

# Merion Village Association

MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 2014

**DESCRIPTION:** Monthly Association Meeting

**LOCATION:** 1330 S. Fourth Street, Columbus, OH 43206

**MEETING DURATION:** 7:00 PM – 8:10 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

- PRESIDENT: Tony Roell ([TRoell@MerionVillage.org](mailto:TRoell@MerionVillage.org))
- VICE PRESIDENT: Anne Stewart ([ASTewart@MerionVillage.org](mailto:ASTewart@MerionVillage.org))
- TREASURER: Michele Audetat ([MAudetat@MerionVillage.org](mailto:MAudetat@MerionVillage.org))
- SECRETARY: Jessica Norman ([JNorman@MerionVillage.org](mailto:JNorman@MerionVillage.org))
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Tracey Studer ([TStuder@MerionVillage.org](mailto:TStuder@MerionVillage.org))

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

- NONE

**TOTAL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 12

**TOTAL NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 4

**GUESTS:** Joe Santry (Columbus Clippers Baseball Historian), George Robinson (Owner of Robinson's Baseball Innovations)

**TOPIC:** Introductions

**DURATION:** 2 Minutes

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Introductions of board members, all members, non-members and guests in attendance.

**TOPIC:** Treasurer's Report (Presented by Michele Audetat)

**DURATION:** 2 Minutes

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** This year's Garden Tour was very successful and the total profits exceeded \$2,800.00. We are beginning to receive applications for Festival vendors which will produce additional income.

**TOPIC:** MVA 501c(3) Status

**DURATION:** 1 Minute

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** The 501c(3) status has not yet been reestablished. Tony will continue to follow-up.

**TOPIC:** Give-Back Programs

**DURATION:** 1 Minute

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** The summer give-back program will focus on gathering school supplies to be donated to Southwood and Seibert Elementary schools during the months of June, July and August. Bring your donations to the monthly MVA meetings or to our booth at the festival in August.

**TOPIC:** MVA Bi-Law Review

**DURATION:** 1 Minute

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Joe S. has been unable to provide further assistance with the rewriting of the MVA Bi-Laws. As such, the board will take on the duties of further review and updates.

**TOPIC:** Merion Village Baseball History (Presented by Joe Santry)

**DURATION:** 18 Minutes

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Joe Santry is the Columbus Clippers Baseball Historian. He was only the second baseball historian to ever be named and has held the title for over 40 years. Joe gives over 300 speeches around the country each year. In every town, the people always say their home is the most important place in baseball history. Joe always tells people that the most important place, is Merion Village in Columbus, Ohio. Merion Village use to have a major league team and a major league stadium at the site of the current Giant Eagle. Iconic symbols of baseball such as the Umpire's hand-signals and the baseball hot dog as well as the phrase "get 'em while they're hot!" originated right here in our neighborhood. Our first team, formed in 1866 contained players named Denison, Deshler, Thurman, Bruck, Stewart, Neil and Chittenden. Joe left several copies of a packet filled with historical information about the baseball history of Merion Village. Copies remain at the MVA Information Center. George Robinson, a friend of Joe's, will be opening a new business at 27 and 36 E. Jenkins Avenue. The business, Robinson's Baseball Innovations, will help to train local kids in various baseball techniques. The center will contain 8 batting cages, 2 dirt mounds, a weight-room, in-field, 5 dorm rooms for Columbus Clipper players and other common areas. George plans to open in a couple months and to expand eventually.

**TOPIC:** Scheduled Events and Activities

**DURATION:** 3 Minutes

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** The art walk held in Merion Village recently was very successful and have over 00 attendees. At this time, no event is scheduled for July. We will be working on the Festival this month.

<b>DATE (TIME)</b>	<b>EVENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COORDINATOR(S)</b>
August 17 <sup>th</sup> (TBD)	Second Annual Community Festival	Tony Roell
<b>LOCATION:</b> Moeller Park (261 Hanford St, Columbus, OH)		
September (TBD)	Community Clean-Up	Fran
<b>LOCATION:</b> Meeting at the MVA Information Center		
October (TBD)	Pasta Dinner	Tracey Studer
<b>LOCATION:</b> TBD		
December (TDB)	MVA Potluck and Cookie Trade	TBD
<b>LOCATION:</b> TBD		

**TOPIC:** Southside Area Commission Report (Presented by Chris Macisco & Erin Synk)

**DURATION:** 12 Minutes

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** The second library meeting was well-attended. The library unveiled a mockup of the basic design. It was well-received and they did not receive much pushback from those in attendance. Many of the interior aspects of Driving Park Branch will be similar to the intended interior designs at the Parsons Branch. The library has already submitted their demolition requests and did not first bring them to the MVA for review as Tony requested. The properties up for potential demolition will be available for view on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. The Southside Area Commission is planning an EXPO in September. The location is yet to be determined, but they would like the civics to be involved and possibly have information booths.

**TOPIC:** Southside Pride Center Updates (Presented by Jo Ann St. Clair)

**DURATION:** 14 Minutes

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Jo Ann St. Clair works for the City of Columbus, Department of Development and works with civic groups and area commissions on various issues and projects. She also manages the Southside Neighborhood Pride Center. Jo Anne reported on several items including the Walk With a Doc events every other Saturday morning at the Indian Mound Recreation Center. This is sponsored by Columbus Public Health and is a good opportunity to take a nice walk and ask a doctor some questions in an informal setting. Jo Ann has a graduate student working with her ho has taken on a project regarding substance abuse. Healthy Moms to be will be available at the Maloney Center opening July 8<sup>th</sup>. The program works with pregnant women, teaching good eating habits and cooking. There have also been some meetings for “Healthy Moms and Babies” which aims to reduce the high infant mortality rate in our city. These meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at Columbus Public Health. The next Community Collaborative Meeting is at new Driving Park library on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**TOPIC:** Safety Committee Update

**DURATION:** 1 Minute

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** The next Safety Committee meeting is Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the MVA Information Center. The Explorer’s Club will be providing dinner to all who attend.

**TOPIC:** Local Schools Updates (Presented by Anne Stewart)

**DURATION:** 2 Minutes

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Columbus Public Schools are allowing children who did not pass the third grade reading test to try again. The availability of this retesting will continue through July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**TOPIC:** Merion Village T-Shirts

**DURATION:** 1 Minute

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** We will have Merion Village T-Shirts for sale by our next monthly meeting. Shirts will be printed by a local business and will cost around \$11.00 and a small portion of the purchase price will benefit the Merion Village Association.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**

01. Work With Printer to Create Image and First Shirts

Tracey Studer

August 6<sup>th</sup>

**TOPIC:** Gateway Grant and the Idea Foundry

**DURATION:** 1 Minute

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** The Idea Foundry is a bit behind on the project they are completing for us. Tony was not very happy with the initial design ideas they sent to him, so we await new designs. Our insurance company will change and extra \$75.00 annually to cover the required insurance for the kiosk once mounted.

**TOPIC:** Business Development Grant (Presented by Tracey Studer)

**DURATION:** 3 Minutes

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Tracey did not have much to report at this time. We are still compiling a list of all the businesses in Merion Village.

**TOPIC:** Barrett Redevelopment Updates

**DURATION:** 2 Minutes

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** There are no updates to report. George Talbot reported to Tony that they are still working on new plans.

**TOPIC:** Hal & Al's Closing

**DURATION:** 2 Minutes

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Hal & Al's will be closing and a new business, "Tatoheads Public House" will be opening in its current location on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**GENERAL REMINDERS:**

01. Kroger Community Rewards: Remember to sign-up with through your Kroger card account, selecting the MVA as your designation for rewards. When you register and shop at Kroger, you contribute to the percentage of funds the MVA receives from the program each quarter. There is no cost to you for this program.
02. Report potholes, 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, August 6<sup>th</sup> at the MVA Information Center (1330 S. Fourth St., Columbus, OH 43206) beginning at 7:00 PM.