



Merion Village Association

Meeting Minutes: September 2, 2015

DESCRIPTION: Monthly Association Meeting

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

MEETING DURATION: 7:35 PM – 8:10 PM

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- PRESIDENT: Tony Roell (TRoell@MerionVillage.org)
- VICE PRESIDENT: Coda Bruce (CBruce@MerionVillage.org)
- TREASURER: Michele Audetat (MAudetat@MerionVillage.org)
- SECRETARY: Jessica Norman (JNorman@MerionVillage.org)
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Tracey Studer (TStuder@MerionVillage.org)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

- NONE

TOPIC: Introductions

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

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

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The festival was very successful and helped to raise funds for the Association. There will be additional income and expenses from this event which will be posted in September and reflected on the September report.

TOPIC: Community Reward Programs

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The board would like to remind members and residents of the several reward programs which help support the association. Visit our website for easy instructions to sign up for the 4 community reward programs in which we currently participate. These include AmazonSmile, Good Search, Good Shop and Kroger Community Rewards.

TOPIC: Demolition of House on E. Gates Street

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: There was a house demolished on E. Gates Street that was not presented to the association before the permit was approved. There were issues with paperwork which allowed this form to circumvent the due process of review and approval for demolitions. Curtis Davis has been working hard to address this ongoing problem with the City which has also occurred in other neighborhoods as well.

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

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The SouthSide Area Commission's Housing and Community Expo is Sunday, September 20th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM at South High School. There will be Columbus Code Enforcement Officers present at this event. The Commission is looking for volunteers to help pass out information about the housing expo at the services available at the Reeb center on September 12th. Tuesday, September 22nd is the next SSAC meeting. The new Verizon Wireless tower will also serve as a decorative flag pole. The Reeb Center ribbon cutting is at 10:00 AM on September 25th. Anne S. is running for the at-large education seat on the SSAC. She would love anyone who is available come and support her. Anne and at least two other individuals have applied for this position. You must be a resident of the districts to apply. The current members of the area commission will vote on the new seat.

TOPIC: Merion Village Association General Funds

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: Tracy would like to discuss new ideas for ways to put small portion of our general funds to good use to help our community.



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TOPIC: Merion Village Pocket Park

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: Tony was approached by a Hungarian Village resident about the state of our pocket park at the corner of Morrill and Bruck. She suggested a long-term, low maintenance solution for that property. We are going to embark on a process to gather opinions on how to fix the problem and how to get more interest in the location. One member suggested a dog park.

TOPIC: Scheduled Events and Activities

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: Remember to stop by the Farmer's Market every Saturday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM through the end of September. Customer attendance is vital if we would like the market to return next year. We are working with Bake Me Happy to host a Meet Local / Buy Local event in September. This will be a pre-sale event and details will be shared on all Merion Village social media sites as soon as a date is set. We will be circulating a survey online to get your feedback about this year's festival. The Parsons Avenue cleanup is September 26th from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Following this, there will be a chili cook-off and group meeting at the Reeb Center. Anne S. will be organizing the Merion Village fall cleanup on Saturday, October 10th. One of the action items will be to have some volunteers help to scrub the rust stains off the buildings where the original kiosks were hung. Please help spread the word about this cleanup so we can work together to make our neighborhood beautiful! If you have any suggestions for locations within Merion Village where we might host our December Potluck, please let us know as soon as possible.

DATE (TIME)	EVENT DESCRIPTION	COORDINATOR(S)
September (TBD)	Meet Local / Buy Local Event	Coda B. and Jessica N.
LOCATION: Bake Me Happy		
October 10 th (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)	Fall Community Cleanup	Anne S.
LOCATION: Initial Meetup at the MVA Info. Center (1330 S. 4 th Street)		
October (TBD)	Meet Local / Buy Local Event	Coda B. and Jessica N.
LOCATION: Tatoheads Public House		
December (TBD)	Annual MVA Potluck and Bake Sale	Jessica N.
LOCATION: TBD		

TOPIC: Infrasource Complaints

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: Tony has been hearing some complaints related to InfraSource, the third-party company completing the gas-line updates. Some neighbors have alleged damage to their personal property. If you have these issues and you'd like to address them as part of a collective voice, please e-mail Tony Roell. He has only heard from 3 or 4 residents and would need more participation to address this on a large scale.

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, October 7, 2015 in the basement of St. Paul UCC (225 E Gates St, Columbus, OH 43206) beginning promptly at 7:15 PM.