

Millvale Community Development Corporation

Active. Sustainable. Growth.

Meeting MINUTES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:00pm The Maple Leaf 115 Sedgwick Street



1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

- a. **Board of Directors:** President - Brian Wolovich, Vice President - Abbey Nilson, Treasurer - Sam McCoy Smith, Secretary - Dee Schlotter, ~~Paul Bessung~~, Anna Doering, ~~Georgia English~~, Athena Flint, Tina Galoto, Jaime Hahn, Jessica Landolina, Maya Little, ~~Melissa Mason~~, ~~Jackie Michalik~~, Emily Potoczny, Perry Rees, ~~Denise Rudar~~, ~~Danielle Spinola~~, and Janet Zipf
- b. **Millvale Borough Delegate:** Mayor Brian Spoales
- c. **MCDC - 25th Anniversary this year - how can we celebrate?!!**
- d. **Triboro Ecodistrict Discussion**
 - i. Continuing to lean into collaboration across Millvale, Etna and Sharpsburg
 - ii. News coming in
- e. **Speakers/Guests:**
 - i. Mel - Dark History (<https://darkhistorypgh.com/>)
 - ii. Walking Tours in Carnegie, Dormont and interested in Millvale (Sept, Friday the 13th and on weekends through October)
 - iii. Start at 8pm, takes place over seven weekends, goes for about an hour, and ends at Harold's;

3. Meeting Minutes: April Meeting Minutes [here](#)

4. Board Fundraising and Volunteer Opportunities

- a. Volunteer Opportunities: Rivertown Kids Last Day of School at GAP Park Friday 5/31 3:30pm-5:30pm (set up at 2:30pm)
- b. Bike Rally Saturday 6/8 12:00pm-3:00pm (set up at 10:00am)
- c. All committees and councils are seeking volunteers for events, and ongoing leadership and organizing
- d. Triboro Ecodistrict doing interviews - reach out to Brian W

5. Web Site Development

- a. Dee, Frank (Dee's husband) Nora and Kylen (Woven Digital Design) are working to develop a new, more complete web site that includes all the great stuff MCDC is working on and opportunities for people to volunteer, get involved - check it out: www.millvalecdc.org

Millvale Community Development Corporation

Active. Sustainable. Growth.

Meeting MINUTES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:00pm The Maple Leaf 115 Sedgwick Street



6. Rainbow Raccoon Park Playground Update

- a. Mural Celebration: Saturday, 5/18 at 3:45 p.m.
- b. Sign for the park entrance
- c. Upcoming volunteer days: reach out anytime you're available or interested to help on your own schedule
- d. Fundraiser being held by Strange Roots on Sunday 5/19 from 2-6
- e. Little Free Library

7. Reports and Updates

a. Millvale Music Festival Council Report- Paul, Melissa and Perry

- i. Account Balance: \$21,097.88
- ii. May 17 and 18, 2024 - Millvale Music Fest - THIS WEEKEND!!
- iii. Working on sponsorships now with a goal of increasing sponsorships by \$35,000; Seeking help with sponsorship recruitment, changing the structure
- iv. Need volunteers!
- v. Planning meetings are Thursdays @ 7pm at the borough office, contact Paul if you are interested in attending meetings.

b. Gardens of Millvale Council Report - Maya and Denise

- i. Account Balance: \$17,038.72
- ii. **Areas for volunteers:**
 1. Every Wednesday - Work Meetings in the Garden
 2. Chatham University Intern to work with the Gardens until August - stay tuned
 3. Girl Scouts are adding perennials to fence area and birdhouses on the Mulberry trees
 4. Tent to be set up for the Millvale Music Festival
 5. Making an order to the Garden Dreams to provide seedlings through a sustainability
- iii. Updates [Gardens of Millvale](#)

c. Property Development Council Report - Brian, Jaime, + Tina

- i. Account Balance: \$175571.98
- ii. 524 Grant Avenue - Solar on Millvale Market
- iii. 216 North Avenue - Secured Borough Permits and Exterior Stabilization Start Date; Phase One Funding Secured
- iv. Residential:
 1. 609 Fremont St - Refugee Housing Program

Millvale Community Development Corporation

Active. Sustainable. Growth.

Meeting MINUTES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:00pm The Maple Leaf 115 Sedgwick Street



d. **Bike and Pedestrian Committee Report - Emily and Mik** **Monday at 6:30 - the Hub)**

i. Millvale Bike Rally Saturday, June 8 - 12-3 pm (10 am road closure)

Please share out flyers & social media posts through your channels

- Please share with kids & adults - transportation resource hub including PRT, PPT, & Bike People will be attending to help folks learn about transportation options in Millvale



- IF you like, here's a blurb to include when you post: Come walk, roll, and ride down to Grant Street on Saturday June 8th from 12 - 3 pm for the Millvale Bike Rally! Join the Millvale Bike Ped Committee and Millvale Community Library for an afternoon of fun with free bike & helmet giveaways for kids, and riding lessons, basic bike mechanics & maintenance lessons, bike decoration, food, music, and more for all!
- Poster jpeg attached to the email

Contact Emily or Mike if you come across any bikes (kids bikes in particular!) that could be donated for the rally

Looking for volunteers to assist with:

1. Bike decoration station
 2. Grilling/cook out
 3. Set up/tear down
 4. Mechanics! The evenings before June 8th and day-of
 5. Additional tabling for MCDC committees (Rivertown Kids, Gardens, Be Our Neighbor, anyone who wants to join!)
- ii. Attended PRT Bus Line Redesign update, advocated for 64 bus to pick up in Millvale in alignment with redesign goal of increasing crosstown routes. PRT said it is in their plans & assessment to add back service! (whether 64 or other route)
- iii. Applied for New Belgium Grant
- iv. Gained control of old website and archiving old information

Millvale Community Development Corporation

Active. Sustainable. Growth.

Meeting MINUTES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:00pm The Maple Leaf 115 Sedgwick Street



- v. Seth from BikePGH attended the April 15th meeting adoption of an Active Transportation Plan. Will discuss it at the next meeting.
- vi. Next meeting: May 20th, 6:30 pm @ The Hub (112 Sherman St) & virtual
- vii. Minutes [here](#)

e. Recycling Grant

- i. Equipment will likely arrive after the Festival in June in time for Pride and summer events

F. PRIDE Millvale Council - Jasper and AJ - prideMillvale@gmail.com

- ii. Account Balance: \$9,183.76
- iii. Monday meetings - every Monday on Discord
- iv. June 22, 2024 PRIDE Millvale!!
- v. Please contact pridemillvale@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer
- vi. Discussion about the need to get the Borough permits approved so Pride can proceed

f. Rivertown Kidz & Be Our Neighbor Report - Perry, Melissa, Georgia and Jess

- i. Account Balance: \$13.44
- ii. Alyssa meetings - current youth data/need
- iii. Last day of school updates
 - 1. Call for volunteers as extra set of eyes
 - 2. Acquired water play supplies
 - 3. Talking to local businesses for in-kind food donations (Beccos, Eat n Park)
- iv. Monthly youth lego parties launching in May - first Saturday of every month at MCL, hosted by Georgia.
- v. Tickets for kids, need signature
- vi. Snee-Reinhardt Foundation
- vii. Partnering with Andy Warhol Museum for Queer Prom - June 15
- viii. Bike rally
- ix. Givebutter pages launching for BON and RTK
- x. Social media campaign for RTK ("Rivertown Kidz are...")
- xi. Next Be Our Neighbor benefit: July 27th at Maple Leaf - goal \$3k towards translation services and home maintenance

g. Business Association of Millvale Committee - Jaime + Dee

- i. 2024 Discussion

Millvale Community Development Corporation

Active. Sustainable. Growth.

Meeting MINUTES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:00pm The Maple Leaf 115 Sedgwick Street



- ii. Consider a Small Business Saturday in July - though
 - 1. Boys and Girls Club; Shaler Peach Jar; Churches for kids to attend
- iii. Dee is taking the lead on revamping BAM. Is anyone else interested? Contact Dee at millvalecdc@gmail.com or speak up at the meeting
- iv. New Business Welcome: Tasty Taquitos, new salons, and cheesecake bakery

h. Millvale Ecodistrict Update

- i. Next MEDC meeting will be on May 1 and focused on prioritizing projects for investment from the Girty's Run Watershed Conservation Plan (currently in draft form)
- ii. *Food:*
 - 1. Free Fridge: Recruiting sponsors
 - 2. Pantry in front of Abeille Voyante: Recruiting sponsors.
 - 3. If you are interested in donating, this is our [GiveButter link](#).
- iii. *Air:* In the works to take the air quality monitor down on Grant Avenue
- iv. *Energy:* NSR is still recruiting for our Solar Workforce program. Finalizing plans for solar canopy expansion at Food + Energy Hub.
- v. *Equity:* Housing planning to scale up for larger projects.
- vi.
 - 1. *Spring Sustainability Series:* Programming events with Allegheny Land Trust! If you are interested in collaborating, please contact kayla@newsunrising.org

i. Millvale Borough Update

- i. Public Works and Zoning Director positions open!
- ii. Restoration of the roads - goal to be done by end of April

j. Millvale Library

- i. Got a grant from RAD - \$230,000 for expansion of the tool lending library
- ii. Hiring full time staff member at the Library to help Melissa with all projects, volunteer projects

k. Board of Officers Update

- i. Budget and Finances
 - 1. General Account Balance: \$3,258.01
 - 2. Received tax extension for 2023 tax filings
- ii. Special Events Insurance needs updated for 2024
 - 1. Please provide a list of ALL future events your Council/Committee is hosting (large or small) to the Board President ASAP to determine if they need to be added to the policy.

Millvale Community Development Corporation

Active. Sustainable. Growth.

Meeting MINUTES

Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:00pm The Maple Leaf 115 Sedgwick Street

iii. Grant writing



2. Upcoming MCDC Events/Announcement

- a. **Millvale Music Festival: Friday and Saturday, May 17 + 18**
- b. **Bike Safety and Resource Fair: June 7th at Millvale Riverfront Park**
- c. **Bike Rally: Saturday, June 8th**
- d. **Friends of the Riverfront, June 20, 5:30-8pm**
- e. **PRIDE Millvale: Saturday, June 22**
- f. **Small Business Saturday: Saturday, November 30, 2024**

3. Motions

Approve the April meeting minutes

Motion: Dee Second: Emily Vote: Unanimous

- 4. Next Board Workshop - Thursday, June 6th at 6:00pm at the Maple Leaf**
Next Board meeting - Thursday, June 20th 6:00 PM at the Maple Leaf

5. Future Agenda Items

- a. Please email millvalecdc@gmail.com to add items to April's Agenda

6. Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Dee Second: Jess Vote: Unanimous