

Merion Village Association

Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2014

Board Members: President, Tony Roell troell@merionvillage.org; Vice President, Anne Stewart astewart@merionvillage.org; Treasurer, Michele Audetat maudetat@merionvillage.org; Secretary, (open position); Member-at-Large, Tracey Studer tstuder@merionvillage.org

Board In Attendance: Tony Roell, Anne Stewart, Michelle Audetat

Absent: Secretary (Vacant)

Minutes: Anne Stewart

Introductions - Meeting attendee introductions

General Association Business -

Treasurer's Report: It was announced that former President Bob Leighty and our new treasurer Michele Audetat met. The books were turned over to Michele. She should be ready to give the Treasurer's report beginning next month's meeting. After reviewing the report a question was asked as to who pays the utility bills for 1330 S. Fourth St. (MV Information Center). Tony responded the "sub lease" (Acupuncture and Wellness of Merion Village) pays the utilities. There was conversation regarding the "reconciliation" paid to Merion Village Association from parsons Avenue Merchants Association. The amount was not indicated by the report. Michele stated that she will look in to the account activity and address the "reconciliation" amount on the next Treasurer's Report. There was conversation about separating the PAMA monies some how so they were not a part of the MVA Account. There was further conversation as to why PAMA was not handling their own funds. It was explained again that MVA acts as the funding agent as we are a registered non-profit. There was discussion on the importance of having two signers on all transactions. It was indicated that the practice was maintained.

MVA Gives Back: Meeting attendees are asked to bring non-perishables for the South Side Community Food Pantry.

MVA Website Update: Bob Leighty is designing our new website. It is anticipated to be complete within the next two months.

Kroger Rewards: Tony made another push to sign up for Kroger Community Rewards.
http://www.kroger.com/community/pages/community_rewards.aspx

There was discussion of the Wine and Dine event March 20.

Board review of By-Laws: The MVA Board discussed the By-Laws at our last board meeting. Specifically, the topic of proxy voting was discussed. The board came to the meeting ready to discuss the issue but the item was tabled as this is to be included in a larger review process. Dee Dabenport, came to the meeting with very well prepared By-Law review documents. Dee, along Michele, Tony, and Joe will review By-Laws and have something prepared for the membership at next meeting. Joe was involved with the creation of the current By-Laws. It was discussed that we may want to review the proxy voting first.

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Activities and Events:

March 20,	5:30p.m. Kroger Wine and Dine	Coordinator - Anne
April 26,	Community Clean up	Coordinator - Fran
May 10,	Yard Sale	Coordinator - Michelle K. & Joe
June 8,	Garden Tour	Coordinator – Mark Greiner
July	TBD	Coordinator - ?
August 17,	Festival	Coordinator - Tony
September	Community Clean Up	Coordinator - Fran
October	Past Dinner	Coordinator - Tracey
November	TBD	Coordinator - ?
December	Potluck and Cookie trade	Coordinator - ?

There were no specifics given for the upcoming Community Clean up. Michele discussed the Yard Sale. Signs will go up Sunday before the sale. A request was made for a person to pick up the signs. The sale will be May 10, 9a.m. 3:00p.m. A question was raised about the tables at the Moler and Fourth Sts. Parking lot. Tracy was to contact Tarik. It was suggested that MVA raise the price from \$3 to \$5 for having your sale placed on the map. Mark Greiner is going to be the chairperson for the Garden Tour. There was discussion as to why there is no charge for the tour. It was stated by many that the focus of the Garden Tour was never a fundraiser, but an opportunity for people to share with their neighbors and visitors not only the gardens but also our community. Sarah Roell will have MVA Information Center open for bathroom access during the Yard Sale.

Southside Area Commission Report: Chris Masisco reported that the former site of KFC at Livingston and Parsons would be a medical high rise building. Nothing more specific is known. Chris mentioned that there would be some properties in the area demolished. I requested a list of area properties, or a way that we could discover what properties are on the list. Chris read the letter Tony prepared on behalf of the MVA. It was recorded as part of the South Side Area Commission minutes. There was discussion again of the "Conservation District". It was mentioned tha JoAnn St. Clair should have information regarding the City Plan and what happened. It was mentioned that Cleveland is making great progress in the area of Urban Conservation Districts.

Pride Center- JoAnne St. Clair, Not in attendance. Tony will contact JoAnn and inquire as to why she has not been in attendance.

Safety Committee: next Meeting March 19, 5:30p.m.

Barrett Middle School and HomePort: There was a suggestion that MVA hold a special meeting prior to the next public meeting for both the Barrett Redevelopment and the new Library build. By doing so MVA can have a list of our concerns ready to be addressed when the next plan is presented. There was also discussion regarding the possible disruption of rodents when construction begins. What are the plans to deter the rodent population from entering the community?

Parsons Avenue Library: There will be a special meeting after our regular April meeting to discuss the Library Plan.

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MVA Gateway: Special Meeting to discuss the Gateway grant and Plans March 24, 7p.m. MVA Information Center

MVA Chili Cook Off Results: Tony won the meat category (he was the only entry)

There were only 5 entries in all. But, a good time was had by all.

Next Meeting: April 2, 2014 7:00p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Anne Stewart