



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MERION VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

October 2, 2019 | 7:15 PM – 8:15 PM | MVA Info Center (1330 S 4th St, Columbus, OH 43206)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

- ✓ PRESIDENT | Jess Norman
- ✓ TREASURER | Eric Stegemoeller
- ✓ SECRETARY | Amanda Harris
- ✓ MEMBER-AT-LARGE | Lauren Larrick

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

- ✓ VICE PRESIDENT | Jessica Hatala

NEW FACES AT THE MONTHLY MEETING

Welcome everyone! We had many new faces, including Chris, Grant, Betty, Eric, and Jamie!

MVA TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking increased to \$12,251, savings remains at \$20k, and petty cash increased to \$3,392. The extra petty cash will be moving to the checking account soon. Expenses for the month included community garden grant funds used for Pocket Park, t-shirts to sell, and expenses for the festival (about \$2500 more to be paid out). Income for the month included a few new memberships, yard sale registrations, and festival income. A full report for income and expenses related to the festival will be ready next meeting – the estimate is about \$6k profit overall.

295 E JENKINS AVE VARIANCE REQUEST

The variance request changed from what had been discussed in the 2 previous monthly meetings. They now wish to move from 3 parking spots to 2. The owner bought ACE Locks and the building came with it. They are putting in a neighborhood gym with treadmills and other machines. It will open in late December. It will not be a 24 hour gym for liability purposes – the exact times are not yet set. There will be security cameras. Access will be key card or by phone. They'd ideally have around 120 members with 10-15 in at a time, but reality would probably be 5 people at a time. The building will have a new front so it has better curb appeal – glass front. Security and front glass will be done by the owner as part of his security company. Is the gravel lot staying or changing? Unsure – just intend to make sure curb appeal is there. The drawings have a parking space there, but they wish to hold on to any green space they can.

VOTING RESULTS

APPROVE: 18 | OPPOSE: 0 | ABSTAIN: 0

MVA COMMITTEE UPDATES

Beautification | Membership | Social | Zoning

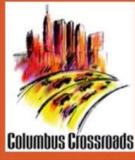
Social: The first reanimation of the monthly happy hour went well – about 10 people came out to socialize. The next one will be 10/17 at Eight and Sand at 5:30 PM. It'll always be the 3rd Thursday! There will be a game night coming up this winter, as well. If anyone has any ideas, let us know! So far, we have euchre and happy hour at Buns and Brews as ideas to come soon. All events will be advertised as an event on Facebook and on the MVA calendar.

Zoning: Fifth Street demo has been pushed to next month. Currently there's a little yellow house at the back of the property. They would like to demo that house and build new at the front of the property.

SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION UPDATES

Most of the commission is up for elections – run and/or vote! Anyone who lives in the South Side would be eligible. The election is November 16th from 12-5 PM at Barret. There will be 2 positions Merion Village residents can vote on. Tom and Erin are currently holding those positions and are running for reelection.

Parsons Ave and part of 70EB will be closed and rerouted beginning mid-October. The project overall will last a little over a year with the closing of Parsons being about 60 days. More information can be found on the ODOT website.



WHAT TO EXPECT IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS

WHAT'S HAPPENING	HOW LONG	WHEN
Both directions of I-70 diverted to WB side between Grant Ave. and 18th St.	12+ months	Oct. 12, 2019
Ramp from I-70 EB to 18th St. closed* <small>*replaced by new I-70 EB ramp to Parsons</small>	Permanently	Nov. 2019
Ramp from 3rd St. to I-70 EB closed	Permanently	Nov. 2019
Parsons Ave. closed south of Main St.	60 days	Spring 2020

Sign up for updates at transportation.ohio.gov by clicking the red envelope in upper right corner.



The Greenlawn entrance and exit are closed for 30 days. It will reopen in November. This is part of the Grove City to Downtown project that will last 3-4 years. We're currently at project item 6a and the project goes through 8d. We'd like to bring in Briana from District 6 for a meeting to talk through all the projects going on.

The public services committee went through all 13 parks, including Moeller and the park at Southwood Elementary in Merion Village. Electricity, playgrounds, and benches were the most popular requested items. Bigger requests like basketball courts and dog parks probably won't be able to be fulfilled due to space. Trees and beautification are the top priority, in general.

PACT is the new unit that is replacing VICE for the CPD. They are having a public meeting on 10/8 at Parsons Library at 6:30PM to talk about the project. The commander who runs it will be there.

MERION VILLAGE FESTIVAL IN REVIEW

The festival was a large group effort that went super well! It was the most successful festival we've had to date. The silent auction alone doubled last year's returns. We ran out of beer and Parsons North ran back to get more, the food trucks all did well, the bands were popular, the aerial act was amazing, and the yoga before the festival was fun and had around 30 people. We're looking to stay on par for next year, but play up the acts a little more. We'll also put more signs up for the



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bike corral. Think about being on the planning committee next year! The planning will start in February, so look for announcements coming soon.

MERION VILLAGE AUTUMN YARD SALE

This Saturday is the 4th annual autumn yard sale! There are 28 registrations, which is the most we've had so far. The map is online now and there will be printed copies outside of Bake Me Happy day of. It's looking like a beautiful day, so go check it out!

MVA BOARD ELECTION NOMINEES

We'll elect members for treasurer, secretary, and member-at-large in the November meeting. Eric is running for reelection as treasurer – he's been treasurer for 2 years (1 full term) and is ready to continue. Lauren is running for reelection as member-at-large – she's been in the role for 1 year (1 full term) and is an attorney, which comes in handy sometimes. Amanda is running for reelection as secretary – she's been in the role for 1 year (took over a partial term) and is happy to continue on in the role.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The time has come to renew your membership! The membership year runs January 1 to December 31, with membership opening for renewal in October. You have until the end of February to not lose voting rights. Renewing after February 29th will mean you have to wait out the 21 day period until you can retain your voting privileges. You can renew or become a member online or in person, paying by cash, check, or card. Seniors over 60 pay \$10, individuals pay \$15, and a household pays \$25 for 2 people at the same address.

OPEN FLOOR FOR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS

- We are sending candy over to the Trunk or Treat at Southwood to be handed out to the kids!
- Trees in the area are being cut down but not replaced in the strip between the sidewalk and the road. You can contact 311 to have a tree put in. Erin is doing more research on this process. MVA can also apply for a grant next year so we can get a tree coverage map done so we have a starting point for reaching out to the city to get more planted. We can also do research to determine what trees wouldn't hit the power lines or have roots that go straight down so the sidewalks aren't affected. The City of Columbus is also doing a canopy map which may help our cause.
- If you have a tree between your sidewalk and the street that is dying, mark it as a safety concern on 311. Don't cut it down yourself, or you can be fined by the city.
- The City of Columbus is considering moving variance discussions to commission only, no longer going to association meetings. This is mostly due to timing issues. If you have strong opinions, let the city council know. Our current process is non-binding, as we only make recommendations. If this goes through, we could still discuss the issues (there won't be incentive for the developer or owner to come) and could go to the commission meeting where they take 3 pro and 3 against to make their decision. More to come on this – there's no timeline yet for this decision to be made.
- South Central Commons is helping South High Alumni Association fill volunteer spots for football games. Setup is at 5:30 PM and you serve food until 9 PM or so. October 11, October 12, November 1 are upcoming dates that need volunteers. You can reach out to Erin, South Central Commons, or just show up if you're available to volunteer.
- Remember: Renting the info center is free for members or \$15/hour for non-members!

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Merion Village Autumn Yard Sale | October 5th (9 – 3 PM) throughout Merion Village
Saint Mary Farmers Market | October 5th (9 – 12 PM) at Saint Mary School German Village
Hungarian Chowdown | October 5th (5 – 9 PM) at Lois Mann's Restaurant
Merion Village Block Watch Meeting | October 8th (6:30 - 7:30 PM) at Parsons Branch Library
SouthWest Arts Fest | October 12th (11 – 3 PM) at 190 Southwood Ave
PAMA Monthly South Side Happy Hour | October 15th (5 - 7 PM) at Dawghouse Pizza & Bar
Village Connections Monthly Brunch | October 17th (10:30 AM) at Scrambler Marie's Livingston



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MVA Happy Hour | October 17th (5:30 – 7 PM) at Eight & Sand Tavern

South Side Area Commission Monthly Meeting | October 22nd (6:30 - 8 PM) at Parsons Branch Library

Trunk or Treat | October 28th (4 – 5 PM) at Southwood Elementary School Parking Lot

Trick or Treat | October 31st (6 - 8 PM) all around Central Ohio

GENERAL REMINDERS

- ✓ Visit our website at www.MerionVillage.com for information about the MVA, past meeting minutes, details about upcoming events and a variety of helpful resources. You can also join the MVA and signup for our monthly newsletter!
- ✓ 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

NEXT MONTHLY ASSOCIATION MEETING: Wednesday, November 6th | 7:15 PM at MVA Info Center (1330 S 4th St)