



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MERION VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

June 5, 2019 | 7:15 PM - 9 PM | MVA Info Center (1330 S 4th St, Columbus, OH 43206)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

- ✓ PRESIDENT | Jess Norman
- ✓ VICE PRESIDENT | Jessica Hatala
- ✓ TREASURER | Eric Stegemoeller
- ✓ SECRETARY | Amanda Harris
- ✓ MEMBER-AT-LARGE | Lauren Larrick

NEW FACES AT THE MONTHLY MEETING

Welcome to everyone! We have a packed house tonight.

SOUTH SIDE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Jordan Yeck is our winner! Congratulations!!

MVA TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking has a little over \$12k, savings \$20k, and \$825 in petty cash. We've had more business membership and festival registrations and have paid taxes and insurance. For the month, we are +\$2k. For the year, we are up \$625.

MERION VILLAGE BLOCK WATCH UPDATE

No representatives were present to give an update. One MVA member attended the last meeting and reported there was an excellent presentation from Precinct 11 and 13 officers.

1383 & 1385 S THIRD STREET VARIANCE REQUEST

Variances to the existing structure: reduce minimum lot width from 50' to 22.5' for both parcels, reduce minimum lot area to 1,518.75 sf from 6,000 sf, reduce minimum side yard to 1.8' (north parcel) and 2' (south parcel) from 3', and reduce the minimum number of parking spaces to 0 from 2 (both parcels). The two parcels are side by side with single family homes on them. This enables them to refinance and insure – currently nonconforming, so if the house were to burn down the same thing could be built again as it was built in 1930s, before the codes that exist today were around. 0 parking spots because none exist today. At this time, the same person owns them but they are rented. Current owners have been there about 10 years. These variances are typical of properties around the neighborhood.

VOTING RESULTS

APPROVE: 16 | OPPOSE: 0 | ABSTAIN: 0

366 ZIMPFER STREET VARIANCE REQUEST

Proposed 3 unit dwelling, demolition of existing structures, and variances to allow: increase maximum units to 3 from 2, increase maximum height to 43 feet from 35 feet, reduce parking stall width at garage door to 16 from 18, permit a building fronting (on Zimpfer) with a right of way width less than 35, and reduce the side yard required to 15' from 16'. The site is on the north side between Brook and Washington. The client is proposing to redevelop the property with attached 2 car garages on the bottom floor, living space on the 2nd floor, bedrooms on the 3rd floor, outdoor space on the rooftop. Fiber and cement board material for a modern look. 2800 sq ft each. Zoning variance pending for the height variance for access to the roof, enclosed stairwell. Otherwise complies.

Concerns and addressing comments:

- Can we bring the height down? It's providing private space for the owners while taking it away from the neighbors. How much of the enclosed stairwell will we see from the street?
 - o The stairwells are set back so as not to see them. Can put roof deck material not all the way to the end so people can't look over.
- Is there a better way to do the garages than right on the front?



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- Parking is important here, so the 2 spaces are important. Issue of where people can get into the garage from can be navigated.
- Neighbors agree the existing structure needs to be replaced, but don't understand the lack of privacy this creates or the desire to have such a big space in an area of small homes. What about parking for visitors? Rental or B&B instead of owned?
 - Street parking for visitors. Zoning doesn't regulate whether owned or rented. Project is designed for unit sale for owner occupant.
- Electric lines go right along the front of the building. Will they be moved?
 - No.
- What is the current height of the existing building?
 - 25 ft.

Overall, there are objections to the height, mass, garage doors, parking, and property tax abatements while driving up property tax in the area. They'll take rooftop access off the table.

VOTING RESULTS

APPROVE: 9 | OPPOSE: 5 | ABSTAIN: 2

MVA COMMITTEE UPDATES

No updates. Interested in being on a committee? Email merionvillage@gmail.com.

SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION UPDATES

City Council came to the last meeting to talk about the North South Connector that is coming soon to our area for better transportation. There will be a fish fry on June 30th.

20TH ANNUAL MERION VILLAGE GARDEN TOUR

It's coming up on July 14th! Looking for pedicab sponsors! We need 2 more - contact Allison for more information. If you have a garden you'd like to display, reach out! Free to neighbors.

OPEN FLOOR FOR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS

- If anyone is interested in volunteering for the Merion Village Festival, reach out to festival@merionvillage.org.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Saint Mary Farmers Market | Saturdays till October 5 (9 – 12 PM) at Saint Mary School German Village

Shine a Light on the South Side | June 8 (9 AM - 2 PM) at Columbus Public Health

Merion Village Block Watch Meeting | June 11th (6:30 - 7:30 PM) at Parsons Branch Library

PAMA Monthly South Side Happy Hour | June 18th (5 - 7 PM) at Hey Hey Bar & Grill

Village Connections Monthly Brunch | June 20th (10:30 AM) at Scrambler Marie's Livingston

South Side Area Commission Monthly Meeting | June 25th (6:30 - 8 PM) at Parsons Branch Library

20th Annual Merion Village Garden Tour | July 14th (10 – 3 PM) at Merion Village

7th Annual Merion Village Festival | September 8th (12 – 6 PM) at Moeller Park

GENERAL REMINDERS

- ✓ Visit our website at www.MerionVillage.com for information about the MVA, past meeting minutes, details about upcoming events and a variety of helpful resources. You can also join the MVA and signup for our monthly newsletter!
- ✓ Community Rewards: Remember that you can help support the MVA through our community reward partnerships! 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.



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- ✓ 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 7, 2019 | 7:15 PM at MVA Info Center (1330 S 4th St)