



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MERION VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

April 3, 2019 | 7:15 PM – 8:20 PM | MVA Info Center (1330 S 4th St, Columbus, OH 43206)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

- ✓ VICE PRESIDENT | Jessica Hatala

NEW FACES AT THE MONTHLY MEETING

Brenda and Jim from Schumacher Place came to visit! Thank you for joining us!

MVA TREASURER'S REPORT

In the month of March, \$522.32 was generated from memberships, \$1000 was paid for 2 months of rent, \$196.93 was paid for utilities, and \$107.49 was paid for renewing subscriptions. Overall, we have a net gain of \$153.01 for the month and net loss of \$698.87 for the year so far. We have \$31,815.84 in the account at this time.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted on 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained to move \$279.89 from the general fund to the scholarship fund to create an even \$1000 for the scholarship.

COLUMBUS LANDMARKS GUEST SPEAKER

The organization came together with the demolition of Union Station downtown – the only thing that was saved was the arch. We have very little of original architecture, so they advocate for preservation, whether it's homes or other structures. They serve 18 different zip codes and act as a free resource for a list of contractors, site visits to assess problems and make priorities, education, and classes. You can call and request information. The city has grant programs that are income based, though it has a waiting list. Columbus Landmarks also has a workshop series where you can learn about rehab projects, restoring wood windows, painting, gardening, porch projects, masonry, plaster, and more. Each year they also have a building doctor program and block blitz program. They also maintain an endangered buildings list and a watch list for buildings they're trying to save. May through August there are art walks on Mondays from 7-8pm.

MERION VILLAGE BLOCK WATCH UPDATE

No one was present to give an update.

MVA COMMITTEE UPDATES

We had some interest at the Open House – Zoning is all full! We're still looking for 2 people interested in the social committee, 2 for the membership committee, and 2 for the beautification committee. A push will be going out to the newsletter recipients. There will be separate committees for the festival and garden tour.

2 garage demolitions were approved prior to this meeting – 199 Mithoff St, 203 Mithoff St

SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION UPDATES

The light at Jaeger and Thurman is now a flashing 4 way stop. If you see any issues at this location, contact 311. Examples would be someone not stopping, accidents, problems letting pedestrians cross, or backed up traffic. They are narrowing the crosswalk to give more space for cars to see around the corner without impeding the pedestrians crossing the street. They are also looking to add signs to give advance notice of the stop signs. An additional study will be done during the warmer weather to see if additional warrants are met. The current setup will be in place for 90 days, so there is about 2 months left. There is a meeting Wednesday, April 10th to discuss this – division of traffic will have people in attendance.

Urban Revitalization League is trying to get bicycle lanes parallel and adjacent to High St.

YayBikes is partnering with COGO for April, 30 days of biking month. April 22nd there will be an event ride from Thurman/Bruck, around south side, and will stop for dinner somewhere in the south side. Sign up if you'd like to participate.

364 Whittier parking and density variances were denied. Vote will go to the city next.



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MVA INFO CENTER OPEN HOUSE RECAP

We had fun and met some new people! 3 new memberships! We're interested in making this center available to rent for the community, so let us know what thoughts you have on the space and what we can do with it. \$20/hour for members, \$25/hour for non-members. We are also collecting board games and books for future game nights!

SPRING YARD SALE

The Yard Sale is coming up on May 4th! Registration is open on the website. It's the same weekend as Parsons Avenue for All Festival, so there should be increased traffic in the area. Yard signs will be on key corners the week before and in participants' yards, if registered before April 18th. There will be no community lot this time, due to the festival. Look for the event on Facebook!

GARDEN TOUR

This year's garden tour will be on July 14th. Allison is looking for help! This is the 20th year! The first meeting will be held soon. There will be a bike ride to go along with the tour. If you have a garden that is small, large, all veggie, all flowers, some combination of veggies and flowers, raised beds, in the ground, in pots, finished, or in progress, please sign up!

FESTIVAL

The festival will take place on September 9th from 12-6pm. The kickoff planning meeting was held in March and the next meeting will be April 15th at 6:30pm at the Info Center. The volunteers have been broken into subcommittees with co-chairs. So far, we have 3 food trucks, a bike corral and repair station, and a few vendors. We need volunteers!

OPEN FLOOR FOR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS

- Concern with Mithoff and Jaeger business removing parking lot was brought up. The response was that this was voted on last year and approved. The sidewalk and parking lot will be added back on, it's torn up due to needing to mitigate oil seeped into the ground from previous business. Unknown what will be going in there.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Merion Village Block Watch Meeting | April 9th (6:30 - 7:30 PM) at Parsons Branch Library
Festival Planning Meeting | April 15th (6:30 - 7:30 PM) at MVA Info. Center
Village Connections Monthly Brunch | April 18th (10:30 AM) at Scrambler Marie's Livingston
PAMA Monthly South Side Happy Hour | April 16th (5 - 7 PM) at Buns & Brews
South Side Area Commission Monthly Meeting | April 23rd (6:30 - 8 PM) at Parsons Branch Library
German Village Makers Market | April 28th (11 - 4 PM) at 1108 City Park Ave
Merion Village Spring Yard Sale | May 4th (9 AM - 3 PM) throughout Merion Village
Avenue for All Festival | May 4th (10 - 4 PM) on Parsons Ave (Livingston Ave. to Hosack St.)
20th Annual Merion Village Garden Tour | July 14th (10 AM - 3 PM) throughout Merion Village
7th Annual Merion Village Festival | September 8th (12 - 6 PM) at Moeller Park

GENERAL REMINDERS

- ✓ Visit our website at 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 signup 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

NEXT MONTHLY ASSOCIATION MEETING: Wednesday, May 1st | 7:15 PM at MVA Info Center (1330 S. 4th St.)