



## Merion Village Association

Meeting Minutes: June 1, 2016

**DESCRIPTION:** Monthly Association Meeting

**LOCATION:** 225 E Gates St, Columbus, OH 43206

**MEETING DURATION:** 7:15 PM – 8:20 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

- PRESIDENT: Tony Roell ([TRoell@MerionVillage.org](mailto:TRoell@MerionVillage.org))
- TREASURER: Allison Willford ([AWillford@MerionVillage.org](mailto:AWillford@MerionVillage.org))
- SECRETARY: Jessica Norman ([JNorman@MerionVillage.org](mailto:JNorman@MerionVillage.org))

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

- VICE PRESIDENT: Coda Bruce ([CBruce@MerionVillage.org](mailto:CBruce@MerionVillage.org))
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Nicholas Jenior ([NJenior@MerionVillage.org](mailto:NJenior@MerionVillage.org))

**TOPIC:** Treasurer's Report (Presented by Allison Willford)

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** We received a few new membership registrations in May as well as a few final yard sale map registrations fees. We also sold 18 t-shirts at the MVA booth on the day of the yard sale. We received additional festival vendor registrations and are now up to 12 vendors. Several restored planters have been placed in the neighborhood with freshly planted flowers.

**TOPIC:** MVA Beautification and Zoning Committee Update

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Several volunteers have made a very noticeable difference in the pocket park at Morrill and Bruck and will continue to make improvements in the following weeks. If you'd like to join the "Friends of Morrill Park" distribution list to help with these efforts, e-mail Tony at [TRoell@MerionVillage.org](mailto:TRoell@MerionVillage.org).

**TOPIC:** MVA Business Development Committee Update

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** The Business Development committee is currently campaigning to local businesses in and around Merion Village and have already signed several new members. Keep checking our website at [www.MerionVillage.org/business](http://www.MerionVillage.org/business) for new members and buy local rewards!

**TOPIC:** MVA Education Committee Update

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Mike A. is representing the Southside on the Columbus City Schools 15 year master plan committee. They have been meeting monthly for the last 6 months and their final meeting will be Monday, June 6th at the Downtown High School. It looks like the feeder patterns will remain roughly the same in our area but Siebert Element will likely close within the next several years. It's still possible that South and Marion Franklin will be combined into a single 9-12 school. None of this is finalized. They are looking at renovating Buckeye and building a completely new middle school on the Moler Elementary site. Moler Elementary students would move to the current Deshler school site.

**TOPIC:** MVA Social and Membership Committee Update

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** The committee met a couple of weeks ago and mailed Buy Local Rewards key tags out to all current MVA Members. If you are a current member and have not received your key tag, please e-mail Jessica at [JNorman@MerionVillage.org](mailto:JNorman@MerionVillage.org).

**TOPIC:** Merion Village Block Watch Update

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** There will be a bike rodeo to emphasize bicycle safety for kids at the festival in August. A CRAZE training will be held on August 6th from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM in the basement at St. Paul UCC where our monthly meetings are currently held. All Merion Village residents are welcome to attend this free event. We will circulate an RSVP for this event.



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**TOPIC: Merion Village Spring Community Yard Sale**

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** The Spring Merion Village Community Yard Sale has over 50 registered sale locations and received a steady flow of shopping traffic. The 50' Good Will Donation truck received so many car loads of donation that it was completely full by 3:00 PM. We circulated a survey asking for feedback from yard sale sellers and shoppers and will take that feedback in to account as we plan the community sale for the fall.

**TOPIC: Arts Festival & MVA Fundraiser**

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Stop by the Columbus Arts Festival and visit the Merion Village Frozen Beverage booth. We'll be running the booth all three days of the festival and will receive 10% of the proceeds from our sales.

**TOPIC: 2016 Merion Village Garden Tour**

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** The 17th annual garden tour is on July 10th. We currently have 11 gardens registered for the tour. This year's tour will feature pedi-cabs and a kid zone. Red Brick will also be hosting a lamb roast from 2:00 to 9:00 PM the same day. We're looking forward to this annual event and hope everyone will join us.

**TOPIC: 2016 Merion Village Summer Festival**

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** The 2016 Merion Village Summer Festival is just 12 weeks away will be having our initial face-to-face planning meeting at Local Cantina on June 2nd at 7:15 PM. We are hoping to close Frebis next to the park instead of 8th as we have in the past to allow for an additional food truck and the bike rodeo for kids.

**TOPIC: Scheduled Events and Activities**

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Sharpening On Site will be picking up and returning various items on Monday, June 6th. For pricing, visit <http://www.sharpeningonsite.com>. The grand opening of the new Parsons Brach Library (now located within Merion Village) is Saturday, June 4th from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Saturday, June 4th is also the first day of the 3rd annual Merion Village Farmer's Market. The market will be held each Saturday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 pm in the lot at the intersection on E. Moler and S. Fourth streets and will run through the last Saturday in September.

<b>DATE (TIME)</b>	<b>EVENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COORDINATOR(S)</b>
July 10 <sup>th</sup> (10:00 AM - 3:00 PM)	Annual Merion Village Garden Tour	Garden Tour Committee
<b>LOCATION:</b> Merion Village Neighborhood (Location Map Will be Available)		
August 28 <sup>th</sup> (12:00 PM - 6:00 PM)	Annual Merion Village Summer Festival	Festival Committee
<b>LOCATION:</b> Moeller Park (261 Hanford St, Columbus, OH 43206)		
September (TBD)	Merion Village Autumn Community Clean-Up	TBD
<b>LOCATION:</b> Merion Village Neighborhood		
October (TBD)	Merion Village Autumn Community Yard	Social & Membership Committee
<b>LOCATION:</b> Merion Village Neighborhood (Location Map Will be Available)		
December (TBD)	Annual Merion Village Potluck & Bake Sale	Social & Membership Committee
<b>LOCATION:</b> TBD		

**TOPIC: Southside Area Commission Report**

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** We have a potential new SSAC Representative, Jessica Clinger. We nominated Jessica and she attended a commission meeting last week. She is looking forward to helping in any way that she can. Her first meeting last week was interesting and eventful. The commission discussed neighborhood PRIDE. They will be moving their monthly meetings to the new library in June. There was also a presentation by Southern Orchards proposing to build a community garden on vacant lots.



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**TOPIC: Barrett Redevelopment Update**

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Casto provided some elevation proposals including some changes suggested at our information meeting, like removal of vinyl sided chimneys. There would otherwise no major changes. We held an informational meeting with the Barrett developers on May 11th. Many residents and neighbors voiced concerns that the new buildings will not be consistent in appearance with the existing neighboring homes. We will circulate the minutes from this meeting. In general, the group in attendance was supportive of the project but wanted to give input and voice concern on the appearance of the single family and whether or not they are consistent with the neighborhood.

**TOPIC: Parsons Redevelopment Plan**

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** We did not receive a response to the letter we submitted on the Parsons project. Anne S. Suggested reaching out to Rep. Stinziano about this.

**TOPIC: Civs Association Variance Requests and Historical Designations**

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Tony recently met with the President from Shumaker Place. They have a group of neighbors who is working together, but independent of the civic association to address issues that concern them like on-street parking and the planned apartment complex at Village Point. Their discussions were also too look at what kinds of things happen when civics do not vote to approve demolitions and how adjacent properties should be notified of zoning and variance requests. There is a discussion to request that the SSAC change their bylaws to require the requesting property owner to distribute these notices to the surrounding properties. There are also discussions to whether or not our civics are interested in historical or conservation districts with on our boundaries. Tony would like to gauge the level of interest our residents have in either of these designations. Part of these considerations are to think about our neighborhood in the long term. You can e-mail Tony with your comments.

**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](http://www.311.columbus.gov)

**NEXT MONTHLY ASSOCIATION MEETING:** Wednesday, July 6, 2016 in the basement of St. Paul UCC (225 E Gates St, Columbus, OH 43206) beginning promptly at 7:15 PM.