



# Merion Village Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes: March 7, 2018

**DESCRIPTION:** Monthly Association Meeting

**LOCATION:** St. Paul UCC (225 E. Gates Street)

**MEETING DURATION:** 7:15 – 8:07 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

- PRESIDENT | Allison Willford | [President@MerionVillage.org](mailto:President@MerionVillage.org)
- VICE PRESIDENT | Jessica Norman | [VicePresident@MerionVillage.org](mailto:VicePresident@MerionVillage.org)
- SECRETARY | Katie Eisel | [Secretary@MerionVillage.org](mailto:Secretary@MerionVillage.org)

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ABSENT:**

- TREASURER | Eric Stegemoeller | [Treasurer@MerionVillage.org](mailto:Treasurer@MerionVillage.org)
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE | Karen Musick | [MemberAtLarge@MerionVillage.org](mailto:MemberAtLarge@MerionVillage.org)

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 14 | **GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:** 4

**Green Spot Columbus** presented by David Celebreeze

Green Spot is part of the department of public utilities and easy and free to join. He provided 40 ideas to reduce reuse and recycle. Green Spot has 17,000 members in Columbus. People are invited to take an online quiz and receive a \$50 rebate on things like a rain barrel. Green Spot businesses offer discounts to green spot members.

**New Faces at the Monthly Meeting**

Lauren who moved to 394 E Mohler in December.

**Monthly MVA Treasurer's Report** presented by Allison Willford

Allison reviewed Eric's documents.

**Merion Village Block Watch Update** presented by Mary Cannon

Officer Medley spoke on how to be proactively safe. Suggested the following: Baby monitor in garage, remove or tie up emergency release in garage, keep area well lit, doors and windows locked. Block Watch is looking to grow block watch and for another lead.

**Beautification & Zoning Committee Update** presented by Allison Willford

No zoning updates. Keep Columbus Beautiful and Keep American Beautiful are sponsoring a litter Index where neighborhood members will rate streets from 1-4. Afterwards we will have monthly clean ups and will report back, and we could be eligible for grants. A letter was sent to PSC Metals about the loud explosions heard throughout the neighborhood.

**Business Development Committee Update** presented by Allison Willford

Emails are still going out to businesses. We currently have 16 business members.

**Education Committee Update**

None at this time.

**Social & Membership Committee Update** presented by Katie Eisel

Looking at new and different ways to engage more members in social activities. The chili cook-off was the event for March.



### **South Side Area Commission Update** presented by Tom Less and Erin Synk

South High School will assembly on the football field for the National School Walk-out March 14th at 10 AM against gun violence. March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 am is the National Women's March at genoa park. Mail service survey has been completed and they are now meeting with the postmaster to share information from the survey. Erin has become a Mayor's Committee appointee where she will be happy to share information as well as speak on Merion Village's behalf.

### **Neighborhood Conservancy Proposal** presented by Tom Less

Tom called the conservancy, less than historical more than nothing. The first area to be included ins Section E which is large and in the middle of the neighborhood and includes information center. Next steps are to collect signatures because 60% of OWNERS must sign on. Then city spends 9 months studying it. Tom made a motion to vote on section E as target area. It received a second. 14 in favor. No opposed.

### **Maryhaven Addiction Stabilization Center Update** presented by Michelle Mitchell

As of now, 80% are engaging in longer term treatment. They are hoping to increase, but proud. The "No walk off" policy has been complied with by 100% of clients. They are still accepting DVD books that are inspirational and recovery related. They have served over 100 clients since opening. Allison Willford signed a good neighbor agreement.

### **Spring Yard Sale** presented by Jessica Norman

There will be a public lot at a cost of \$5 for members and \$15 for non-members at Tatoheads. There will also be group on-sight to accept donated items including IT recycling. Start your spring cleaning now and register early!

### **Farmer's Market** presented by Allison Willford

Meeting on Monday, March 19 at 6:30 at the Info Center to gage interest and what will be the future of the farmer's market moving forward.

### **Community Events & Activities**

- All People's Fresh Market Grand Opening | March 8<sup>th</sup> (10:30 AM – 5 PM) at 946 Parsons Ave.
- PAMA Monthly South Side Happy Hour | March 15<sup>th</sup> (4 PM – 7 PM) at 292 E. Gates St.
- South Side Meet and Eat | Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> (5 PM – 7 PM) at 2740 Lockbourne Rd.
- Kick Butt Columbus | March 24<sup>th</sup> (9 AM – 2 PM) at 1911 E. Broad St.

### **GENERAL REMINDERS**

- ✓ 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)
- ✓ 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 signup for our monthly newsletter!

**NEXT MONTHLY ASSOCIATION MEETING:** Wednesday, March 7, 2018 | 7:15 PM at St. Paul UCC (225 E. Gates Street)