

German Village Society Board of Trustees
November 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Present: Bill Case, Nick Cavalaris, Sarah Irvin Clark, Darci Congrove, Bill Curlis, Beth Ervin, Chris Hune, Stef Martt, Jeff McNealey

Absent: Brian Santin, Jeanne Likins, Mike Yarbrough

Also present: Russ Arledge (German Village Society staff), Tim Boggs (Schumacher Place), Greg Gamier (German Village Business Committee Chair), Gary Seman (media), Shiloh Todorov (German Village Society staff) and Krysti Kalkman, Brittany Kress and Jake Murray (Monster Bash co-chairs)

All written reports submitted for or distributed during this monthly meeting are attached to these minutes for the record and are accessible via the German Village Society's website at www.germanvillage.com) or by request from the Society Board Secretary, Jeanne Likins, 614.444.0565, jlikins@columbus.rr.com.

Call to Order: President Bill Case called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Public Participation

Tim Boggs, incoming vice president of Schumacher Place, emphasized the importance of community outreach and partnership with the German Village Society and thanked Shiloh for coming to their board meeting last month. Though a much smaller organization than the GVS, Schumacher Place is building membership and has undertaken a number of projects and events, including a "Welcome Wagon" program for new residents, a neighborhood guide and monthly socials. They also secured a grant from the Greater Columbus Arts Council for the first Schumacher Days event, a celebration of the neighborhood's history. A video about the event is at www.schumacherplace.org.

In response to a question from Jeff McNealey, Tim confirmed that Schumacher Place participates in police luncheons and also links to GVS from their website. Shiloh Todorov volunteered that GVS can post a reciprocal link.

Bill Curlis brought up the South Side Stay program, and Tim responded that Schumacher Place is very excited about that initiative. Shiloh added that this is the first great example of where the two organizations can go with their partnership. The low-hanging fruit is cross-promotion and will be easy to do, but big picture thinking will include things like brick street maintenance and schools.

Krysti Kalkman, Brittany Kress and Jake Murray, co-chairs of the 2012 Monster Bash, reported a successful event with great turn-out. Though it did not sell out, the revenue goal was met by reducing costs and developing creative sponsorships, along with contributions from local businesses and the board. In addition, all 12 participating Trick or Treat stops provided very positive feedback. Bill Case thanked them for their valuable service.

Shiloh had hoped to introduce the new bookkeeper at this time, but the person selected was unable to obtain a required bond. The second choice candidate currently is undergoing a background check and the process of obtaining a bond. Cheryl Matthews is bridging the staffing gap until a new bookkeeper is in place.

Secretary's Report:

The German Village Society Board of Trustees unanimously approved the October 8, 2012 German Village Society Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes. The motion was made by Bill Curlis and seconded by Jeff McNealey.

STAFF REPORTS

Russ Arledge submitted a written report.

- Russ pointed out the current COWS (Central Ohio Watercolor Society) exhibit in the Fest Hall and said a new exhibit will be up by the end of November. Jeff McNealey asked whether GVS once had freestanding panels that could be used to exhibit more art, and Russ responded that they had been borrowed from the Columbus Historical Society. Russ said that he tries to limit exhibits to what can be hung on the walls due to other demands on the space for events.
- Bill Case asked about two workshops recently held by the Historic Preservation Committee, which, according to Russ, were fabulous. (See HPC report below.)

Shiloh Todorov submitted a written report, and pointed out a few things.

- Three volunteers from the board signed up for one-hour shifts in the Visitor Center during Village Lights.
- The mail team is set for Friday to send member renewal letters, followed by letters to lapsed members and businesses. The letter takes a creative, new approach in its message, which is from Barb and Ed Elberfeld. As long-term residents, they point out not only the benefits of membership, but also why being a member of GVS is important to the community.
- Shiloh is sending out a digital version of the GVS Annual Report on Tuesday and printing 300 hard copies to use as needed. She is considering sending a postcard to members who do not have email addresses, explaining they can get a printed copy of the report upon request.
- Four interviews have been conducted with candidates for our Fundraising and Events Consultant (FEC) position. An offer has been extended to a candidate who would serve as our consultant while maintaining a full-time job.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Nick Cavalaris presented three written reports: Nov. 1, 2012 Financial Highlights, Variance by Month and Balance Sheet.

Nick began his oral report by commending the work of Shiloh Todorov, Roy Bieber and the Executive Committee on the 2013 budget. The report does not begin to reflect the amount of work and number of hours that these volunteers dedicated to the budget process, said Nick.

Discussion:

- Curlis: When we accept the grant for the oral history project, how that will be reflected in the budget?
- Todorov: It is under Programs and Project expenses and will be itemized on a separate spreadsheet.
- Cavalaris: Those items are further detailed in QuickBooks, which has a comprehensive approach to showing where the money is.
- Congrove: At the end of 2012, we will have a budget surplus. Money has come in, but we haven't completed the project. We have to encumber those funds for the next year. Surplus reflected in the budget includes the grant money for oral histories, but it isn't really surplus. The current system is cumbersome. We do have an accrual basis auditor, and in a perfect world, we would maintain books that would look like what he would audit. As we start to get more grants, it could become even more unwieldy. We also could be required to spend money on a project before we get the grant money for it. The only thing we have dealt with on an accrual basis has been the property tax, while it was in dispute. We will have to go through the process in December of designating funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Bill Case

Jeff McNealey will be the board's point person on legal matters, replacing Jim Hopple whose term recently ended.

Bill submitted the name of Mike Cornelis to fill the emeritus board position left vacant by Bill Curlis' election to voting member. (Mike had intended to be in attendance, but was just out of the hospital with walking pneumonia.) Mike has been a GV resident for 10 years and has a wealth of experience in Village affairs, serving as a volunteer in many capacities including Oktoberfest, Haus und Garten Tour (transportation committee) and Friends of Schiller. He is an accomplished businessman and serves on a number of national and international boards. Mike was unanimously approved for this position on a motion by Darci Congrove, seconded by Chris Hune.

Consideration may be given in the future to treating the emeritus position as a training ground for new trustees, instead of one to be filled by someone with a long history in GVS affairs.

Bill Case commended Sarah Irvin Clark on her excellent work as a board liaison with the Parks and Public Spaces Committee. Given that we anticipate a lot of GVS public relations demands on her time in the future, Bill recommended that Mike Cornelis assume responsibility as board liaison with Parks and Public Spaces.

Bill Case commended Erin O'Donnell on outstanding work as chair of the Membership Committee, which is now chaired by Stef Martt. We've had a great year with increased membership revenue, thanks to her efforts. As Stef Martt assumes the role of Membership chair, we thank Erin for her outstanding service to GVS and will present her with a certificate recognizing her contributions during 2011-2012.

A written proposal had been submitted by John Clarke dated October 27 to scan and use archived GVS materials and photos to produce a self-published book, offering to credit GVS in the book and share a portion of the proceeds. Stef Martt said she would be uncomfortable with receiving money from John for this project in light of the countless hours of service he has dedicated to GVS. Darci Congrove said that the agreement should be documented, because it is likely this will come up again. Case in point: the ongoing oral history project. We need a signed agreement and a standard we can follow. Jeff McNealey agreed that we need to set a precedent, and Bill Curlis suggested we might waive any fees for John who has "paid forward." Jeff and Chris Hune will work as an ad hoc subcommittee to develop a policy and produce a document that will cover the use of all kinds of reproduction, collateral and assets of the GVS. Russ Arledge agreed to request copies of similar agreements from the Ohio Historical Society. Per Russ, Susan Rector, who specializes in copyright law, may be willing to weigh in on any liabilities that may be incurred with the reproduction and use of materials previously copyrighted by others.

Technology – a written report was submitted by Brian Santin, chair of the Technology Committee. Shiloh reported that the website and mobile site have both been rebranded and the website has been made more user-friendly. There are still a few bugs being worked out on both sites.

Civic Relations (written report submitted by Nelson Genshaft)

Bill Case said that we are still waiting for a decision on the UIRF grant application, which originally was to come in October.

Shiloh reported that she hadn't been getting much new opposition to the city's recycling containers, until she received signatures that had been collected expressing concerns, mostly with the size of the container. Darci Congrove said that the program is just now being rolled out in other historic neighborhoods, and, in time, we could gather support from a larger coalition of

people from those neighborhoods. Shiloh said that we've been advised to wait until containers are delivered to all the urban districts (Feb. 2) to have a conversation about the possibility of getting containers of different sizes.

Bill Case remarked that the recent ban on parking in alleys has impacted the residents who live on alleys. The city's position is that they merely are enforcing the law as written. We will continue to monitor the situation. When we have more information, we will hold meetings to determine options for a possible course of action.

Development (Mike Yarbrough submitted a written report)

Finance – Nick Cavalaris (written report)

Nick began by highlighting perfect attendance by Finance Committee members for a demanding yet productive, two-hour meeting. We're lucky to have the experts we do on that committee, he said.

Per Nick, Roy Bieber submitted a request for \$40,000 to be taken out of the Warner Fund for renovations to walls, carpeting and floors, including paint and carpeting. The goal is to improve safety and make the Meeting Haus more marketable to generate rental income.

MOTION: Nick made a motion for the board to authorize up to \$40,000 from the Warner Fund for renovations to the Fest Hall as described in the Finance Committee Minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Curlis.

Discussion:

- McNealey: The Warner Fund will be invested. I would urge us as we go into 2013 and 2014 that we use only the earnings of the Warner Fund.
- Congrove: We have not been budgeting for maintenance, so we use the Warner Fund.
- McNealey: Some amount of money from the earnings from that fund would fund maintenance.
- Curlis: The Warner Fund has been set up for special circumstances and we should be careful to document how we decide to use it. Also, the money from Gene Owen's estate was put into the Warner Fund. In the big picture, is there an expectation that a certain amount should be in that fund?
- McNealey: My view is that we budget for maintenance so we have funds for that purpose.

- Congrove: Theoretically, the earnings on that fund would be the amount used for maintenance.
- Case: The good thing is that we don't spend routinely from this fund.
- Todorov: We spent \$5,000 in April.
- Case: It may take a long time to replenish the amount that is being requested.
- Congrove: This would be the second draw-down in a relatively short period of time. But this is because we haven't been doing any maintenance budget for a long time.
- Curlis: We need to be able to say where the money went.
- Congrove: We should be able to have maintenance budgeted. Are we comfortable as a board not to have seen the detail the Finance Committee considered?
- Todorov: We have two bids.
- McNealey: Can we table this for a few minutes until we can see the bids.

(Discussion tabled for GVBC Committee Report below, then resumed.)

- Congrove: We want to be able to speak intelligently about how this money is being spent.
- Todorov (reading from documents): Mary Connelly Ross gave our wish list to two contractors. It included plaster repair, repair or replacement, peeling wall coverings and the vinyl strip under the chair rail. The wood floor will be buffed, the storage areas under the stage will be refitted with better hinges, the stairway will be re-carpeted, the hallway and the bathrooms will be repainted and there will be work on the electrical system, thermostat and exhaust.
- Cavalaris: Will it look the same?
- Todorov: The Maintenance Committee is meeting soon to select colors, but we want it to remain somewhat neutral. Mary and Chris King have been putting their heads together about how to do that and still show a noticeable improvement. The Art Committee was consulted as to how renovation would best complement exhibits.
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A vote was called and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Finance Committee discussed and approved a request to add a budget line item of \$3600 for director's travel expenses, which will aid in community visibility, outreach and networking.

Jeff McNealey said the budget should be consolidated to include both operations and designated funds. This would be an item for further discussion.

Shiloh reviewed the third draft of the 2013 budget to clarify where money will be raised and spent.

- Haus und Garten budget for ticket sales revenue is \$2,000 less than in 2012.
- There is an increase of \$12,500 budgeted for advertising revenue, which is a part of the goal set for the FEC.
- There is an increase of \$12,500 for contributions, again a part of the goal set for the FEC.
- In-kind income remains the same, along with GVS and GVBC Membership Dues.
- A \$6,500 increase in income from rentals is based on anticipated fees from six arts exhibitions, 20 percent of artists' sales and additional rentals for weddings and special events as a result of improvements to the Meeting Haus.
- Sponsorship includes \$40,000 of the FEC's \$65,000 goal.
- Tour income is expected to rise with increased investment in advertising.

Bill Case said that the ambitious part of the budget is the \$65,000 in income we have set as a goal for the FEC. We'll spend some money to try to make money. An FEC is going to cost some money, and we will not see, for the most part, the benefit of the efforts until some of the ground work is done and we start raising that money. The hope is that in the second half of 2013, we will begin to see the fruits of the FEC's work. So there is some risk in this budget. But there also is some conservatism in here as well, because if we don't raise this money we won't spend it. The budget is being staged; as stewards and trustees we are not going to spend that kind of money unless we know it's coming.

Shiloh went on to highlight some budget expenses.

- We will be spending a little more on the bookkeeper, but we are predicting an increase in credit card and bank fees for collecting funds that are raised.
- The line item for consulting fees includes \$2,000 for volunteer and board training.
- Every time we hold an event we need to rent glassware and linens, and that is accounted for in the budget.

- The food and beverage line allows for increased costs for Historic Preservation Weekend and also for entertainment costs related to fundraising.
- Costs for gifts and awards are back in the budget. In the past, committee chairs have been asked to pay for them or get them donated.
- Expenditures for AASLH membership are largely to protect software discounts that are received as membership benefit.
- The line for miscellaneous expenses is where we've allowed flexibility in case the FEC does not meet the \$65,000 goal. There is a separate document that lists as yet un-prioritized critical needs. These items will become talking points for the FEC, as a way to demonstrate what will be paid for with contributions. We won't spend it unless it is raised.
- Costs for payroll processing are expected to remain the same.
- There is a slight increase for printing and postage, due to fundraising needs.
- The line in printing and signage includes money for collateral to support the Membership Committee.
- The budget for salaries and wages includes raises for Russ and Shiloh and funds for a part-time administrator needed to support increased tours and rentals.

Bill Curlis asked if the budget surplus from 2012 will be added to the 2013 budget. Darci Congrove explained that any money left will be designated by the board so it can be used when it is needed.

German Village Business Committee (written report)

Greg Gamier, chair, reported that Village Lights will be held Dec. 2. The event committee, led by Jeff Lowe, has been working very hard and they hope for good weather. They have hired a horse and carriage that will hold up to 16 people.

Historic Preservation (written report)

Chris Hune reported two very successful workshops, with standing room only for the first one on renovation and working with the German Village Commission. The second one, on maintenance of historic properties, was held this past Sunday, in partnership with the Columbus Landmarks Foundation, and also was well-attended. Positive comments from participants encourage moving forward with continued programming. In the future the information that was provided will be documented with video or notes that can be shared. A

short collection of excerpts from the oral histories project will premiere at the membership appreciation event on Dec. 6.

Streetscape (a written report was submitted by Tim Bibler, chair).

Long Range Planning (a written report was submitted by Matt Eshelbrenner, chair)
Bill Curlis asked whether we have done any planning about how to capitalize on the city's bicycles rental project. Matt is reaching out to form a group to discuss how GVS may be able to participate in this program.

Marketing Committee (no report)
Beth Ervin, committee chair, briefly discussed the need for a messaging strategy that will focus on ways the GVS benefits the entire Columbus community.

Membership (written report)
Stef Martt, chair, said the Membership Committee is excited about the new approach to the membership letter.

Evites have been sent to members for the Dec. 6 member appreciation event. Separate invitations were sent to major donors.

Nominating Committee (no report)

Parks, Public Spaces and Community Events (a written report was submitted by Sara McNealey, chair) Bill Case once again thanked Sarah Irvin for her service to this committee.

Old Business
In August, the board accepted a proposal from Shiloh, Roy Bieber and Bill Curlis to spend \$20,000 that had been reserved to pay property taxes, if necessary, during a long dispute with Columbus City Schools about GVS' tax-exempt status. That money became available when a settlement was reached this year. Shiloh pointed out that her written report contains an update on spending to date on those critical needs.

New Business

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned by Bill Case at 8:12 p.m. on a motion by Bill Curlis, which was seconded by Jeff McNealey.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Ervin (bethervin@columbus.rr.com, 614-306-0025 cell)
Nov. 15, 2012

**German Village Society Board of Trustees
November, 2012 Meeting Agenda**

Public Participation

Tim Boggs, Schumacher Place representative for overview
Jacqueline Stradford, new GVS bookkeeper introduced
Announcement/welcome of new fund raising consultant

Secretary's Report

Jeanne Likins

Approve October 8, 2012 German Village Society Board Meeting Minutes

Staff Reports

(written report)

Russ Arledge

(written report)

Shiloh Todorov

Treasurer's Report (three written reports)

Nick Cavalaris

---November 1, 2012 Financial Highlights, Variance by Month,
and Balance Sheet

Committee Reports:

Executive

Bill Case

---Erin O'Donnell thank you as membership chair 2011-12

Bill Case

---Book Proposal from John Clark (written)

Shiloh Todorov

---Technology (written report)

Brian Santin

Civic Relations (written report)

Nelson Genshaft

Development Committee (written report)

Mike Yarbrough

Finance (no report)

Nick Cavalaris

German Village Business Committee (written report)

Greg Gamier

Historic Preservation (no report)

Chris Hune

---Streetscape (written report)

Tim Bibler

Long Range Planning (written report)

Matt Eshelbrenner

Marketing Committee (no report)

Beth Ervin

Discuss: Messaging Strategy

Membership (written report)

Stef Martt

Nominating Committee (no report)

Parks, Public Spaces and Community Events (written report)

Sara McNealey

Old Business

Update on \$20,000 critical needs requests

Bill Case

Shiloh Todorov

New Business

Bill Case

Adjournment

Bill Case

German Village Society
Balance Sheet
As of November 1 2012

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Bank Accounts - Operations	
Operations Chase Checking - 6039	68,547.93
Operations Chase Contingency - 4693	102,887.54
Operations Fifth Third Checking - 5113	0.00
Total Bank Accounts - Operations	\$171,435.47
Board Designated Bank Accounts	
Board Designated Checking - 1362	
Bicentennial Fund	3,753.02
Council of Historic Neighborhoods	1,777.87
For the Good of the Neighborhood	5,439.46
Frank Fetch Park/Maintenance	50.00
Fund for Historic Preservation	23,753.70
German Village Business Community	37,430.37
Highfield Garden	594.17
Huntington Garden/Maintenance	15,712.65
Schiller Friends of Schiller Fund	2,474.41
Schiller Park Enhancements	800.00
Schiller Park/Arboretum Fund	2,006.21
Schiller Park/Bench/Trash Can Fund	1,138.00
Schiller Trash Can Fund	0.00
Village Connections	6,850.00
Village Singers	2,151.70
Total Board Designated Checking - 1362	\$103,931.56
Board Designated Funds	
Meeting Haus Maint/Replacement	156,461.05
Warner Maintenance - 2342	8,357.04
Warner Maintenance - 5402	179,609.58
Warner Maintenance - 8188	17,708.59
Total Board Designated Funds	\$362,136.26
Total Board Designated Bank Accounts	
Permanently Restricted Fund Accounts	\$466,067.82
Frank Fetch Endowment	0.00
Fund at Columbus Foundation	753.93
Huntington Garden Endowment	137,440.32
Total Permanently Restricted Fund Accounts	\$138,194.25
Petty Cash	100.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$775,797.54
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable-General	250.00

Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
Other current assets	
Inventory	1,000.00
Total Other current assets	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total Current Assets	\$777,047.54
Fixed Assets	
Building 588 South Third Street	
Cost	759,990.66
Depreciation	-473,685.99
Land	<u>40,000.00</u>
Total Building 588 South Third Street	\$326,304.67
Leasehold Improvements	45,525.00
Office Equipment	
Cost	75,430.87
Depreciation	<u>-190,359.76</u>
Total Office Equipment	#####
Office Furniture	
Cost	<u>113,895.39</u>
Total Office Furniture	\$113,895.39
Office Paintings	
Cost	1,775.00
Total Office Paintings	<u>\$ 1,775.00</u>
Total Fixed Assets	\$372,571.17
TOTAL ASSETS	#####
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue-Property Taxes	146,221.44
Designated Funds GVBC Payable	0.00
Designated Funds GVS Payable	0.00
Other Current Liabilities	0.00
Prepaid GVBC Membership Dues	0.00
Prepaid GVS Advertising Fees	0.00
Prepaid GVS Membership Dues	0.00
Sales tax payable	<u>0.00</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$146,221.44
Total Current Liabilities	\$146,221.44
Total Liabilities	\$146,221.44
Equity	
Designated Earnings	
Non Restricted	0.00

Restricted	0.00
Total Designated Earnings	\$ 0.00
Retained Earnings	990,173.96
Net Income	13,223.31

Total Equity #####

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY #####

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	Jan 2012		Feb 2012		Mar 2012	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income						
Admission/Event Income		0.00	256.00	0.00	32.58	20.00
Advertising Income	3,800.00	1,850.00	3,125.00	1,850.00	4,401.25	2,050.00
Contributions	6,812.08	4,075.00	954.57	1,425.00	175.50	200.00
Grants						
In-Kind Donations		100.00	5,829.00	295.00		960.00
Interest Income	44.89	0.00	40.69	0.00	42.10	0.00
Membership Dues - GVS	53,698.84	33,660.00	4,137.00	5,410.00	2,650.00	6,030.00
Membership Dues -GVBC	6,450.00	3,975.00	1,425.00	1,750.00	225.00	1,150.00
Merchandise Income	175.00	50.00	114.00	125.00	172.00	175.00
Miscellaneous Income	194.00	0.00		0.00	145.53	350.00
Rental Income	685.00	25.00	505.00	100.00	350.00	75.00
Sponsorship		0.00		0.00	2,000.00	0.00
Tour Income	75.00	0.00	243.00	250.00	836.00	0.00
Transfers In		0.00		0.00		0.00
Total Income	\$ 71,934.81	\$ 43,735.00	\$ 16,629.26	\$ 11,205.00	\$ 11,029.96	\$ 11,010.00
Gross Profit	\$ 71,934.81	\$ 43,735.00	\$ 16,629.26	\$ 11,205.00	\$ 11,029.96	\$ 11,010.00
Expenses						
Accounting Expense	593.75	560.00	606.25	560.00	568.75	560.00
Advertising	300.00	0.00	545.00	350.00	300.00	730.00
Audit Fees		0.00	370.00	575.00		1,625.00
Bank/Credit Card Fees	141.72	140.00	271.29	90.00	177.01	150.00
Computer Related Costs	346.86	300.00	461.96	125.00	222.35	425.00
Consulting Fees	6,500.00	6,500.00		0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Equipment Rental	519.00	590.00	152.10	0.00	304.20	340.00
Food/Beverages	100.00	200.00	261.58	100.00	851.41	15.00
Gifts & Awards		0.00		0.00		0.00
In-Kind Expense		100.00	5,829.00	295.00		960.00
License/Fees/Permits		0.00		0.00		0.00
Meeting Haus Cleaning		725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00
Meeting Haus Groundskeeping		0.00	97.50	200.00		150.00
Miscellaneous Expense	2,105.00	115.00	150.00	0.00	8.00	5.00
Payroll Processing	179.54	170.00	102.84	95.00	117.84	95.00
Payroll Taxes	1,225.58	775.00	1,050.73	775.00	777.73	775.00
Postage	560.24	705.00		300.00	-364.95	975.00
Printing/Signage	425.38	100.00	633.78	100.00	650.00	4,450.00
Property & D/O Insurance		0.00		0.00	5,136.00	1,900.00
Repairs & Maintenance	2,476.51	175.00	215.35	10.00	3,652.25	200.00
Salaries/Wages	8,458.32	8,460.00	8,458.32	8,460.00	8,458.32	8,460.00
Security		0.00		0.00		0.00
Storage	1,020.00	1,025.00		0.00		0.00
Supplies		450.00	140.74	350.00	127.97	75.00
Transportation/Towing		0.00		0.00		0.00
Utilities	1,288.17	1,180.00	1,014.56	1,110.00	734.76	850.00

Total Expenses	\$ 26,240.07	\$ 22,270.00	\$ 21,086.00	\$ 14,220.00	\$ 28,446.64	\$ 29,465.00
Net Operating Income	\$ 45,694.74	\$ 21,465.00	-\$ 4,456.74	-\$ 3,015.00	-\$ 17,416.68	-\$ 18,455.00
Other Income						
Contributions - Other						
Total Other Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other Expenses						
Deferred Gain/Loss Investments	-1.75		-1.33		-4.58	
Real Estate Tax		0.00		0.00		0.00
Transfers out						
Total Other Expenses	-\$ 1.75	\$ 0.00	-\$ 1.33	\$ 0.00	-\$ 4.58	\$ 0.00
Net Other Income	\$ 1.75	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.33	\$ 0.00	\$ 4.58	\$ 0.00
Net Income	\$ 45,696.49	\$ 21,465.00	-\$ 4,455.41	-\$ 3,015.00	-\$ 17,412.10	-\$ 18,455.00

German Village Society
2012 GVS Budget Variance by Month
 January - December 2012

Apr 2012		May 2012		Jun 2012		Jul 2012		Aug 2012	
Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
364.03	510.00	41,219.38	33,795.00	60,999.54	74,350.00	6,207.80	1,725.00	1,241.38	0.00
1,025.00	2,500.00	5,847.50	7,775.00	2,725.00	3,300.00	570.00	400.00	1,000.00	400.00
4,694.71	2,300.00	3,805.50	0.00	309.68	0.00	1,980.96	2,875.00	9,276.97	100.00
	0.00	159.80	0.00	1,944.71	47,315.00	26,460.36	3,025.00		6,895.00
44.56	0.00	44.60	0.00	41.04	0.00	26.68	0.00		0.00
3,115.39	4,695.00	2,530.00	3,650.00	2,350.00	5,940.00	1,250.00	4,575.00	1,375.00	1,055.00
75.00	500.00		75.00	150.00	75.00		125.00	75.00	0.00
233.00	150.00	187.00	275.00	3,647.00	925.00	-150.90	100.00	390.00	200.00
24.00	0.00	287.50	100.00	2,438.81	1,585.00	900.00	900.00	927.20	2,325.00
1,200.00	175.00	6,242.50	50.00	261.00	100.00	1,354.00	150.00	1,385.00	0.00
4,660.00	4,500.00	11,749.37	3,000.00	13,055.00	12,025.00	750.00	0.00		0.00
32.00	275.00	721.50	750.00	1,472.50	350.00		275.00	685.00	275.00
	0.00	2,335.00	0.00	3,000.00	6,150.00	5,000.00	6,150.00		0.00
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\$ 15,467.69	\$ 15,605.00	\$ 75,129.65	\$ 49,470.00	\$ 92,394.28	\$152,115.00	\$ 44,348.90	\$ 20,300.00	\$ 16,355.55	\$ 11,250.00
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\$ 15,467.69	\$ 15,605.00	\$ 75,129.65	\$ 49,470.00	\$ 92,394.28	\$152,115.00	\$ 44,348.90	\$ 20,300.00	\$ 16,355.55	\$ 11,250.00
581.25	560.00	568.75	560.00	631.25	550.00	881.25	560.00	656.25	560.00
187.28	0.00	991.53	360.00	2,102.89	950.00	3,459.31	825.00	825.22	60.00
2,955.30	1,575.00	2,641.90	1,125.00		600.00		0.00		0.00
338.03	220.00	781.28	1,815.00	1,806.61	3,125.00	1,737.82	155.00	231.97	65.00
2,016.60	200.00	-401.74	600.00	2,887.35	175.00	1,208.17	425.00	429.09	100.00
	0.00		0.00	9,000.00	6,000.00		0.00		0.00
1,431.50	0.00	396.82	170.00	834.82	340.00	7,233.44	5,830.00	615.52	170.00
100.00	400.00	956.15	100.00	6,092.03	5,375.00	2,166.46	0.00	745.52	7,425.00
463.60	450.00	369.40	0.00	575.00	1,775.00	357.05	130.00	9.26	20.00
	0.00	159.80	0.00	1,944.71	47,315.00	26,460.36	3,025.00		6,895.00
400.00	200.00	50.00	325.00		250.00	32.25	25.00		0.00
725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00
76.50	100.00	62.50	0.00		75.00		0.00		275.00
380.00	100.00	77.65	880.00	6,581.28	425.00	7,912.42	775.00	776.45	0.00
113.34	120.00	102.84	95.00	117.84	100.00	121.34	130.00	110.84	105.00
647.06	775.00	647.05	775.00	647.07	775.00	647.06	775.00	781.59	775.00
430.00	0.00	884.54	710.00		850.00	520.00	0.00	84.85	0.00
3,256.82	225.00	3,666.93	1,425.00	5,524.55	3,675.00	5,298.33	175.00	2,837.71	500.00
	3,800.00	914.55	955.00	249.00	955.00		955.00		955.00
1,832.44	20.00	165.55	20.00	1,127.03	20.00	1,505.19	495.00	1,685.05	475.00
8,458.32	8,460.00	8,458.32	8,460.00	8,458.32	8,460.00	8,458.32	8,460.00	8,458.32	8,460.00
	0.00		0.00	1,000.00	575.00	105.00	425.00		0.00
	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
323.75	650.00	244.58	275.00	507.52	700.00	197.95	1,625.00	1,392.54	325.00
	0.00		0.00	1,438.06	2,900.00	2,762.50	975.00	568.70	0.00
395.02	1,010.00	1,664.42	825.00	1,310.74	1,725.00	1,599.63	525.00	971.29	1,375.00

\$ 25,111.81	\$ 19,590.00	\$ 24,127.82	\$ 20,200.00	\$ 53,561.07	\$ 88,415.00	\$ 73,388.85	\$ 27,015.00	\$ 21,905.17	\$ 29,265.00
-\$ 9,644.12	-\$ 3,985.00	\$ 51,001.83	\$ 29,270.00	\$ 38,833.21	\$ 63,700.00	-\$ 29,039.95	-\$ 6,715.00	-\$ 5,549.62	-\$ 18,015.00

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-\$ 9,642.79	-\$ 3,985.00	\$ 50,168.12	\$ 29,270.00	-\$ 44,841.26	\$ 53,700.00	-\$ 44,651.06	-\$ 6,715.00	-\$ 5,548.29	-\$ 18,015.00
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Sep 2012		Oct 2012		Nov 2012		Dec 2012		Total	
Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
1,381.72	1,500.00	8,822.85	7,850.00		0.00		0.00	120,525.28	119,750.00
	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	22,493.75	20,125.00
350.00	0.00	2,585.96	1,975.00		3,200.00		500.00	30,945.93	16,650.00
		4,500.00						4,500.00	0.00
105.00	5,850.00		7,960.00		700.00		0.00	34,498.87	73,100.00
	0.00		0.00		550.00		0.00	284.56	550.00
2,450.00	3,065.00	1,825.00	1,720.00		0.00		0.00	75,381.23	69,800.00
150.00	75.00	225.00	75.00		0.00		0.00	8,775.00	7,800.00
504.90	150.00	234.69	275.00		200.00		1,375.00	5,506.69	4,000.00
310.91	820.00	3,951.45	0.00		0.00		120.00	9,179.40	6,200.00
359.00	825.00	550.75	550.00		50.00		50.00	12,892.25	2,150.00
1,250.00	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	33,464.37	19,525.00
1,016.81	225.00	2,068.13	425.00		175.00		0.00	7,149.94	3,000.00
	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	10,335.00	12,300.00
\$ 7,878.34	\$ 12,510.00	\$ 24,763.83	\$ 20,830.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,875.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,045.00	\$375,932.27	\$354,950.00
\$ 7,878.34	\$ 12,510.00	\$ 24,763.83	\$ 20,830.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,875.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,045.00	\$375,932.27	\$354,950.00
743.75	560.00	756.25	560.00		560.00		550.00	6,587.50	6,700.00
300.00	2,475.00	2,566.00	200.00		0.00		0.00	11,577.23	5,950.00
	450.00	89.70	0.00		0.00		50.00	6,056.90	6,000.00
291.74	90.00	663.38	390.00		680.00		30.00	6,440.85	6,950.00
1,740.99	200.00	270.99	700.00		100.00		150.00	9,182.62	3,500.00
	0.00	750.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	22,250.00	18,500.00
834.82	680.00	410.70	550.00		30.00		150.00	12,732.92	8,850.00
240.42	0.00	1,211.43	630.00		530.00		100.00	12,725.00	14,875.00
70.00	0.00	65.00	100.00		700.00		0.00	1,909.31	3,175.00
105.00	5,850.00		7,960.00		700.00		0.00	34,498.87	73,100.00
600.00	150.00	437.25	280.00		0.00		20.00	1,519.50	1,250.00
725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00		725.00		725.00	6,525.00	8,700.00
	0.00	261.25	100.00		0.00		125.00	497.75	1,025.00
281.00	0.00	2,376.00	3,020.00		205.00		0.00	20,647.80	5,525.00
125.84	105.00	121.34	130.00		105.00		50.00	1,213.60	1,300.00
647.06	775.00	647.07	775.00		775.00		775.00	7,718.00	9,300.00
1,081.06	860.00	208.00	0.00		0.00		175.00	3,403.74	4,575.00
1,548.90	325.00	215.92	415.00		285.00		350.00	24,058.32	12,025.00
	955.00	63.00	2,300.00		0.00		0.00	6,362.55	12,775.00
3,740.26	800.00	138.55	560.00		600.00		200.00	16,538.18	3,575.00
8,458.32	8,460.00	8,458.32	8,460.00		8,460.00		8,440.00	84,583.20	101,500.00
	0.00	320.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	1,425.00	1,000.00
	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	1,020.00	1,025.00
46.65	100.00	465.70	1,900.00		50.00		100.00	3,447.40	6,600.00
	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	4,769.26	3,875.00
1,154.26	1,300.00	1,069.24	730.00		1,580.00		990.00	11,202.09	13,200.00

\$ 22,735.07	\$ 24,860.00	\$ 22,290.09	\$ 30,485.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,085.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,980.00	\$ 318,892.59	\$ 334,850.00
-\$ 14,856.73	-\$ 12,350.00	\$ 2,473.74	-\$ 9,655.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 11,210.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 10,935.00	\$ 57,039.68	\$ 20,100.00
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\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00
-1.93								-16.16	0.00
	0.00		0.00		0.00		10,000.00	99,488.20	20,000.00
								10,635.00	0.00
-\$ 1.93	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 110,107.04	\$ 20,000.00
\$ 1.93	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 10,000.00	#####	-\$ 20,000.00
-\$ 14,854.80	-\$ 12,350.00	\$ 2,473.74	-\$ 9,655.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 11,210.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 20,935.00	-\$ 43,067.36	\$ 100.00

Committee: Civic Relations	Board Chair/Rep: Nelson Genshaft	Meeting Date: 10/29/12
Number of Attendees: 10		New Members?: 5
Executive Summary:		
<p>Jo Ann St. Clair, City of Columbus, Southside Liason attended. She first indicated that GV's UIRF grant application will likely be decided by mid-Nov. She then reported on the City's recycling program, which is rolling out its final phase for distributing new recycling bins. A number of people spoke out about the large size of the bins, the electric blue color and confusion about when collections are done and what can be placed in a bin. Jo Ann emphasized continuous education efforts, since not everybody hears, and new people come into GV all the time. But, she offered no hope that the City would offer a smaller size of bin or a different color. We have to keep lobbying the City to make any changes of that sort. She also suggested that we continue to advise residents to make complaints to the City about people who fail to store their bins off the street on non-collection days. That is the only way to get action by the City on enforcing its rules for storing bins.</p> <p>We then discussed the parking ban in alleys with Jo Ann. Emily Alvarez volunteered to spear head an effort to survey the parking ban situation and collect complaints from residents who have been forced to park at some distances from their homes. Solutions discussed were seeking some waiver for selected areas and permits available only to residents for parking in selected areas.</p> <p>Jerry Glick reported on the police lunches at GVS, with the next lunch scheduled for 11/29 at 12:30 pm. Jerry said the lunches have been well attended by both residents and police officers, and there is a real sense of community among these two groups. He also said that there are many complaints about speeding on Third St, and those problems can be solved with a stop street or a traffic light at the intersection of Third and Sycamore. The police won't initiate that effort, but it can be done by residents who follow the procedure to ask the City to look at the situation.</p> <p>Next meeting will be scheduled for the week of 11/26/12.</p>		

Meeting Objectives/Highlights:

- Request for staff time or Volunteers?

Yes. Emily Alvarez to work on alley parking ban situation.

- Financial Resources?

- Issues or concerns that require consideration by the Board or staff for possible response or action with timeline included

Continuous education effort for residents on recycling rules, especially the requirement to store bins on non-collection days.

Next meeting to be scheduled for week of 11/26/12

GVS Director's Board Report November 2012

It was my pleasure to spend back-to-back nights attending events that look at GVS as a comprehensive whole. October 14's Annual Meeting was a showcase of the amazing work an organization primarily staffed with passionate volunteers can accomplish in just one year. The October 15 leadership meeting was the perfect way to put our best foot forward to look at 2013 and start to think of ourselves in a strategic, outward-facing, comprehensive way. I applaud Trustees Jeanne Likins and Bill Curlis for leading the leadership endeavor, and expect more good things from this as we approach leadership development as an ongoing process that informs leaders and nurtures them through the ranks.

I attended the Schumacher Place board meeting on October 16. As I outlined in my Annual Meeting remarks, I've spent a lot of the last year trying to build bridges and find our alliances around town. I think we serve ourselves well by starting right here on the South Side, identifying common needs and projects and partnering as it makes sense. I found a very welcoming group who share the same attitude. We also find similar partners in Merion Village through Board President Bob Leighty.

We had a smashing Monster Bash. About 250 people attended, nearly 100 entered the costume contest (won by our very own Pussy Riot!), a dozen generous hosts created memorable trick-or-treat stops, nearly a dozen GVBC businesses stepped up to support us in a variety of ways and we beat budget expectations! I can't thank our volunteer chairs enough. Brittany Kress, Krysti Kalkman and Jake Murray were AMAZING. Full of new ideas and energetic. We can hope GVS benefits from their dedication for years to come. Thank you to the Board members who contributed bubbly to our VIP bar!

I am training two new faces who are donating their time to German Village Society. Elise Wyant is a recent Ohio Dominican University grad who is just moving from her hometown of Chillicothe to Columbus. She wants to gain experience with project management and public relations, so she will be coordinating group tours, booking Meeting Haus rooms for rent and working with Visitors Center volunteers. Michael Maclan is a sophomore at Columbus's Graham School. Graham is a public charter high school with a focus on experiential education. Michael is interested in computers and American history, so he will be fulfilling a number of roles and activities for us through May.

The Meeting Haus was the nonstop destination for group tours in October. Thank you to Russ Arledge for coordinating all of our visitors, and to our docents: Jerry Glick, Kathy Wightman, Norm Burns, Pat Phillips, Bonnie Mitchell, Tom Glass, Russ and Marika Arledge, Hilary Talis, Connie Swain and Barb Elberfeld (Barb is training up to lead). They give the volunteer labor that allows us to both realize income and live our mission! One of these tours, led by Jerry, was created by Experience Columbus for a convention of religious tour operators. We partnered with St. Mary Church to combine a bus tour with a religious tourism spot, and we hope these folks will see the value in bringing back busloads of people in coming months. Thank you to Juergen's for supplying treats for those particular tourism officials.

Please mark your calendars for December 6. We are partnering with Grange Insurance Audubon Center for the event, which will combine major donor and member appreciation events. We will also "premier" our Oral History project on that night. Here's the evening's agenda:
5:30-6:30: VIP appreciation for GVS \$500+ donors (donations/membership/in-kind giving combined to a total equal to or greater than \$500)

-at 6:15 p.m., Metro Parks' John O'Meara will meet with these donors to share more about what is planned for this park right outside of our own neighborhood footprint, and to take questions 6:30-8 p.m.: Members appreciation with wine and food - every member will be invited

-at 7:15 p.m., we will have a brief thank-you message from Stef Martt as chair of Membership, followed by a few remarks from the Oral History committee and then we'll watch a 5-minute, John Clark-produced "trailer" of the histories collected so far

Trustee Stefanie Martt and her committee will take the lead on food, beverages and decorations.

Trustee Chris Hune, Development Committee Chair Dennis Brandon and I interviewed four top candidates for our Fundraising and Events Consultant position. I hope to have news of a hire soon. I am happy to share the deliverables document by which the FEC will be judged by on request. The deliverables document was created by Trustees Darci Congrove, Bill Curlis and Chris Hune helping me. It is very important for every Board member to understand the FEC's role – to coordinate our asks. In very few cases with the FEC actually make the ask. That is going to fall to each of us and to our volunteers. One of the FEC's first orders of business will be to sit with each Board member and talk through your connections in the community to find logical introductions to corporate and individual donors. We have much to offer the greater Columbus community as a tax and income generators and as a unique destination for residents and visitors alike. The FEC will help us craft that message that we'll deliver to our friends and neighbors as we work to: create a mini capital campaign to remodel the Visitors Center; fund a list of critical needs for our outward-facing nonprofit entity; grow the reach and power of our one-of-a-kind events; and create lasting individual and legacy gift processes. I hope you'll welcome and truly team with the FEC when he/she comes on board with GVS.

This week, we rolled out new looks on not just one but TWO web sites for German Village. The refreshed germanvillage.com and the mobile site (just type in germanvillage.com from your smartphone) each have a new look and feel that incorporates our new branding standards and make their use even more intuitive. They are still in upgrade phase for a few days.

I want to update you on the \$20,000 that will not be set aside this year for property taxes, and that the board designated for use during the August meeting. I've pasted in the August board notes, and the red is my update on spending:

a. Restore \$2,000 to the membership committee account for membership appreciation expenses (Membership budget class, misc. expenses account)

-\$800 was used to take the Visitors Center volunteers to Piqua; \$1200 will be used for the Dec. 6 event

b. Restore \$5,000 to the technology committee account to permit maintenance and upgrade to digital platforms to match the branding guideline previously adopted (MH Operations budget class, computer related costs account);

-\$2,500 will be used to upgrade the mobile site (invoice pending) and \$2,500 on the regular site (\$1,500 paid so far)

c. Restore \$3,500 to the marketing committee to permit the visitor marketing programs to be fully funded (MH Operations budget class, misc. expenses account)

-executed a special offer to package six Experience Columbus publications for a total spend of \$3,303 (invoice pending)

d. Restore \$5,000 to the consulting fees account to allow the search for an Historic Preservation Officer and for an initial contract in 2012 for an Historic Preservation Officer (MH Operations budget class, consulting fees account)

-this will likely accrue to the 2013 budget – much talk and consideration and research are underway on our HP priority list, but the spending won't start in 2012

e. Restore \$4,500 to the historic preservation committee account to maintain education programming and Columbus tour groups and affinity group

-\$50 for Experience Columbus meeting planners meeting hosted at MH/\$1,000 Group Tours Counsel for Exp Cols membership/\$770=ad in the 2012-13 winter tour guide/\$958.50= on the Experience Columbus tourism map for 2013, balance to accrue to 2013

Please sign up for a shift in the Visitors Center during Village Lights! This is a great way to support the business community and to meet visitors to our community. Shifts are one hour each so you can enjoy the evening yourself: 6-7 p.m., 7-8 p.m., 8-9 p.m., 9-10 p.m.

Shiloh Todorov, Director



German Village Society
Financial Highlights for November 2012
Nick Cavalaris, Treasurer

11/3/12

This report highlights certain items of the attached financial reports that are presented to the GVS board each month. Please note this report is intended to serve as the November 2012 report. The balances in this report are as of November 1, 2012 and reflect reconciled balances to the last available bank statement. The 2013 Budget has been finalized by the Executive Director and it will be presented to the Finance Committee on November 10, 2012 for approval and recommendation to the Board at the Board's November meeting.

1. Balance Sheet (attached):

Total Operations Bank Account Balances:	\$171,435.47
Board Designated Funds Balance:	\$362,136.26
Designated Checking Balance:	\$103,931.56
Perm. Restricted Funds Account Balance:	\$138,194.25
(accounts receivable and inventory)	
Total Balance of GVS Bank Accounts:	<u>\$775,797.54</u>

2. 2012 Operational Budget vs. Actual Reports including Variance by Month (attached)

To: Parks, Public Spaces and Community Events Committee

From: Katharine Moore, October 3, 2012

Ode to Joy, A Bicentennial Celebration of Schiller Park

Our weekend long event, *Ode to Joy, A Bicentennial Celebration of Schiller Park*, commemorated the park's place in Columbus history, the stirring words of Schiller, the splendor of the last movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, and the generosity and civic pride of area residents have only become more cherished over time. The September 8 and 9, 2012 events were an official 200 Columbus Bicentennial program, allowing the German Village community to support and celebrate the city's milestone anniversary. The elements of the Bicentennial program were organized around four components:

Enhancements to the Schiller Monument

An Illumination Program

A Dessert and Dancing Party

The all-day Sunday programming for park lovers of all ages

Funding

The Friends of Schiller Park raised \$23,400 for the programming, celebrations, and enhancements to the park. An additional \$3250 has been secured for a Schiller monument sign.

Enhancements to the Schiller Monument

The improvements made include lighting and a new garden, with aspirations for a sign that will tell the story of Schiller's impact on the world and how the magnificent monument came to be placed in the center of our park. The lights required approval from the Columbus Public Art Commission and the German Village Commission. The fixtures were sold to us at cost by Lighting Unlimited, and installed by a contractor paid by the City of Columbus. The garden was designed by Dave Holloway and Paul Soehnen, with plant material provided at wholesale by Keller Farms. The Recreation and Parks Department delivered a load of mulch to Keller Farms, which they put into a mobile unit that blows mulch in and brought over to the site, saving us hours and hours of volunteer labor.

An Illumination Program

The Saturday evening celebration was magnificent! The Honorary Greg Lashutka served as master of ceremonies and the program opened with a solo performance by Vienna-based baritone Otoniel Gonzaga. Greg did a wonderful job of framing the historical significance of the park, and Alan McKnight made a presentation that paid tribute to the partnership between Recreation and Parks and The Friends of Schiller Park. Actors' Theater of Columbus' Artistic

Director John Kuhn recited Ode to Joy (using a translation done for the occasion by Liese Kuehn) and the Harmony Project's 100 voices were just smashing when they sang *We are Family*, *Shed a Little Light*, and *I Call Columbus Home*. Stilt walkers from The Amazing Giants Dance Troupe led guests to the Schiller promenade. Greg Lushtka introduced Kristyn Hartman, WBNS 10 TV news anchor, who invited Otto Maroscher to recite several of Schiller's epigrams in German, and John Kuhn to translate them in English. Ms. Hartman then invited a dozen or so Frank Fetch award recipients to lead the crowd in a count down to the lighting. 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2,...and TA DA: the lights came on and the bells began to play the last movement of Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*. What seemed to be a perfect moment grew with the emotional impact of several hundred people humming along with the bells...and then...the most perfect "V" formation of Canadian geese imaginable decided to take a role in the celebration and flew over the monument ! The Columbus Maennerchor then sang Ode to Joy in the language it was written in, and a fire dancer from the Amazing Giants performed in the distance with Schiller Pond as a back drop. What city has ever had a more magical bicentennial program?! The members of the Harmony Project and Columbus Maennerchor were hosted at a dessert reception following the event.

Dessert & Dancing on Deshler *NOT!*

A weather forecast on Thursday of 80% certainty of all day showers on Saturday forced the committee to relocate the dessert party from Deshler Avenue to the Meeting Haus. The party had been plugged in to early plans for the weekend as a placeholder, should a fundraiser be needed to meet the matching fund requirements placed on the grant allocated by Chase Bank. Happily the funds were raised from other sources, and the party was developed with an affordable price point that allowed Friends of Schiller to raise awareness of the group and to provide the sort of "community celebration" German Villagers expect (that's code for adult beverages, beautiful decorations, and great music). Eight restaurants contributed desserts, Vintage Wines provided sparkling wine, and the dancing carried on till midnight.

Sunday in Schiller for Park Lovers of all Ages

On Sunday , September 9 the celebration continued with a community picnic and a concert by the All People Band. St. Mary School Eighth Graders served as ambassadors and welcomed guests into the park. A living history program was produced at eight stations around the park and included a tribute to the 2 years the Ohio State Fair was held on the grounds, complete with a pie baking contest, ambassador animals from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, a homage to the Oktoberfests produced in the park in the late 1960's by the German Village Business Men's Association, The Columbus Maennerchor performing just as they have for almost a century and a half, the Columbus Clipper's Baseball historian and a representative from the Ohio Historical Society's Muffins baseball team with a terrific display of memorabilia and endless stories of significant games played in the park, the wee ones that make up the Columbus Kinderkorps singing at the Umbrella Girl Foundation, the story of the planting of the Peace Oak tree, and Actors' Theatre performing works to showcase their 30 years in Schiller Park.

When the living history program concluded, a scavenger hunt was launched. A dozen teams chased clues around the park in search of answers, the age of an historic tree, a photo, a rubber ducky, and a rubbing of a quote from Schiller's works. All 82 participants went away with treats from Cheryl's Cookies, and two teams took home \$200 each in Dine Originals gift certificates (because we flubbed the presentation and handed over the first place prize to the second place family!).

Photographer Larry Hamill perched on a lift 40 feet in the air and snapped a Bicentennial edition of the traditional German Village Family portrait, and those who smiled and said "cheese" on cue were rewarded with an ice cream social hosted by Jeni's Splendid Ice Cream, while the amazing Columbus Calliope Company provided the perfect soundtrack for the grand finale of *Ode to Joy, A Bicentennial Celebration of Schiller Park*.

Parks, Public Spaces, and Community Events

This committee was invaluable for both the planning and execution stages of the event! The whole idea came from **Connie Swain's** BIG thinking and was shaped by **Ann Lilly's** West Virginia brand of farsightedness and prudence. The **German Village Garten Club** decorated the fence around the Schiller monument and made 9 tents available for the Sunday program, the **Huntington Garden Dead Headers** put luminaria in the garden for the illumination program, **Jerry Glick** dreamed up the Columbus Zoo collaboration (one of the big hits on Sunday!), **Actors' Theatre** made the Amphitheatre available, provided the amazing voice of John Kuhn, and the 20 actors who brought the stories of the park alive with their vignettes at the Living history stations...from the carnival barker at the state fair to strolling characters on the carriage path; the **Arboretum Fund** tied ribbons and signs on historic trees, and taught participants to date trees during the scavenger hunt. **Carol Mullinax** provided research, script preparation, and a weekend of manual labor. The **Grace Highfield Garden Endowment Fund** made a \$1,000 contribution to Schiller's Garden, **St. Mary Church** brought their Carillion company to the table to provide the magic behind the bells playing the final movement of Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*, and **St. Mary School** provided the Hospitality Patrol with its Eighth Grade Ambassadors. **Sara McNealey** served on the Dessert & Dancing Host Committee, The **Recreation and Parks Department** partnered with us every step of the way on the project, **Sarah Irvin Clark** kept the Board of Trustees in the loop on the development of the program over a year's time, provided PR support, recruited the Muffins to participate even though the team was playing out of town, and returned the rented generator the day after the whole shebang, when everyone else had hit the wall. **Shiloh Todorov** utilized all available communication vehicles to promote the event, made arrangements for the Meeting Haus to be available for the last minute venue shift of the dessert party, and provided all sorts of documentation (on the craziest down-to-the-wire deadline situations you have ever witnessed!) required for the grant applications submitted.

I was on hand for the creation of this committee a decade or so ago, and believe me when I tell you this is a level of collaboration we didn't know how to dream of at the time!

Friends of Schiller Park

October 2012

Report to the Parks, Public Spaces and Community Events Committee

Ode to Joy, A Bicentennial Celebration of Schiller Park

Still to do:

Final reports to the foundations that provided funding with three hours of Jody Graichen's help

Thank you notes from Shiloh Todorov

Converting the living history scripts into a Schiller Park tour

Posting the Scavenger Hunt on line

Finalizing the budget figures for the Board of Trustees

Documenting the program for the German Village Society's annual Meeting

Finalize the plans for the sign at the Schiller Monument, make application for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the German Village Commission, and raise the balance of funds needed.

Playground Update

Kathy Spatz surprised herself with the unanticipated success of a grant application! An additional 40% can be added to her budget for replacing the large play unit in Schiller Park, if she can act by December 31. The City's contract process may prove to be impossible to complete in time, but we gave her the green light to develop a plan using Gametime equipment (from the catalog that garnered the most response from this committee last month).

When we last met

I was called away to help the Recreation and Parks Department's carpenter organize the installation of the replacement bench plaques. The benches were not in the places indicated on our extensively researched and carefully plotted map. Despite a spirited argument to the contrary, the benches that were removed for painting along the promenade were put back out of order. I confirmed the placement of all other dedications with the staff, and left the promenade benches to Bert Stevens to sort out. Ann Lilly has updated one version of the map with the changes, but I need to go into the Recreation and Parks Department Planning office and have the file versions revised. Donors are very pleased with the new plaques, and fingers are crossed that the uber attachments hold against any effort to remove them.

Schiller Lighting

The light fixtures needed a timer added to the system and there has been some kind of interruption of power. I have been in touch with Craig Seeds and Molly O'Donnell about these items. I am feeling very pressed to identify the problem with the power ASAP, as it may have been caused by the Obama crew and if so, we MUST follow up with them so it can be documented and repaired while the campaign organization is still in place.

Speaking of the President...

He dropped in on September 17, 2012! It was a thrilling addition to the list of historic occasions in the park. Friends of Schiller Park organized the distribution of 800 tickets for the campaign rally, if you can call P. Susan Sharrock "Friends of Schiller Park." As a follow up I sent an email to everyone who requested tickets calling their attention to our good fortune to have a magnificent enough park to attract the President of the United States and urging them to sign on as A Friend of Schiller Park.

Administrative

I have submitted budget numbers for 2013, contributed data for the annual meeting and the German Village Society's Annual Report, met with Lindy Michael about her fundraising aspirations and plans, and am scheduled to attend a training session for German Village Society committee chairs later this month.

Marathon Party

The Friends of Schiller Park will host a Nationwide Marathon party in the picnic area on October 21.

Going Forward

My hope is to organize The Friends of Schiller Park to meet monthly, with maintenance and advocacy as the proprieties. The Schiller monument has been evaluated by a conservator contracted by the Columbus Public Art Commission and was found to be a poor condition, the amphitheater has a serious water and mold issue and CAN NOT be allowed to deteriorate further, the umbrella girl fountain stone is crumbling for the second time in 15 years and must be replaced with granite, and the balance of park benches and trash cans need to be painted. None of this is the "fun stuff" and fundraising needs are great and capacity for managing them quite low, but the right mix of committee members around a table once a month could make all of the difference needed.

Committee:	Board Chair/Rep:	Meeting Date:
GVBC	Greg Gamier	10/09/2012
Number of Attendees:	New Members?:	
15		
Executive Summary:		
Small group this month. Heard from our newest members at Boss Fitness about what they will be offering. Discussed the upcoming plans for Village Lights on December 2 nd .		
Meeting Objectives/Highlights:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Request for staff time or Volunteers? ➤ Financial Resources? ➤ Issues or concerns that require consideration by the Board or staff for possible response or action with timeline included		
Next Steps:		

GVS Development Committee Meeting Minutes, October 23, 2012

1. Fundraising/Event Planning position - Shiloh reported that interviews will be conducted next Friday November 2nd. She hoped to have someone on board by November 12 – the first meeting of Haus & Garten committee.

2. Visitor Center re-designs - Sarah Benson reported that Continental Office was going to present some ideas as to a reconfiguration and remodeling of the visitors' center in the next week or two. We then will need to get a consensus on the scope of the project and cost. Can use that mainly for corporate solicitations.

3. Corporate contacts - We have had some success in our efforts. We are preparing a grant request from Honda. Deadline is Nov. 30th and Beth Irvin discovered this opportunity. Jody Graichen is working on this. In discussions with 5/3 we believe that their funding criteria don't match our mission and needs very well. We are following up with the Limited and others. Some of these requests need input from the new funding person and also some better developed materials on the exact nature of what we are trying to accomplish with the visitors' center or other plans/goals.

4. Individual donors - David Boothby had volunteered to review the Preservation Circle to determine who was still in the program. David is also interested in serving on the committee.

5. Membership Drive - the membership committee will continue with the annual membership renewal drive. We reviewed some sample letters developed to spark interest in increased levels of giving.

6. Chair of Development Committee - Dennis Brandon has agreed to assume the chair of the development committee. We are excited about that position and welcome him to this leadership of the group.

Submitted by Mike Yarbrough, Chair, 10.24.12

Committee:	Board Chair/Rep:	Meeting Date:
Technology Committee	Roy Bieber Brian Santin Shiloh Todorov	
Number of Attendees:		New Members?:
Executive Summary:		
<p>The Committee has been steady at work in developing the new look for germanvillage.com which is set to launch within the next week. We have actively listened to the responses from the member survey and coordinated the development of the new website to function at a more optimal level for visitors. As always, we are certainly open to continued feedback regarding the new site.</p>		
Meeting Objectives/Highlights:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Request for staff time or Volunteers? ➤ Financial Resources? ➤ Issues or concerns that require consideration by the Board or staff for possible response or action with timeline included 		
Next Steps:		

Meeting Minutes – Historic Preservation Committee – October 18, 2012

Attendees: Shiloh Todorov, Russ Arledge, Ned Thiel, Jeff Jaynes, Lisa Case, Bill Case, Jay Panzer, Bill Curlis, Hilary Wilson, Dave Randall, Jaime Weilbacher, Chair Chris Hune

Meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Hune.

The meeting began with the question “Why are you a part of the Historic Preservation Committee?” The purpose is to gain insight into the interests and to keep members engaged in activities as we move forward and begin discussions for 2013 goals. Example comments ranged from as follows:

“I like old buildings”

“It’s important for our culture to see where we have been - a sense of place- supporting the trends of GVS”

“It’s a part of our history - be a part of the protection our properties”

The discussion was very enlightening as some saw themselves as “old souls” and others felt privileged to be a part of this historic community.

Projects:

Updates were given by Ned Thiel on the upcoming renovation workshop scheduled for October 21st and the November 11th workshop on maintenance and repair.

Oral Histories is moving forward with a few more interviews they would like to complete prior to the debut on December 6th for the member appreciation reception to be held at the Grange Audabon Center.

Russ is continuing with the digitizing project along with a volunteer to continue to document all the archives.

HP Values Statement:

Chris provided copies of the most recent HP Values Statement approved by the GVS Board that had been presented to the GVC in 2009. It had been determined that we need to continue this practice and discussion was held as to what should be included in this statement that is timely and relevant. A large portion of the discussion stemmed from the recent concern of some neighbors on approval of certain renovations and how we can provide a mechanism for our members to have dialogue with our appointed commission members. This discussion and topics will be continued at next month’s meeting when committee members have a chance to review.

Next meeting is November 15, 2012 at 6 p.m.

German Village Society Long Range Planning Committee Minutes from 10/11/12 Meeting

1. Southside School Update

- 2nd Meeting was very productive with no drop off in turn out from the 1st meeting
- We had guest speakers including teachers in the Columbus School System and parents who have recently gone through the voucher process
- Guest teacher led us through a discussion of how to understand and evaluate the state wide report cards which summarize the performance of each school
- Guest parents led us through a discussion of how best to utilize the voucher process currently available to residents of Columbus and what criteria must be met to be eligible for one of these vouchers
- Discussed the updated design proposed for Stewart School
- Discussed ideal grades that Stewart should include in our eyes
- We also discussed the most recent German Village Commission Meeting in regards to Stewart
- Attached are the minutes from the meeting

2. Transportation Project

- The city is working on passing a citywide bike program for the benefit of all neighborhoods around downtown
- If this proposal goes through should we go back and discuss one of the other ideas for GV transportation that we had previously?
- We are going to table this this topic until next month so we can see what happens with the citywide project

3. Village Connections Update

- Website is live!
- Village Connections now has a cell phone for information. The number is 614-226-6567
- Working to distribute a newsletter twice a month
- Two representatives will be heading to Atlanta to the National Villages Convention at the end of the October

4. CORA

- Still looking for interested people in meeting with neighborhood business to create a best practices template for future openings

5. Go Green

- Working with Jordanne Renner to get this group back off the ground!
- We are going to check with Brian Santin and Crystal Seamon to see if they have any documentation

6. Open Discussion on New Ideas

- Strategic planning session from the Board will happen in January
- We hope to have some more ideas for exciting projects to work on then!

Matthew Eshelbrenner, Chair

Membership Committee (MC) Meeting Oct. 10, 2012

Welcome members

*Attended: Sid Druen, Rita Marker, Linda Gorsuch, Jeanne Likins, Russ Arledge, Stef Martt
Those who replied that could not attend: Theresa Weidenbusch, Jo Plunkett, Dave Ross,
P.Susan Schrock, Judy Kaplansky, Pam Bergeron, Bert Stevens, Susan Sutherland*

2011-2012 successes

MC commended on exceeding budget and hard work from previous year. Final numbers from 2011-12 reviewed. Thanks to Russ for his work with new software. Discussion on use of new database software will enhance efforts of M.C. Ex: email and U.S. mail letters generated on memberships ready to expire and overdue memberships.

New Business

-Marketing/Membership video shown from GVS website detailing reasons to become GVS members. Members pleased with result.. Video can be see on GVS Website under "Membership"

-Annual Membership Campaign 2012-2013

Discussed Annual campaign to launch Nov. 1, 2012. Printed materials being reviewed and edited. Website ready for members to pay on-line.

-Current methods done by Membership Committee

Susan Sutherland continues to get list of new homeowners from Board of Realtors.

Recently 35+ letters sent to this list. Plan to follow-up on these letters.

Create Objectives and Goals for 2012-13

-Use budgeted money for a Membership Brochure; there is none right now.

-Review printed materials used for obtaining new GVS members. Edit to shorten and make bullet points of benefits as GVS member

-Pursue methods to procure memberships from those outside GVS boundaries

-Continue phone calls to "overdue" memberships

-Discover methods to reach landlords (possibly via county auditor listings)then provide printed materials for their tenants

-Discover ways to work with GVBC to reach non-members (Business coupons, etc.??)

-Continue to ID non-members and outreach efforts

-Plan for FU on all letters sent to "New Neighbors" list initiated from Board of Realtors

-Expand MC by seeking new members through "new Neighbors" list, PROBST group and "Neighbor Reps" who are not on MC

-Continue to work with Development Committee to expand membership/annual giving

-Continue New Members Appreciation Events.

Submitted by Stefanie Martt

10-12-12

German Village Society

2012 GVS Budget Variance by Class

January - December 2012

	Monster Bash	
	Actual	Budget
Income		
Admission/Event Income	10,562.45	9,350.00
Advertising Income		
Contributions	1,045.00	100.00
Grants		
In-Kind Donations		150.00
Interest Income		
Membership Dues - GVS		
Membership Dues -GVBC		
Merchandise Income		
Miscellaneous Income	506.45	
Rental Income		
Sponsorship		
Tour Income		
Transfers In		
Total Income	\$ 12,113.90	\$ 9,600.00
Gross Profit	\$ 12,113.90	\$ 9,600.00
Expenses		
Accounting Expense		
Advertising	266.00	100.00
Audit Fees		
Bank/Credit Card Fees	413.35	650.00
Computer Related Costs		
Consulting Fees		
Equipment Rental	100.00	400.00
Food/Beverages	1,053.43	450.00
Gifts & Awards		75.00
In-Kind Expense		150.00
License/Fees/Permits	190.00	150.00
Meeting Haus Cleaning		
Meeting Haus Groundskeeping		
Miscellaneous Expense	250.00	325.00
Payroll Processing		
Payroll Taxes		
Postage	176.00	
Printing/Signage		250.00
Property & D/O Insurance		400.00
Repairs & Maintenance		100.00
Salaries/Wages		
Security	320.00	
Storage		
Supplies	184.87	
Transportation/Towing		
Utilities		

Total Expenses	\$	2,953.65	\$	3,050.00
Net Operating Income	\$	9,160.25	\$	6,550.00
Other Income				
Contributions - Other				
Total Other Income	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Other Expenses				
Deferred Gain/Loss Investments				
Real Estate Tax				
Transfers out				
Total Other Expenses	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Net Other Income	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Net Income	\$	9,160.25	\$	6,550.00

Tuesday, Nov 06, 2012 05:03:54 PM PST GMT-5 - Cash Basis

Parks, Public Spaces & Community Events Committee
Minutes
October 4, 2012

Sara McNealey called the meeting to order at 8:39 am.

Members Present: Sara McNealey, Ann Lilly, Lindy Michael, Jerry Glick, Carol Mullinax, Linda Friedman, Connie Swain, Craig Seeds, Shiloh Todorov, Sarah Irvin Clark.

Ann moved that the minutes be approved and adopted into the record. Connie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Actors' Theatre

Carol reported for Actors' Theatre that the 2012 season has closed and that plans are now being made for the 2013 season. She reminded the committee that the group will be hosting a Madrigal Dinner Fundraiser on December 8. She thanked the German Village Garten Club for donating mums to help landscape the Caretakers Cottage for the Ode to Joy Bicentennial Celebration and advised the committee that there is a chance Chadwick Arboretum may contribute roses to help landscape the cottage.

German Village Garten Club
Friends of Frank Fetch Park

Jerry updated the group on a number of upcoming GVGC events. This includes a wine tasting on October 15 at Barcelona, the Annual Tree Lighting ceremony in Frank Fetch Park on November 31, and a Holiday Gala on December 1 at the Meeting Haus.

He reported that once again the Garten Club will be decorating the boxes along Third Street for the holidays and residents are being offered the chance to support this effort by making a donation to have a tree dedicated to a loved one, friend, or pet.

The clean-up of Frank Fetch Park is scheduled for Saturday, October 27 at 9 am. Jerry thanked Craig for the fact that the city will be picking up the tropical plants and storing them for the winter and assisting with dead tree removal.

Jerry said suggestions have been made by nearby residents to install decorative lighting in Frank Fetch Park. Other neighbors have raised concern about the impact of installing lighting. Jerry reported that some of the decorative lighting already in place in the park is not working. Craig said that he will have the city electrician call Jerry to set up a time to repair these lights.

St. Mary's School

No representative present.

Board Liaison

Sarah reported she is getting ready for Annual Meeting, including presenting PPSCE's report. She said she had heard many compliments regarding the Bicentennial Celebration.

The German Village Society

Shiloh reported that she has been meeting with Ann regarding the amount of information available from community partners for distribution in the Visitors Center. Ann, on behalf of the No Name Committee, suggested a more aggressive outreach to the groups to ask for information regarding upcoming events. One suggestion was to provide the groups with templates to use to provide the Center Visitor with information. Sara asked the No Name committee to discuss how to improve the process and report back.

Shiloh also reported that they are updating the society's web site and mobile site.

Arboretum Fund

Lindy reported that on Oct. 15, thanks to the Arboretum Fund, five to ten new trees will be planted in Schiller Park. If only five trees are planted now, five additional trees will be added in the spring.

Lindy updated the committee on her plans to solicit funds for Arboretum projects this fall. She has coordinated the plans for a letter of solicitation with both Shiloh Todorov and Katharine

It was suggested that for future solicitations, the Arboretum should consider using the Heifer International catalog as a model, where donation levels are defined by exactly how much of a specific item that the donation will cover.

Grace Highfield Garden

Ann reported that it is leaf raking time in Grace's Garden.

Community Garden

Connie reported that the farm is closing down for winter.

Fun Committee

Shiloh reported that the Fun Committee sponsored a table at Oktoberfest and is currently planning an event for holiday celebration.

Huntington Garden

Linda reported that the dead headers are starting to work on putting the garden to bed. She said she supported the planting of rose garden near cottage, but that the Garten Club recommends that the garden not be planted around the perimeter of the cottage, and that instead it be planted in a sunnier place.

Department of Recreation and Parks

Craig advised that the department was very involved in helping President Obama's security team prepare Schiller Park for President's visit.

He reported that there are some problems with lighting in the park, including problems with the new lighting installed for the Schiller Monument. He thought one of the issues had been resolved until Lindy reported that she noticed a section still not working. Craig said he will check the problem out.

He reported that new staff person with expertise with playground equipment is joining the department. Currently there is only one maintenance person for 140 plus playgrounds in Columbus, but the city just sent three people for training and they will soon have a larger team keeping a watch on safety/maintenance.

Connie reported that she believes there is a safety issue on the northeast corner of playground where there is space between the wrought iron and brick post that is large enough for a child to squeeze through. Craig said he will have someone check it out.

The state of the Schiller statue currently is being discussed. A number of years ago a company was hired to repair the statue, but did a substandard job. The city is investigating the best way to clean and repair the statue.

Friends of Schiller

Katharine Moore submitted a written report on the Ode to Joy project (attached).

Connie Swain reported that the City's Art Commission coordinated an assessment of all public art with funding from a grant last year. The evaluation of the Schiller statue noted that it is in poor condition. The firm recommended an immediate waxing as a stop gap measure, but did not provide any detail on the repairs needed. The funds to make repairs were not included in the Recreation and Parks Department's 2012 budget, but there is a meeting later in October with the goal in having the funds included in the 2013 budget. Jeff McNealey is meeting with Alan McKnight on this project.

Also reported was the fact that the Ohio Department of Agriculture conducted its first inspection of bee hive in Frank Fetch Park and it received a stamp of approval.

Old Business

Kathy Spatz, who was made a presentation at last month's meeting regarding adding to playground equipment to Schiller Park, was successful in securing a grant that will add 30% to the project budget. Since the conditions of the grant require immediate action, Katharine gave Kathy the Friends of Schiller support in developing a plan for the new equipment using Gametime equipment and the input provided by the Parks and Public Spaces Committee last month.

New Business

None

Sara reminded the group that the next meeting in at 8:30 am on November 1st. The meeting was adjourned.



November 12, 2012

Monthly Report to the German Village Society Board of Trustees

Submitted by: Russ Arledge, Program and Operations Manager

► October turned out to be a very busy month... starting with the photo exhibit "Then and Now" I created and installed at the Grange Insurance main lobby, featuring historic and current photos of houses and buildings of German Village. The exhibit runs thru December 2012

► On October 5th & 6th Shiloh and I attended the Ohio Local History Alliance Annual Meeting and 2-day conference and workshops which provided an opportunity to network with peers from like organizations around the State of Ohio and attend numerous workshops on a variety of topics.

► The GVS Annual Meeting provided an excellent opportunity to learn what all the various committees have been working on over the last year. My portion of the program was speak briefly on the capabilities of our new database program *PastPerfect*, and how it will be of benefit to the various committees in the future.

► The Historic Preservation's workshop *Renovation 101* was a huge success, with a standing-room only crowd for the program, touching on the various aspects of the process of what it takes to apply for the Certificate of Appropriateness and permits to perform exterior renovation work on a building in German Village.

► One activity that kept everyone busy this month were the 14+ Group Tours given by volunteers and staff, which included Scavenger Hunts, Deluxe Tours, Sights & Sounds Tour, and Standard Tours, both walking and step-on bus tours...

► Speaking of the PastPerfect database... I have been working with new BOT Member and Membership Chair Stef Martt to add additional reporting capability for our Membership Committee.

► The Police Luncheon held on October 25th was well attended. Minutes of the meeting can be found on the cyberblockwatch.com website. The lunch for the officers this month was provided by The Old Mohawk.

► The cyberblockwatch.com website now has 584 registered users. This is a collaborative effort between the German Village Society, Schumacher Place, and the citizens of both neighborhoods.

► During this month a total of 240+ hours was worked/donated by the Visitor Center Volunteers. The hours donated were tracked by the online Volunteer Scheduling program called WhenToHelp.com. We welcomed 603 visitors from Ohio and around the world!

► Also this month... once again GVS, as an official computer recycling drop-off center for the Community Computer Alliance, we have had collected numerous computers, monitors, laptops, printers, cell phones, and fax machines... at last count over 14 van loads of computer equipment have been picked-up at the Meeting Haus... Thanks to all who have contributed!

It's been a busy month... all for now.

Committee:	Board Chair/Rep:	Meeting Date:
Streetscape	Tim Bibler	October 16, 2012
Number of Attendees:		New Members?:
6		
Executive Summary:		
<p>The Committee heard a report about the City’s legal right to control the placement of news box stands. Essentially the City has the right to make reasonable decisions regarding the placement of news box stands, however at this point the City has taken a hands-off approach.</p> <p>A decision regarding the grant from the Joseph A. Jeffrey Endowment Fund for the news corrals should be made in December. Regardless of the outcome of the grant the Committee will work with the owners of the news box stands in an effort to remove those boxes that are not being used.</p> <p>The Committee heard an update on replacing the planters on Third Street. German Village Garden Club is leading the effort to replace the planters and the Streetscape Committee is working with them to achieve that goal. Design work and placement of the planters is almost complete and the goal is to go to the Commission for approval in November.</p> <p>The Committee brainstormed goals for the Streetscape Committee to consider for the next meeting.</p>		
Meeting Objectives/Highlights:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Request for staff time or Volunteers? None ➤ Financial Resources? None. ➤ Issues or concerns that require consideration by the Board or staff for possible response or action with timeline included.		
Next Steps:		
Next Meeting November 20, 2012		

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