



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MERION VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

May 1, 2019 | 7:15 PM – 8:30 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

No new faces.

MVA TREASURER'S REPORT

\$31,132.22 in the account. We brought in \$614 in membership, \$164 from the yard sale, and \$405 for the festival. We spent \$760 on community post cards to raise awareness of our membership and events, \$881 on insurance. We resulted in a net loss of \$683.62 for the month and net loss of \$1382.49 for the year.

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MORPC) GUEST SPEAKER

Robert Williams with MORPC came to talk to us. MORPC has 6 services and he's over Residential Services. They have a Weatherization Program for both summer and winter where they test the furnace, hot water heater, insulation, etc. and you could qualify for free insulation, weather stripping, furnace, etc.. They also have an AEP and EPP Program that assesses the fridge, lightbulbs, and showerhead and will replace if necessary. They also take away the old. You don't have to own a home to qualify – the landlord would benefit long term but the person living there would save on cost of bills. Qualifiers are must live in Franklin County and there are income guidelines. MORPC is looking to become a trusted face in the community so more people take advantage of their programs. They're happy to schedule events to show the tests or join things like festivals and booths to get the word out. While thinking of people who may qualify for MORPC services, think of seniors as well.

See the image at the end of this document for more information.

MERION VILLAGE BLOCK WATCH UPDATE

No one present.

MVA COMMITTEE UPDATES

Zoning – We will be voting on 366 Zimpfer St. and 1383 S 3rd St at the June Meeting.

Garden Tour – Organizers met on Tuesday. They're looking for 20 stops for the 20th year. Nominate gardens or submit your own. Looking for people to do activities as some of the stops. The goal is to identify gardens by early June. Volunteers are needed! There will be a dedication of Pocket Park, preceded by a work day at the park in early June. Petty cabs will be around again this year. Business Sponsors are needed!

Social – Stay tuned for events coming soon! Ideas so far are game/euchre nights, yoga in the park, happy hours.

SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION UPDATES

There was a very well-attended meeting with traffic management in attendance. The Thurman/Jaeger light was the main focus. Working on getting a new study done in warmer months, as the old studies were looked over and pedestrian traffic would have to double many hours of the day in order to meet the warrants – minimum 8 hours of the day with a vehicle/bike and pedestrian traffic combination. They're focusing efforts on improving safety and visibility. Feedback on the light/stop signs is about 50% good, 50% bad now. Additions have been stop ahead signs, a different texture for the visually impaired, and pulled back parking and added posts and striping. Since that space can't be used for anything, adding bike racks was suggested. It would maintain sight lines while encouraging bike riding to those businesses and also keep the bikes off the sidewalks. Other things like stop signs on both sides of the road, LED illuminated stop signs, keeping the flasher are still on the table. There will be more than 90 days of study and maybe further traffic control further east on Thurman.



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There was a parking meeting going on at the same time as this meeting in German Village. The city is doing a strategic parking study in 4 regions of the area for on street parking. How often is it utilized, what is the turnover, what traffic management is there in areas mapped against land use plots are all being studied. An outreach engagement piece is happening now to round out the study. The goal is to be more proactive in how they handle parking, due to lessons learned in Short North and a general need to have a more fluid, responsive way of managing parking. The area in the south is Brewery District, German Village, part of Schumacher Place, out to Parsons, and down to Gates. We are unaware of why they didn't reach out to us, following up. They will be making a list of priorities like walkability, parking for residents and business districts and looking at parking management strategies like new technologies, shared use parking, flexible curb timing for loading zone, parking, ride share. They'll take all feedback and will turn it into plans and projects to work on.

The education committee is doing quarterly meetings and the next one will be in July.

Urban infrastructure revitalization fund is available to historic areas with aging infrastructure. They're engaging areas to identify projects. Bicycle routing (pavement markings and signage) to help find lower stress routes around the neighborhood is one project. There were a few other projects that were abandoned because not feasible, so they're looking to use those funds by adding on to the bike routes closer to High St. We voted on how we felt about the bike routes so Erin could get a better idea of how much to rally for this, resulting in:

VOTING RESULTS

APPROVE: 9 | OPPOSE: 0 | ABSTAIN: 0

SPRING YARD SALE

The spring yard sale will be on May 4th! There are 52 houses this year. You can find a map online or at Bake Me Happy the day of the sale.

MVA INFO CENTER

We want to offer the center to the community to rent for events and meetings. We would also love to have board games and book donations so we can host some casual game nights. Talk to us if you have ideas!

OPEN FLOOR FOR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS

- As part of the Avenue for All Festival, the South Side Fruit Park will be giving away free strawberry plants on Saturday. There will also be a passport program for you to stop by area businesses to collect stamps and turn it in to Church for All People for a \$5 voucher.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Merion Village Spring Yard Sale | May 4th (9 – 3 PM) at Merion Village
Avenue for All Neighborhood Bike Ride | May 4th (9 AM) at Bikes for All People
Avenue for All Festival | May 4th (10 – 4 PM) at Parsons Ave (E. Whittier St. to E. Deschler Ave.)
Merion Village Block Watch Meeting | May 14th (6:30 - 7:30 PM) at Parsons Branch Library
Village Connections Monthly Brunch | May 16th (10:30 AM) at Scrambler Marie's Livingston
Not Your Mama's Spring Craft Market | May 18th (8:30 – 3 PM) at Schiller Park Recreation Center
PAMA Monthly South Side Happy Hour | May 21st (5 - 7 PM) at Two Dollar Radio Headquarters
Family Fun Day | May 25th (4 – 8 PM) at Columbus Commons
South Side Area Commission Monthly Meeting | May 28th (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



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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 sign up 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.
- ✓ 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, June 5th | 7:15 PM at MVA Info Center (1330 S. 4th St.)



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- Refrigerator replacement
- Light bulb replacement

YOU MAY QUALIFY IF:

- Your household income is at or below the requirements shown in the chart to the right.
- You reside in Franklin County.
- You are a Columbia Gas of Ohio customer.

SIZE OF HOUSEHOLD	MAXIMUM ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$18,210
2	\$24,690
3	\$31,170
4	\$37,650
5	\$44,130
6	\$50,610
7	\$57,090
8	\$63,570

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$6,480 for each additional member

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