



Merion Village Association

Meeting Minutes: July 6, 2016

DESCRIPTION: Monthly Association Meeting

LOCATION: 225 E Gates St, Columbus, OH 43206

MEETING DURATION: 7:15 PM – 7:45 PM

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- PRESIDENT: Tony Roell (TRoell@MerionVillage.org)
- VICE PRESIDENT: Coda Bruce (CBruce@MerionVillage.org)
- TREASURER: Allison Willford (AWillford@MerionVillage.org)
- SECRETARY: Jessica Norman (JNorman@MerionVillage.org)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

- MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Nicholas Jenior (NJenior@MerionVillage.org)

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

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: We started the month with \$24,350.62. The business and garden tour committees worked very hard this month and we brought in an additional \$5,000.00 in memberships alone. We also received the grant funds from the United Way for our approved grants to rehabilitate the Info. Center and the Pocket Park.

TOPIC: Gateway Kiosks

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: We have one remaining kiosk that needs a home. If you have suggestions for businesses or organizations within Merion Village who may be interested in hosting a kiosk, please e-mail Tony. The other 4 kiosks are currently mounted at T.Y. Fine Furniture/Bake Me Happy, the Hey Hey, Tatoheads and the Red Brick.

TOPIC: MVA Beautification and Zoning Committee Update

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The pocket park hasn't had much action over the last month. Accordingly, Tony has handed this project over to Chris because he couldn't personally dedicate the time necessary to maintain it. The plastic liners for the planter boxes were on back order but they just came in. We have a resident who have been going through the neighborhood to paint the planters that did not need repairs. We have two options for signs to hang on the planters and we should have all of the information necessary to make a decision soon. Once the signs are ordered and completed, they will be mounted to the planter boxes.

TOPIC: MVA Social and Membership Committee Update

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The Social and Membership Committee is currently focused on the "Welcome Home" project for the neighborhood. We will be completing two campaigns for this project. The first will be a one-time event and will include all current residents of Merion Village all will contain information about local resources and businesses, the Merion Village Association and other helpful items. The second will be an ongoing campaign that will occur monthly where Welcome Home packets will be delivered to new residents and businesses within Merion Village. Current residents will be able to request a packet for a new neighbor through our website. We are currently working on pricing for the neighborhood packets we want to deliver to all residents. If you have suggestions for these packets, please e-mail WelcomeHome@MerionVillage.org.

TOPIC: Merion Village Farmers Market

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: We are looking for residents who can volunteer to staff the MVA booth at the farmers market. If you're interested, please e-mail Jessica at JNorman@MerionVillage.org.

TOPIC: Arts Festival Volunteer Event

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The arts festival volunteer event went well and was more organized than the years prior. We are waiting to hear how much our booth earned for the MVA.



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TOPIC: Scheduled Events and Activities

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The garden tour is Sunday, July 10th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There will be a lamb roast the same day at Red Brick beginning at 1:00 PM. The festival is Sunday, August 28th. We will need lots of volunteers for this event so please e-mail us at Festival@MerionVillage.org if you're interested in helping out!

DATE (TIME)	EVENT DESCRIPTION	COORDINATOR(S)
July 10 th (10:00 AM - 3:00 PM)	Annual Merion Village Garden Tour	Garden Tour Committee
LOCATION: Merion Village Neighborhood (Location Map Will be Available)		
August 28 th (12:00 PM - 6:00 PM)	Annual Merion Village Summer Festival	Festival Committee
LOCATION: Moeller Park (261 Hanford St, Columbus, OH 43206)		
September (TBD)	Merion Village Autumn Community Clean-Up	TBD
LOCATION: Merion Village Neighborhood		
October 1 st (9:00 AM to 3:00 PM)	Merion Village Autumn Community Yard	Social & Membership Committee
LOCATION: Merion Village Neighborhood (Location Map Will be Available)		
December (TBD)	Annual Merion Village Potluck & Bake Sale	Social & Membership Committee
LOCATION: TBD		

TOPIC: Southside Area Commission Report (Presented by Jessica Clinger)

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The Commission met last week and went over a few items in connection with Neighborhood Pride which was very successful. Stow Mission did a presentation for a Southside volunteer event they are hosting on September 24th. They want to do a project in each neighborhood. The Mayor's event was packed and went very well. We received some feedback from the SSAC about the letter we wrote to the City on the Parsons project. We are waiting to hear more after the City completes their review.

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

NEXT MONTHLY ASSOCIATION MEETING: Wednesday, August 3, 2016 in the basement of St. Paul UCC (225 E Gates St, Columbus, OH 43206) beginning promptly at 7:15 PM.