which will be in the south side this year – looking for projects.

The light at Jaeger and Thurman has been restudied and it still does not meet traffic requirements. In less than 2 weeks, it will switch to red flashing lights. This will test whether this intersection can become a 4-way stop. If you have concerns about safety or traffic flow, contact the Department of Public Safety at 614-645-7805 or [311@columbus.gov](mailto:311@columbus.gov). We're also requesting information on the study.

Public Services Committee is looking for parks projects. By the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of March, submit any ideas you might have for area park improvements to Erin.

The light at Frebis and Champion will be removed. Frebis will be straight through and Champion will have stop signs.

Ohio STEM Festival will bring in 35-40 businesses to do experiments for kids on March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9-1. This will be at Whitehall High School. The event is for kids in grades K-8.

The Kroger on Parsons will not be closing, as rumors have said. They've been losing money and are implementing changes in staffing and merchandise. 80% of their 110 employees live within walking distance of the store, so area jobs will be impacted if the store would need to close. They are tracking what is being purchased to improve stocking – check it out. They also wish to partner with the community, so reach out if you have ideas. One idea is to get a mural on the side of the building – bring people to the area and be more fun to look at every day. If you have comments/suggestions, contact Amy McCormick at 614-898-3256 or [amy.mccormick@kroger.com](mailto:amy.mccormick@kroger.com).

### **1467 S. WALL ST. SALE OF RIGHT OF WAY** presented by Tony Roell

This area dead ends into the river. There were no objections, so no vote was held. If anyone has concerns, we can get you additional information.

2 garage demolitions also came up with no objections. The addresses for these are 339 Southwood Ave and 370 Hanford St.

### **MVA ZONING PROCESSES & PROCEDURES DRAFT** presented by Tony Roell

Postponing to March meeting.

### **MVA MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION FOR MARCH** presented by Jess Norman

The MVA March Meeting will be held at the Info Center!

### **MERION VILLAGE INFO CENTER** presented by Jess Norman

A ton of work has been completed, thanks to Jon and volunteers. Fresh paint, scraped and repainted ceilings, and a bunch of organization has made it look amazing. There's a work day on February 17<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 to work on the floors. Once everything is done, there will be an open house and the center will be able to be rented out for community use. The monthly meetings will return here permanently, as well.



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## **MVA NEWSLETTER CHANGES** presented by Jess Norman

Due to an increased social media presence, we will be switching the newsletter over to a quarterly release. The next newsletter will come out later this month. If you have any content you'd like to see, email [merionvillage@gmail.com](mailto:merionvillage@gmail.com).

## **SOUTHSIDE SCHOLARSHIP CHILI COOK-OFF** presented by Jessica Hatala

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm, we will kick off this year's Chili Cook-Off at Hey Hey Bar and Grill. We're looking for people to make and eat chili. There will be a meat category and a veggie category. \$5 at the door will get you tastings of the chili and the money goes to support our Southside Scholarship fund. For anyone who enters the cook-off, there will be trophies and yard signs for the winner! Anyone can join, regardless of address. Look for the event on Facebook.

## **OPEN FLOOR FOR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS**

- Merion Village Block Watch is doing a crime lab tour February 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. You must live in Merion Village to participate. If interested, email [merionvillageblockwatch@gmail.com](mailto:merionvillageblockwatch@gmail.com)

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS**

House Sweet It Is | February 9th (1 – 4 PM) at Ganthers Place

Merion Village Block Watch Meeting | February 12th (6:30 - 7:30 PM) at Parsons Branch Library

The Love Show | February 15th (5:30 – 9:30 PM) at Art Outside the Lines

Happy Birthday, Columbus | February 16th (1 – 3 PM) at Dodge Park

PAMA Monthly South Side Happy Hour | February 19th (5 - 7 PM) at Jimmyluka's Bar Deli

Village Connections Annual Beach Party | February 23rd (6 – 10 PM) at German Village Meeting House

South Side Area Commission Monthly Meeting | February 26th (6:30 - 8 PM) at Parsons Branch Library

MVA Monthly Meeting | March 6th (7:15 PM) at MVA Info Center

## **GENERAL REMINDERS**

- ✓ Visit our website at [www.MerionVillage.com](http://www.MerionVillage.com) for information about the MVA, past meeting minutes, details about upcoming events and a variety of helpful resources. You can also join the MVA and sign up for our monthly newsletter!
- ✓ Community Rewards: Remember that you can help support the MVA through our community reward partnerships! Visit our website for instructions to sign up for the 4 community reward programs including AmazonSmile, GoodSearch, GoodShop and Kroger Community Rewards.
- ✓ Report non-emergency crime to the Columbus Police Department by calling 614-645-4545.
- ✓ Report potholes, code violations, broken dumpsters and other requests for City services through the 311 Program. Call 311 from your telephone or visit [www.311.columbus.gov](http://www.311.columbus.gov)

**NEXT MONTHLY ASSOCIATION MEETING:** Wednesday, March 6, 2019 | 7:15 PM at MVA Info Center (1330 S. 4th Street)