



Merion Village Association

Meeting Minutes: July 1, 2015

DESCRIPTION: Monthly Association Meeting

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

MEETING DURATION: 7:15 PM – 7:55 PM

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- PRESIDENT: Tony Roell (TRoell@MerionVillage.org)
- TREASURER: Michele Audetat (MAudetat@MerionVillage.org)
- SECRETARY: Jessica Norman (JNorman@MerionVillage.org)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

- VICE PRESIDENT: Coda Bruce (CBruce@MerionVillage.org)
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Tracey Studer (TStuder@MerionVillage.org)

TOTAL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 16

TOTAL NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 1

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: Thanks to Todd and Coda for all of our new business memberships we received in June. Tony explained the various levels of business membership to those in attendance. Detailed information is available on our website for those interested. We also received our initial deposits for our two new grants this month.

TOPIC: Community Rewards Programs

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The MVA will now be able to receive financial contributions from Kroger Community Rewards, GoodShop/GoodSearch and AmazonSmile. Contributions are received based upon your participations. Please visit our website for more details on participating in these free programs.

TOPIC: Safety Committee and Block Watch

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: Mary Cannon shared a recap of the Block Watch Meeting which now precedes the monthly MVA meetings. If you'd like to participate in the block watch, please join us for our monthly meetings, beginning at 6:30 PM in the basement of St. Paul UCC. This year, Merion Village will be registering as a participant in National Night Out which takes place on August 4th. If you'd like more information, contact Mary at Safety@MerionVillage.org.

Tony has some concerns related to the traffic congestion at Greenlawn and High and how it will impact the fire engines and ambulances coming from the new station. There are no emergency lanes or easy path of egress, especially in heavy traffic. Tony and Joanne St. Clair reached out to the fire department who will look into getting the remote controls for the traffic lights so they could change the lights to allow the traffic to move.

Tony and JoAnne also recently completed a walk-through on S. Fourth Street with the Columbus Deputy Safety Director to discuss the bump-outs and other damage to the area. Each issue has now been submitted to 311 and JoAnne has the incident numbers. If you make a 311 report, you can use your incident number to look up the status online or over the phone.

A member raised concerns about the state of our water lines. It seems they should be replaced rather than patched only when there is an issue. No one is aware of any City plans to replace the existing lines proactively. Regarding the gas line improvements, many have been concerned about the quality and status related to returning yard, sidewalks and streets to their condition prior to the work. If this is not happening in any area, we need to report this to the City who can force the workers to come back and fix their issues. Right now, the repairs are still ongoing.



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TOPIC: Scheduled Events and Activities

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The Merion Village Farmers Market is currently taking place every Saturday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and is hosted by T.Y. Fine Furniture in the parking lot at the corners of S. Fourth St. and E. Moler St. The MVA has a booth each weekend where you can sign up for MVA memberships, buy Merion Village t-shirts and pickup yard signs to support the market. One of the farmer at the market each week “Heirloom Produce” grows their produce here in Merion Village on Sheldon Ave. The market is a great place to meet your neighbors and other residents and support local farms and small businesses.

Our first Meet Local / Buy Local event will be at the Red Brick on Wednesday, July 8th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. You can purchase your \$10.00 tickets online through our website, or at the door of the event.

The Garden Tour is on Sunday, July 12th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We have 10 gardens and a two community interest locations with activities hosted by Tatohead’s and T.Y. Fine Furniture. Spread the word, this is a free event.

The summer festival will be taking place on Sunday, August 30th from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We have a few vendors signed up and will continue to ramp-up our planning efforts. Unfortunately, we will be unable to host a beer garden this year as we had hoped due to City Council vacation dates.

We are looking for ideas for fall and winter events. If you have any suggestions, please reach out to us!

<u>DATE (TIME)</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COORDINATOR(S)</u>
July 8 th (6:30 - 8:30 PM)	Inaugural Meet Local / Buy Local Neighborhood Event	Coda B.
LOCATION: The Red Brick Tap & Grill (292 E Gates St, Columbus, OH 43206)		
July 12 th (10:00 AM - 3:00 PM)	16 th Annual Merion Village Garden Tour	Garden Tour Committee
LOCATION: Maps Available at www.MerionVillage.org		
August 30 th (12:00 PM - 7:00 PM)	3 rd Annual Merion Village Festival	Festival Committee
LOCATION: Moeller Park (261 Hanford St, Columbus, OH 43206)		

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

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The Southside Area Commission met last week. The Reeb Center ribbon cutting will be September 25th at 10:00 AM. They also discussed the Jimmy John’s variance request which passed 11 to 1 so that will move to City Council now. If you are interested in learning about lower utility rates, visit www.energychoice.gov.

TOPIC: Pride Center Report (Presented by Joanne St. Clair)

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The Lincoln Pool ribbon cutting is July 2nd. There will be hot dogs and cake to celebrate. JoAnne said the pool is fantastic and would like to encourage everyone to come check it out. The pool has big colorful water slides, a slow ramp entrance, space for young children as well as diving and swimming laps. There are lockers and showers, lounge and eating spaces. The workers did a fantastic job with the landscape. The “My Brother’s Keeper” forum is on Friday, July 3rd from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. They had a very interesting discussion on infant mortality. There is an active Community Engagement Committee who met with the Presidents of the local Civic groups. Substance Abuse Solutions Committee will have a walk in the fall. For more information, on these topics, visit www.AllThingsSouth.org.

TOPIC: Gateway Kiosk Update

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The kiosks have been repainted and sealed so we will be able to reinstall these on the host buildings in the near future.



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TOPIC: Barrett Redevelopment

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: Demolition of the 1960s edition to Barret will begin this weekend.

TOPIC: Local Volunteers Available from Stowe Mission

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: Stowe Mission has over 600 members and have volunteers available who can help with tasks. If you have ideas, please let us know.

GENERAL REMINDERS:

- ✓ Kroger Community Rewards: Remember to sign-up with through your Kroger card account, selecting the MVA as your designate non-profit group to receive 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 and the rewards received by the MVA are NOT deducted from your personal Kroger benefits.
- ✓ AmazonSmile Rewards: Visit www.Smile.Amazon.com to signup for a new account or link your existing Amazon.com account. You'll be prompted to choose a charity. Search "Merion Village Association" and select. After registration, be sure to go to the amazon smile site when you are going to make a purchase. A percentage of your purchase price will be donated to the MVA!
- ✓ GoodSearch / GoodShop Rewards: Visit www.GoodSearch.com and sign up for a new account. Designate the "Merion Village Association" as your charity and save. When you use GoodSearch.com to search the web, the MVA will receive a penny per search. If you shop through the GoodShop site (who has over 30,000 vendors) a percentage of your purchase price will be donated to the MVA!
- ✓ 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, August 5, 2015 in the basement of St. Paul UCC (225 E Gates St, Columbus, OH 43206) beginning promptly at 7:15 PM.