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**THE GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY'S PARKS, PUBLIC SPACES, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS
COMMITTEE**

PURPOSE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

DESCRIPTION

THE GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY'S PARKS, PUBLIC SPACES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS, WHICH WAS CHARTERED IN 1999, IS AN UMBRELLA GROUP COMPOSED OF GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY COMMITTEES; COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS WHOSE SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEARING ON THE AREAS PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES; AND AREA GROUPS THAT ARE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT.

MISSION

THE MISSION OF THE GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY'S PARKS, PUBLIC SPACES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE IS TO FOSTER COOPERATION AMONG ALL GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT UTILIZE THE PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES IN GERMAN VILLAGE AND THOSE ORGANIZING SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE OVERALL GOALS ARE TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR THE SHARING OF INFORMATION, TO INCREASE COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION AMONG THE VARIOUS GROUPS, AND TO OPTIMIZE THE UTILIZATION OF EACH GROUP'S RESOURCES.

OUR MEMBERS

A BROAD RANGE OF GROUPS PARTICIPATE AS MEMBERS OF THE PARKS, PUBLIC SPACES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE. THESE GROUPS FALL INTO THREE CATEGORIES:

- I. GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY COMMITTEES AND INITIATIVES, BOTH THOSE THAT ARE PARK-RELATED (WHICH INCLUDES THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE COLUMBUS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT) AND THOSE THAT ARE NON PARK-RELATED.
- II. INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS WITH MISSIONS OF THEIR OWN, WHICH ARE EITHER PARK-RELATED OR NON PARK-RELATED.
- III. CITY OF COLUMBUS RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT GROUPS AND DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP.

THE GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

When reviewing the responsibilities for those who are engaged in the Parks, Public Spaces, and Community Events Committee, it is helpful to utilize the categories of organizations.

I. German Village Society Committees and Initiatives

THE GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION MAY INCLUDE:

- **ALL German Village Society committees working with public spaces, parks projects, and community events are encouraged to participate on the PPSCC committee by having a designated representative attend committee meetings, or submit a written report when unable to attend. Other representatives from the committee are welcome to attend.**
- **SUBMIT annual budget to German Village Society Treasurer**
- **SUBMIT an annual calendar of events and periodic updates as warranted; copy the German Village Society**
- **PROVIDE the German Village Society with event details so that calls and questions may be answered**
- **PROVIDE email contact list for those interested in receiving PPSCC information**
- **RESPOND to requests for data**
- **CONTRIBUTE to Annual Membership Meeting Report**
- **DISSEMINATE PPSCC information back to the group represented**

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY PARK-RELATED COMMITTEES MAY AGREE ADDITIONALLY TO:

- **PARTICIPATE in Enhancement and Maintenance Project approval process**
- **CONTRIBUTE to the annual review and revising of Maintenance Agreements as warranted**

II. Independent Community Organizations

THE GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION MAY INCLUDE:

- **SUBMIT AN ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND PERIODIC UPDATES AS WARRANTED; COPY THE GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY ON THIS INFORMATION**
- **PROVIDE THE GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY WITH EVENT DETAILS SO THAT CALLS AND QUESTIONS MAY BE ANSWERED**
- **PROVIDE EMAIL CONTACT LIST FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING PPSCE INFORMATION**
- **PARTICIPATE IN MONTHLY MEETINGS WHEN POSSIBLE**
- **RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR DATA**
- **DISSEMINATE PPSCE INFORMATION BACK TO THE GROUP REPRESENTED**

INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE PARK-RELATED MAY AGREE ADDITIONALLY TO:

- **PARTICIPATE IN ENHANCEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PROJECT APPROVAL PROCESS**
- **CONTRIBUTE TO THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND REVISING OF MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS AS WARRANTED**

III. CITY OF COLUMBUS RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT GROUPS

THE GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION MAY INCLUDE:

- **SUBMIT AN ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND PERIODIC UPDATES AS WARRANTED; COPY THE GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY ON THIS INFORMATION**
- **PROVIDE THE GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY WITH EVENT DETAILS SO THAT CALLS AND QUESTIONS MAY BE ANSWERED**
- **PROVIDE EMAIL CONTACT LIST FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING PPSCE INFORMATION**
- **PARTICIPATE IN MONTHLY MEETINGS WHEN POSSIBLE**
- **RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR DATA**
- **DISSEMINATE PPSCE INFORMATION BACK TO THE GROUP REPRESENTED**
- **CONTRIBUTE TO THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND REVISING OF MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS AS WARRANTED**

The Bottom Line

The Parks, Public Spaces and Community Events Committee is a resource that is useful to groups and organizations with shared interests working in our dense urban neighborhood. Participation is never intended to cause a burden, but rather to strengthen and extend the civic reach of cooperating organizations and groups. Members of the committee exchange information regularly, have developed best practices for coordinating project development, and find invaluable benefit in collaborating with one another.