



## Merion Village Association

Meeting Minutes: October 5, 2016

**DESCRIPTION:** Monthly Association Meeting

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

**MEETING DURATION:** 7:25 PM – 8:10 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

- VICE PRESIDENT: Coda Bruce ([CBruce@MerionVillage.org](mailto:CBruce@MerionVillage.org))
- TREASURER: Allison Willford ([AWillford@MerionVillage.org](mailto:AWillford@MerionVillage.org))
- SECRETARY: Jessica Norman ([JNorman@MerionVillage.org](mailto:JNorman@MerionVillage.org))
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Melanie McClure ([MMcClure@MerionVillage.org](mailto:MMcClure@MerionVillage.org))

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

- PRESIDENT: Tony Roell ([TRoell@MerionVillage.org](mailto:TRoell@MerionVillage.org))

**TOPIC:** City of Columbus Representative, Nancy Pryor Sully

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Nancy Pryor Sully from the Columbus City Council spoke briefly. If you are having issues getting in touch with a City department or have concerns about an experience you've had with a city official or department, contact Nancy at 614-645-2010 or [NPSully@columbus.gov](mailto:NPSully@columbus.gov).

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

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** A monthly treasurer's report was made available to all attendees. This month was far less eventful than the previous. We did receive a contribution from Kroger for our community rewards.

**TOPIC:** 2016 MVA Board Elections

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Board Elections will take place at the November monthly meeting. At this time, we do not have firm candidates for the open positions of President, Vice President and Member-at-Large. If you have interest in joining the MVA Board in any capacity, please send an e-mail to [MVA@MerionVillage.org](mailto:MVA@MerionVillage.org).

**TOPIC:** Proposed Development at 28 E. Moler Street

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** A multi-unit development is being proposed for 28 E. Moler Street. Nate Sampson presented to those in attendance. The site currently contains a white cinderblock building and a white house. The proposal is to combine the two lots and build a series of town houses along City Park. The current plan seeks to build two-story units that they feel are consistent with other buildings in the neighborhood. They are looking for feedback from the neighborhood before they file their requests with the city. The developer would like to keep the number of variances they would need for the project to a minimum. They will need a variance to reduce the 10 foot front yard setback to 4.8 feet with their current plan. There is also a 30 foot vision clearance triangle that the city requests in corner lots. The final town house in the row on the current plan encroaches into that triangle a couple of feet. They will also want to request a variance to reduce required parking by two paces. There would be 12 units in the project and the square footage of each would be around 1600-1800 SQ feet. The units will be for sale to occupants and will not be rentals. The units will not have basements. Other than demolition of the current structures, the site will not require any special cleanup. They would look to start this project in the Spring or Summer of 2017 and complete it in 8-12 months. The development felt it was too early to guess at unit pricing based on market fluctuations.

**TOPIC:** For South Side Volunteer Event

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** The For South Side Event was very well attended and very positive. Several groups worked hard to pickup litter and cleanup the pocket park at Bruck and Moler. There were over 600 volunteers throughout the south side and the group picked up over 900 bags of trash.



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**TOPIC:** Business Development Committee Update

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** The Business Development Committee is preparing for the 2017 renewal plan for our local businesses. The committee is looking for new members to help brainstorm ideas and improve the overall business memberships and relationships in our community.

**TOPIC:** Social and Membership Committee Update

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Our next event is the Winter Potluck on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 PM which will be hosted at the Hey Hey. We held our first autumn community yard sale on October 1st. The sale included 20 residents who registered for the community map. We'll be reaching out to those participants to gauge the success of the event.

**TOPIC:** Scheduled Events and Activities

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** The final MVA event this year will be the annual winter potluck which replaces the monthly meeting in December.

<b>DATE (TIME)</b>	<b>EVENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COORDINATOR(S)</b>
December 9 <sup>th</sup> (7:00 PM to 9:00 PM)	Annual Merion Village Potluck	Social & Membership Committee

**LOCATION:** Hey Hey Bar & Grill (361 E Whittier St, Columbus, OH 43206)

**TOPIC:** Southside Area Commission Report (Presented by Anne Stewart, Jessica Clinger, Erin Synk and Bob Leighty)

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:** Southside STAY had a meeting with local school officials to discuss how the communities can engage with and support the local schools. The schools are always looking for mentors, reading buddies and grade card buddies for students. There will be a special meeting of the SSAC at Moler Elementary on October 19th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. All interested parties, parents or not, are encouraged to attend this important meeting. There was a development at Parsons and Livingston that was presented to City Council but was never presented to the SSAC. The commission voted unanimously to send a letter to City Council to voice their unhappiness with the way this process was handled. Initially, proposals followed the correct channels, but the developers later wanted to change their plan. They had a special meeting setup by Shumaker Place, but it was never formally presented to the SSAC. The plan will include a 140 unit apartment building with 3 stories at the highest point. The commission also had a representative from Columbia Gas come talk to them so they have a direct contact now if anyone is having issues with the project or its aftermath. They are also working with the department of public services to gather information for the proposed bike plan. If you are interested in this plan, please complete the public survey and consider attending the public meetings. The SSAC recently adopted SASC (Substance Abuse Solutions Committee) as an official sub-committee. There will be a ribbon-cutting event for this committee on Saturday, October 22nd beginning at 2:00 PM at the Reeb Center. If you'd like to be involved with this committee, contact Anne at [AStewart@MerionVillage.org](mailto:AStewart@MerionVillage.org).

**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, November 2, 2016 in the basement of St. Paul UCC (225 E Gates St, Columbus, OH 43206) beginning promptly at 7:15 PM.