



Merion Village Association

Meeting Minutes: August 3, 2016

DESCRIPTION: Monthly Association Meeting

LOCATION: 225 E Gates St, Columbus, OH 43206

MEETING DURATION: 7:15 PM – 7:40 PM

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- PRESIDENT: Tony Roell (TRoell@MerionVillage.org)
- TREASURER: Allison Willford (AWillford@MerionVillage.org)
- SECRETARY: Jessica Norman (JNorman@MerionVillage.org)
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Melanie McClure (MMcClure@MerionVillage.org)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

- VICE PRESIDENT: Coda Bruce (CBruce@MerionVillage.org)

TOPIC: MVA Member-At-Large

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: We are sad to announce that our Member-At-Large, Nick Jenior is moving away and has resigned from the board. We'll miss you, Nick. However, we are very happy to share that Melanie McClure has joined the board as our new Member-At-Large. Welcome Melanie!

TOPIC: Treasurer's Report (Presented by Allison Willford)

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: Alison shared a summary of the monthly treasurer's report which included additional income from the Garden Tour.

TOPIC: MVA Info. Center

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The MVA currently shares the Info. Center located at 1330 S. Fourth Street with a local business tenant. Sarah, the owner of this growing business has secured a new location and will officially be moving out of the Info. Center by the end of October, 2016. This means that the MVA will resume full responsibility for the rent and utility costs of the center beginning in October. Rent is \$400 each month and the utilities typically average less than \$200 a month which means the annual cost for rent and utilities would be around \$7,000. We'll be discussing the further of the center more at the September monthly meeting.

TOPIC: Beautification and Zoning Committee Update

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: We are still working through the planter box rehabilitation project. It's been difficult to find a cost effective solution for new signs to affix to the planters, but we believe we've found a company who will create beautiful, long-lasting signs for a reasonable price.

TOPIC: Education Committee Update

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: Columbus City Schools will have a levy on the ballot in November. Anne S. will be working with school representatives to arrange officials coming to speak to the community about the future of the school system and how it relates to the proposed levy.

TOPIC: Social and Membership Committee Update

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The committee is working through the content for the initial wave of "welcome packets and will then begin pricing out project.

TOPIC: 2016 Merion Village Garden Tour

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The garden tour was very successful and well-attended. We'd like to thank the volunteers who helped plan and organize this event as well as the home and businesses owners who welcomed our guests into their beautiful yards! We'd also like to thank our local businesses and sponsors, without whom these events would not be possible.



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TOPIC: Scheduled Events and Activities

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The 2016 Merion Village Festival is Sunday, August 28th. We'll be serving beer from Seventh Son and wine from Voga Italia who have both helped sponsor this event along with the Red Brick Tap and Grill. We need lots of volunteer for the day of the festival! You can sign up for a shift (or two!) on our website. Each volunteer will receive their choice of a Merion Village mug and drink token or a Merion Village t-shirt. The first ever Autumn Community Yard sale in Merion Village will be Saturday, October 1st. The success of this event will determine if we continue to host autumn sales.

DATE (TIME)	EVENT DESCRIPTION	COORDINATOR(S)
August 28 th (12:00 PM - 6:00 PM)	Annual Merion Village Summer Festival	Festival Committee
LOCATION: Moeller Park (261 Hanford St, Columbus, OH 43206)		
October 1 st (9:00 AM to 3:00 PM)	Merion Village Autumn Community Yard	Social & Membership Committee
LOCATION: Merion Village Neighborhood (Location Map Will be Available)		
December (TBD)	Annual Merion Village Potluck & Bake Sale	Social & Membership Committee
LOCATION: TBD		

TOPIC: Southside Area Commission Report (Presented by Jessica Clinger)

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The Commission met a week ago and discussed a number of items. The City informed the Commission that they will be moving forward with a project to replace many of the older street lights with decorative active, teardrop lights along sections of high street from Greenlawn to Southwood. The funding for this project was allocated from the South Side redevelopment project. There are some options for bike lanes that the Commission is reviewing and considering. If you're a cyclist or interested in these plans, Jessica C. would love to hear from you at JClinger@MerionVillage.org. Another senior housing complex is being planned at Reeb and Parsons. They are interested in including commercial space on the ground floor of this structure and they are looking for feedback from the neighborhoods. September 24th, the Stow Mission is spearheading a large volunteer project called "For South Side" which will encompass all of the Southside neighborhoods. The Volunteers of America are working with the Oswald companies to host a backpack drive. Operation Backpack asks donors to purchase a backpack and fill it with new school supplies for students.

GENERAL REMINDERS:

- ✓ Community Rewards: The board would like to remind members and residents of the reward programs which help support the MVA. Visit our website for instructions to sign up for the 4 community reward programs in which we currently participate, 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, September 7, 2016 in the basement of St. Paul UCC (225 E Gates St, Columbus, OH 43206) beginning promptly at 7:15 PM.