



# Merion Village Association

## Monthly Meeting Minutes: February 7, 2018

**DESCRIPTION:** Monthly Association Meeting

**LOCATION:** St. Paul UCC (225 E. Gates Street)

**MEETING DURATION:** 7:15 – 8:50 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

- PRESIDENT | Allison Willford | [President@MerionVillage.org](mailto:President@MerionVillage.org)
- VICE PRESIDENT | Jessica Norman | [VicePresident@MerionVillage.org](mailto:VicePresident@MerionVillage.org)
- TREASURER | Eric S | [Treasurer@MerionVillage.org](mailto:Treasurer@MerionVillage.org)
- SECRETARY | Katie Eisel | [Secretary@MerionVillage.org](mailto:Secretary@MerionVillage.org)
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE | Karen | [MemberAtLarge@MerionVillage.org](mailto:MemberAtLarge@MerionVillage.org)

**New Faces at the Monthly Meeting**

The following people introduced themselves: Mike on E. Mohler, Joe on 5<sup>th</sup> St., Dan on 5<sup>th</sup> St., Adam on Jenkins, Betty on 5<sup>th</sup> St.

**Monthly MVA Treasurer's Report presented by Eric S**

MVA has upgraded its accounting software. It purchased new software that is connected to bank reporting, taxes, etc. that provides better traceability. Currently MVA has \$41,000 in the bank with \$33,000 of that in the general fund and the rest in grant money. The pending Pocket Park sign spending cleared out of grant money. Our primary sources of income are household and business memberships. Expenditures this month included accounting software, marketing, pot luck supplies and coded locks for the MVA Info Center.

**Merion Village Block Watch Update presented by Mary Cannon**

919 S High ST. South Wind Motel has doubled in calls so officers are addressing concerns. Mary is still looking for a new block watch coordinator.

**1385 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Zone Variance Vote presented by Tony R and Julie**

The request is to break a double lot into two separate lots. The owner had the option to add on or make the house a duplex without any variances, but would like to add an additional single family home in scale with other homes in the neighborhood (approx.. 1800-2,000 sq. ft.) with a two-car attached garage. He also plans to renovate and add a garage to the existing house. He will then sell both houses. The new build will potentially have an asking price of between \$250,000-\$300,000. Area neighbors had complaints about how the initial rehab was messy. They had concerns about the following: proximity to neighboring houses, foundational disturbances, drainage, construction length and noise. 55 nearby neighbors signed a petition against the variance. Voting results: 12 support, 5 oppose, 1 abstain.

**Neighborhood Conservancy presented by Tom Les**

Would like to make a motion next MVA meeting by selecting a contiguous shape and size portion of the neighborhood to begin the process. 60% of the people living in that section must approve. It was mentioned to potentially choose the section with the most members of the association. Once the signatures of those residents are collected, the application goes to the city with a 6-9 month review process. The board supports this move and while it does not include restrictions on residents, it would give leverage to the city to do things like keep trees and bricks and provide other clean up and safety initiatives.

**Guest Speaker Maryhaven presented by Lanon**

The new stabilization center on S. High opened on January 19<sup>th</sup>. They have hired Dr. Devin from Ohio Health as their Director of Medicine. 41 people have been brought to the facility so far. 10 are in detox; 10 are in residential treatment; 1 is in triage; 6 have been transported to other long-term care facilities, and the rest have chosen to leave before going through the entire program (6 against medical advice.) The facility has bed for 55 people: 5-7 triage, 20 detox, and 30 residential. Every person released has been transported and there have been no issues requiring police intervention. One success story: on the very first day, the first person admitted wanted to leave, but with peer mentors, he/she ended up going through detox and residential programs. Their request from community members is donations of motivational/inspirational books or DVDs.



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### **Thurman and City Park Development in German Village** presented by Allison Willford

There is a meeting on February 8 of concerned citizens of the area. The area of concern is the property of the Big Red Rooster and the parking lot across the street. Community members are trying to better understand what the owner wants to do with the property.

### **Beautification & Zoning Committee Update** presented by Tony R.

Hoping to dedicate Walker Pocket Park at the Garden Tour in July.

### **Business Development Committee Update** presented by Eric S.

Pdf. Packets were sent to area businesses and the MVA saw an increase in memberships across all levels: Gold, Bronze and Platinum. Check online to learn who is part of the Buy Local Rewards programs.

### **Education Committee Update** presented by Ann

Shovel your sidewalks so that students don't have to walk in the street on their ways to school. South H.S. has a resource fair on their rescheduled conference day Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:24-6:15 at the school.

### **Social & Membership Committee Update** presented by Katie E

No social this month in lieu of the Chili Cook-off.

### **South Side Area Commission Update** presented by Tom

Mail is an issue for the entire south side. The USPS has hired 100 new mail carriers citywide. The mayor is holding 4 more state of the city events.

### **Community Events & Activities**

Southside Scholarship Chilli Cook-Off | March 3rd(2 PM –5 PM) at Tato Head's

PAMA Monthly South Side Happy Hour | February 15<sup>th</sup> (4 PM –7 PM) at TBA

Columbus Landmarks Foundation Historic Masonry Workshop | February 24th(11 AM –1 PM)

### **GENERAL REMINDERS**

- ✓ Community Rewards: Remember that you can help support the MVA through our community reward partnerships! Visit our website for instructions to sign up for the 4 community reward programs 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)
- ✓ Visit our website at [www.MerionVillage.com](http://www.MerionVillage.com) for information about the MVA, past meeting minutes, details about upcoming events and a variety of helpful resources. You can also sign up for our monthly newsletter!

**NEXT MONTHLY ASSOCIATION MEETING:** Wednesday, March 7th | 7:15 PM at the Merion Village Info. Center (1330 S. Fourth Street, Columbus, OH 43206)