



Merion Village Association

Meeting Minutes: November 2, 2016

DESCRIPTION: Monthly Association Meeting

LOCATION: 225 E Gates St, Columbus, OH 43206

MEETING DURATION: 7:15 PM – 8:00 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)
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Melanie McClure (MMcClure@MerionVillage.org)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

- NONE

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

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: Allison provided copies of the monthly report and an overview of the same to those in attendance.

TOPIC: 2016 MVA Board Elections

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: Board elections were held at this meeting for President, Vice President and Member-at-Large positions. Allison Willford ran for President, Jessica Norman ran for Vice President and Melanie McClure ran to continue her Member-at-Large position. All candidates were re-elected unanimously by the MVA members in attendance. Allison and Jessica will be resigning from their current Treasurer and Secretary positions on the MVA Board in order to fill their new roles as of January 1, 2017. Two eligible MVA members will be appointed to fill these positions.

VOTING RESULTS: (SUPPORT: 24 / OPPOSE: 0 / ABSTAIN: 0)

TOPIC: Proposed Development at City Park and E. Moler

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The developer and architect for this project presented their proposed plan at the October meeting. They are now seeking formal approval from the City so we will have a special meeting later this month to review the requests and vote. As soon as a meeting date is agreed upon, we will send around a member e-mail newsletter with the information.

TOPIC: City Process Update for Land Bank Purchases

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: Going forward, if the City sells a property through the Land Bank, there will be an approval process that engages the civic associations to review the request. The first example of this is a request from a gentleman named Andre Conti w/KAC Management, LLC who wants to purchase 1616-1618 Morrill which is currently a vacant lot. Allison suggested that we contact the City about this new process to better understand what information will be provided for us to review and what kind of response they are seeking from the MVA. What is the intention or purpose of this process, etc. The SSAC is also confused about this process and wonders what, if any benefits it will have.

TOPIC: Business Development Committee Update

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The committee is hoping to meet in the next week. The Social and Membership Committee has several active members who are interested in offering support for the business development efforts.

TOPIC: Social and Membership Committee Update

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The Annual Winter Potluck will replace next Month's regular MVA meeting. Join us at the Hey Hey on Friday, December 9th from 7 to 9 PM for a casual evening with neighbors and friends!



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TOPIC: Education Committee Update

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: There was a town hall meeting hosted by the SSAC and Columbus City Schools in October. There were roughly 20 attendees at this meeting. The school representatives distributed some literature and hosted a question and answer session.

TOPIC: Block Watch Update

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The block watch will be hosting a free, hands-only CPR course this month. Registration is required for this event and you can sign up at www.MerionVillage.org

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

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: The commission reviewed and voted on two proposed developments in Reeb-Hosak. There will be a second senior housing development and a community housing development with small apartments. They also discussed and voted on the Bike Plan options as proposed by the City. The Southern Orchards Civic association was not in favor of the bike lanes as they did not want to lose parking. After a contentious meeting, the proposal failed which means there will not be separate, designated bike lanes in the road. Instead, the bike lanes will share with vehicle lanes as is currently the case in other areas of the City.

The Parsons Avenue Redevelopment plans are progressing. A lane of parking will be removed on Parsons and there will be a single lane of traffic in each direction and a turn lane. They will also be removing 4 traffic lights. The parking that remains on Parsons will jog from the East to West sides of the street. The chief engineer on the project has conveyed that the project will likely be in process from April-October 2017.

TOPIC: Parsons Avenue Redevelopment Corporation Event

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: Several of the MVA board members attended the second annual PARC event. The group provided a recap at the event of their accomplishments over the last year. Jim Grote was the primary speaker at the event and spoke about why he is so personally invested and dedicated to the South Site after growing up in this area. There are several plans in the works for 2017. Some of the projects include acquisition and redevelopment of several vacant/blight properties on Parsons Avenue. If you're interested in finding out more about this group, check them out on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ParsonsAve/>).

TOPIC: Grant Season

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: Applications for United Way Grants for 2017 are due on January 25th. The MVA can apply for 2 grants from the United Way each year, so if anyone is interested in the MVA taking on any projects in the coming year, please let us know. Some ideas have included seeking a grant to update and refresh the large Merion Village archway signs, etc.

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, January 4, 2017 in the basement of St. Paul UCC (225 E Gates St, Columbus, OH 43206) beginning promptly at 7:15 PM.