

**German Village Society Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2013**

Present: Tim Bibler, Bill Case, Nick Cavalaris, Darci Congrove, Mike Cornelis, Beth Ervin, Chris Hune, Jeanne Likins, Jeff McNealey, Brian Santin.

Absent: Sarah Irvin Clark, Bill Curlis, and Mike Yarbrough.

Others present: Russ Arledge (staff), Pam Bergeron (volunteer and member of the Organizational Development Committee), George Tabit and Maude Hill (Homeport), and Elise Wyant (staff) .

At 6:01 PM President Bill Case called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present (estimated at about 75 community members) from Marion and German Villages and Schumacher Place.

Public Participation

Mr. George Tabit, Homeport Vice President for Real Estate Development, made a brief presentation about this non-profit organization, and its current plans for the future of the Barrett Middle School property. Maude Hill, the Vice President for Community and Government Relations, also attended.

There was 45 mins. of questions and answers with interested community members.

There will be a community forum on July 31st 6:30 – 8:00 PM at the Village Community Church (415 Thurman Ave., kitty corner from the Barrett site). Additional information will be available then and there will be time for more questions.

Mr. Tabit noted that the three nearby associations (Merion and German Villages and Schumacher Place) all have committed to help get the word out about this special meeting. Everyone is urged to attend to learn more and to offer ideas and suggestions.

Two months ago, Mr. Tabit noted, the Columbus Board of Education approved a contract (\$2.6 million, based on market comps) for Homeport to purchase the Barrett Middle School property.

Homeport has been reaching out to meet with folks in the neighborhoods around this property to share Homeport's preliminary plans and to seek input and feedback from those who live in German and Merion Villages as well as Schumacher Place. This property sits in the midst of these three communities. Citizen engagement and support is important Mr. Tabit emphasized.

Mr. Tabit noted, though, that the property has NOT been purchased yet. A purchase agreement for the Columbus Board of Education to sell the property to Homeport was completed just last week. Mr. Tabit pointed out that this purchase agreement process took longer than expected. Homeport did not feel it could start the more robust public discussion process until this purchase agreement was finalized.

Mr. Tabit shared that there is a due diligence process which Homeport will implement over the next year. This will determine whether or not Homeport will proceed with this proposed purchase. The due diligence process includes exploring the proper zoning for this property, which requires a contract to be in place to proceed.

Mr. Tabit responded to lots of questions from the audience of approximately 75 people. He noted that while one of Homeport's lines of business is affordable home support, this is not what Homeport is proposing to do with the Barrett School property. Homeport believes there is strong market interest in this location and wants to provide market rate housing there.

Concern was expressed that this property could be used for low income housing. Some of those present outlined their concern in terms of the impact of that on the surrounding properties' values and on the residents.

Mr. Tabit emphasized that there are no plans for HUD operations subsidies or Section 8 housing or anything like that. He shared that Homeport has been around for 25 years. Homeport provides services such as housing counseling and support, educational programs for kids after school, neighborhood block watches, etc., and real estate activities (sales and rental). Homeport is seeking market rate projects to help continue their mission to provide both affordable and low income housing.

Mr. Tabit noted repeatedly that subsidized or low income housing was not intent of this Homeport project. Homeport does not seek to do any kind of subsidized or low income housing with the Barrett School property. He commented that the purchase price is too costly to do any kind of subsidized real estate with this property.

Homeport has a history of working in historic areas Mr. Tabit stated. This includes using federal historic tax credits to facilitate the adaptive re-use of historic buildings while employing the Secretary of the Interior's preservation standards.

In clarifying about the provisions for the use of federal historic tax credits, Mr. Tabit noted that there are no income restrictions to use historic federal tax credits. Twenty percent of the cost of the project is given back to the owner as a tax credit when the criterion for receiving these tax credits is met.

Historic tax credits are not, however, low income or subsidized housing credits. Mr. Tabit also pointed out that this funding is regularly used for historic property re-development, such as this, provided the renovation meets the Interior Secretary's historic preservation standards.

Some attendees expressed concern about the scale of the project and the materials that might be used. There were questions about the proportion of rental compared to owner occupied units, what the pricing would be, and the number of units likely to be created.

Additional concerns included parking, traffic flow and possible congestion, as well as the effect the rent for these units might have on current homeowners' property values.

In response to questions, Mr. Tabit replied that there might be perhaps 50 housing units, depending on the specific plans yet to be developed, for this property. He pointed out that the due diligence process has just begun so many details, such as size, type, and prices of units are not yet known.

In response to a question about whether any of this six acre property might be torn down, Mr. Tabit pointed out that the whole Barrett School property is on the historic register. Some attendees expressed their dislike for the comparatively recent addition to the original historic building, saying that they hope it might be removed with any future re-development of the site.

In response to a question, it was noted that the German Village Society does not have any role in decision making with this project. The Society is a charitable, non-profit organization devoted to historic preservation education and advocacy.

The purpose of tonight's meeting was to provide an opportunity for those interested to learn more about this project and to offer ideas or suggestions or express concerns to Homeport.

Mr. Tabit expressed interest in signing a good neighbor agreement, in response to another question. This agreement should be incorporated into final contracts to give it "teeth" for enforcement should there be problems or concerns later, noted a board member.

There will be a website with more information Mr. Tabit announced. This should be available on line tomorrow at www.barrettredevelopment.com.

Secretary's Report

MOTION

To approve the June 10, 2013 German Village Society's Meeting Minutes

Motion offered by Secretary Jeanne Likins, Brian Santin seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Staff Reports

Elise Wyant (Visitorism Assistant) noted that there are lots of tours this month. For instance, she has been working with Trustee Beth Ervin of Experience Columbus to arrange tours of several homes and gardens for ten groups of writers and editors from national garden publications who are visiting this month.

Russ Arledge (Program and Operations Manager) commented that he attended Barrett School and then noted it was the original South High School.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nick Cavalaris presented his standard three monthly reports for July 2013.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

President Bill Case noted that all board members were active with Haus and Garten Tour week-end before last. He thanked everyone who worked so hard to make this a successful event, the Society's largest fundraiser.

Vice President Darci Congrove, board liaison to Haus and Garten and Pre-Tour gave these highlights which were completed today and not in time for inclusion with the board packet of reports:

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY JULY 2013 BOARD MEETING – HAUS & GARTEN COMMITTEE REPORT

10 HOUSES, 3 GARDENS, 1 LANDMARK, 1 "bonus stop", 22 DINNERS, 1 PARTY ON THE PLATZ =

1 AMAZING WEEKEND!

Preliminary Facts & Figures

Sunday ticket sales 2013 vs. 2012 were up.

Giant Eagle ticket sales were \$13,820! This replaced the online half-price promotions through Groupon and Living Social, which totaled \$8K in 2012.

Autobahn (fast-pass) tickets = \$5,000+

Golf cart rentals = \$3,000

Raffle ticket sales = \$2,300+

454 individual paid tickets at PreTour = \$57,000+

Total attendees at PreTour (sponsors, homeowners, hosts, paid tickets) = 645 people

Significant expenses donated as in-kind: cocktail party drinks, food, Party on the Platz catering, volunteer appreciation party food, artists' lunches, informational cocktail parties for homeowners and PreTour hosts, flowers, beer, paper products, wine, tents for Marketplatz, etc.

Advertising coverage in *The Columbus Dispatch* = \$19,708 promotional value (print only – 10TV PSA's are separate)

Huge thanks to the committee!

Darci noted that when there are solid numbers, since some details including expenses are still outstanding, the committee will get the information to the board and then out to the larger community.

Thanks to the co-chairs Kristyn and Chris Hartman, who did a great job, Darci reported.

President Case noted that this year's tour was an especially good collection of homes. Darci pointed out that Kristyn's goal was to showcase the variety of homes and the diversity of home owners in German Village and, she definitely accomplished her goal. There have been lots of nice compliments about the tour in general and the nice variety of homes and gardens in particular.

Darci also reminded everyone that Shiloh and Tanya worked diligently on the fund raising components of this landmark annual event and had excellent success.

Their efforts generated more funds, increased contribution amounts from prior supporters or sponsors, and laid the seeds for future supporters and sponsors whose budgets were already set for 2013 when they were solicited for this year's sponsorship but who are expected to be significantly engaged with the German Village Society in 2014.

There was no Technology Committee Report from Brian Santin, Chair of the Technology Committee. Brian did note that this committee is asking for suggestions from all Society committees on how best it might be helpful in providing information to the community about the range of activities and services available via the Society's website.

Civic Relations

Nelson Genshaft, Chair of Civic Relations, submitted a written report.

There was a wide ranging discussion about parking, including restricted permit only parking, in German Village and its effects on residents, businesses, and visitors.

German Village has long sought to foster a balance between traditional modes of getting around. Now German Village needs to evaluate how to adapt to these new modes of transportation while continuing to foster a healthy balance as needs and circumstances evolve.

For instance, larger cities across the United States are seeing a move away from private cars toward more and different modes of getting around in cities. This includes walking, biking, buses, mass and light transit, as well as new initiatives for people to be able to rent a bike and rent a car for brief trips within downtown areas. Columbus is presently engaged exploring such new options in the downtown areas. In the meantime, though, parking is a growing concern in many places.

For those concerned about safety, it was pointed out that the best determinant to crime is an active street "scene". This includes people using a variety of methods to get around as well as the activities and movements of local businesses and their customers.

The current process for seeking restricted parking includes, in part, the city conducting a survey of the parking area in question. This includes analyzing the license plates of those who park in the proposed area during various times. When the criteria specified by the city are met, and after an application is reviewed and endorsed by the Traffic Commission, a restricted parking area can be created.

Director Shiloh Todorov and some volunteer German Village leaders have been in discussion with city parking officials. In addition, Shiloh has been following the parking crisis in the Short North, hoping to foster support from the city and all downtown and/or historic neighborhoods for a more effective parking plan.

Trustee Tim Bibler has been involved in some of these conversations with Shiloh and City officials. He noted that the German Village Society already has asked the city for a moratorium on issuing restricted parking permits so a broader plan could be developed.

Many people believe it would be useful for the city to think about these issues in a broad way and, before things get to the level of straining relationships in more neighborhoods between residents, businesses and visitors.

There is an additional complicating variable when the city issues many more permits than there are spaces in a given area. Just recently the Dispatch reported that ten times as many parking permits as available spaces had been issued in areas in the Short North.

In addition to pushing a parking issue from one area into others, restricted parking areas also make it difficult or impossible for German Villagers and their guests to park elsewhere in the neighborhood. This could also negatively affect the area's vibrant businesses, which have long been integral to the fabric of German Village.

These concerns are growing since there presently are six restricted parking permit requests in process with the City, Tim noted. A moratorium could give all parties a chance to be more planful and to try to accommodate more of everyone's needs. Tim mentioned that there is another meeting scheduled in mid-July with all the city transportation folks again which he and Shiloh will attend.

One focus of the board's discussion was to try to identify the appropriate role for the German Village Society. The city has suggested that the German Village Society convene a committee to work with individuals to discuss their restricted parking requests prior to requesting such from the city.

There is concern that this approach could require the Society to take sides in support of some neighbors and businesses and in opposition to others. In addition, the Society feels the city needs to have a more global or comprehensive approach to parking issues in various neighborhoods.

Another discussion focus centered on the value for the City to adopt a community-wide perspective with parking rather than creating a variety of restricted parking areas in a patchwork manner across German Village and other downtown neighborhoods. This approach just pushes the issue into adjacent blocks, pitting one area against another.

It was agreed that a decision about the Society's role could not be defined during this meeting. Further, it is essential that Shiloh is involved as the Director.

Whatever the Society decides it should do, if anything, the leadership and hard work on this issue has to be volunteer driven with input and support from the staff board members agreed. There is concern, though, that if the German Village Society doesn't do anything, the situation may well get worse and create long term issues for many years ahead.

The Civic Relations Committee next meets on July 23. This will be an agenda topic and the board will await their recommendations.

President Case urged board members to go and participate in this conversation. It was requested that the standard package the city sends out to those interested in permit parking should be requested for German Village review. Tim agreed to request this.

Development

There was not a written report from Dennis Brandon, Chair of the Development Committee, because June's meeting was canceled due to its proximity to Tour.

Finance

There was not a written report from Nick Cavalaris, Chair of the Finance Committee.

Nick did note that the Finance Committee met June 8 and discussed the cash handling procedures for the Haus and Garten Tour events. The goal was to improve efficiency and accountability.

Nick pointed out that the Society's investment returns continue to increase the total amount of these funds, which is good news.

The Finance Committee also reviewed how the \$15,000 the board has authorized for the APA program in terms of how this new initiative might affect the Society's budget. The Finance Committee believes this program doesn't present any issue to the Society's operating budget.

Aug. 10 is next Finance Committee meeting.

Trustee Jeff McNealey raised the question about whether the Society's \$103,000 or so in its "rainy day fund", presently in the Chase savings account, should be invested for a higher rate of return. He pointed out that the Society's Meeting Haus Maintenance and Maintenance Funds were moved to Huntington Bank for investing, per the recommendation of the Finance Committee to the board, and these other funds were not invested there.

Trustee Darci Congrove pointed out that the German Village Society Board of Trustees held these funds in short term investment vehicles in case the funds were needed at that time for unsettled matters such as to pay the property taxes for the Meeting Haus should there not have been a settlement with the Columbus Board of Education or, if the Society was not granted the sought for and subsequently received property tax exemption.

Darci also noted that the amount of these funds was less then because the funds have since grown. There was a consensus that if these funds are not all needed as short term money, they could earn a better rate of return elsewhere. If invested, the Society still would be able to get its funds if needed with just a few days advance notice.

It was agreed that a small group should evaluate the situation and make a recommendation to the board, hopefully at the August 12, 2013 board meeting. Names suggested included Treasurer Nick Cavalaris, former GVS Treasurer Roy Bieber, Director Shiloh Todorov, and Secretary Jeanne Likins.

The charge to this working group: to determine the German Village Society's need for a rainy day fund, an appropriate size and use for such a fund, as well as investment recommendations, with a report at next month's board meeting.

German Village Business Committee

Greg Gamier, Chair, submitted a written report. Elise Wyant, who provides administrative support to the German Village Business Community, noted that this group meets tomorrow at 9:00 AM at the Meeting Haus.

Historic Preservation

Chris Hune, Chair of the Historic Preservation Committee, did not have a written report, as June's meeting was canceled due to its proximity to Tour.

Reminder: Thurs., July 18th 6:00 PM at the Meeting Haus is this group's next meeting. The agenda is to discuss the recent concerns of some German Village Society members and residents regarding the German Village Guidelines as utilized by the German Village Commission.

This will include an overview about how these guidelines were originally crafted and have been revised over the years, the role of the community in devising, revising and supporting the guidelines, etc. President Case urged board members to attend to participate in this important discussion, if possible.

Trustee Tim Bibler pointed out that there was not a Streetscape Sub-Committee Report since this working group is now part of the Historic Preservation Committee. There was agreement that Streetscape will not continue as a separate agenda item as a result.

In response to several inquiries, Tim noted that the city's UIRF grants (one of which is for the next phase of the Third Street Master Plan) were offered for the first time in at least five years in 2013. Tim reported that he has heard some conflicting information about whether or when UIRF grants may be available in the future. This is a question which needs to be clarified.

Long Range Planning

Matt Eshelbrenner, Chair of Long Range Planning, submitted a written report.

Marketing

Beth Ervin, Chair, Marketing Committee, did not have a report.

Membership

There was not a report from the Membership Committee. This committee is seeking a new chair or co-chairs since Stef Mart is transitioning out of this role, effective later this summer.

Organizational Development

Jeanne Likins, Chair of the Organizational Development Committee, submitted a written report. She noted that there were not any petitioners to be added to the German Village Society's Board of Trustees election ballot.

The Election Committee has been appointed and will be working to compile the items for the election mailing, which should be within the next week or two. Ballots must be returned within three weeks of the date when mailed to members.

Parks, Public Spaces and Community Events

Sara McNealey, Chair of the Parks, Public Spaces and Community Events Committee, did not submit a written report.

Old Business

Trustee Darci Congrove, representing the German Village Guest House, the sponsor of TEA 43206 Two Hundred for Tea, announced that save the date reminder postcards went out this week. TEA 43206 is Sat., Aug. 17 4 -7 PM, at the German Village Guest Haus. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit the Society's Fund for Historic Preservation, a designated account for use only for this purpose.

Darci noted that the event this year is limited to 225 people given the space constraints. There were slightly more than 200 attendees last year. Darci also shared that she has begun getting sponsorships and is pleased to accept other sponsorships, silent auction donations, etc.

The night before, Friday, August 16 is the kick off to Preservation Week-End with a special event that evening, as was done last year. There is a combined ticket price for supporting both events. Darci's message: add these two historic preservation events to your calendars!

New Business

There was none.

Adjournment

At 8:22 PM a motion to adjourn was proposed by Secretary Jeanne Likins. This was seconded by Trustee Jeff McNealey, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne M. Likins, Secretary
7.8.13

Meeting of the GVS Board of Trustees June 10, 2013

Present: Bibler, Hune, Congrove, Cornelis, Ervin, Santin, Case, Cavalaris, McNealey, Curlis

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Bill Case.

Case called on a representative of a large group of petitioners who appeared at the meeting to speak. Dave Ross read the petition (included in this packet). Trustee Chris Hune, who chairs the Historic Preservation Committee thanked the group for their passion and invited them to bring it to the next committee meeting in July. President Case recused himself from the rest of the discussion, citing his wife's role as a German Village Commissioner. Treasurer Nick Cavalaris took the reins of the meeting, as he is a lawyer practicing in zoning law. Cavalaris outlined the difference between the Commission and the Society for the petitioners. Cavalaris then stated that one particular address that had been brought to GVS officers' attention by signers of the petition had been reviewed by GVS Historic Preservation Consultant Jody Graichen, and judged to be within the guidelines (Jody's remarks are included in this packet, too). Board members suggested two main lines of action for the petitioners. One is to appear at the public comment portion of the next Commission meeting; the other is to take up a conversation about the guidelines through existing processes of the Society's Historic Preservation Committee.

Trustee McNealey said GVS should send a statement of concern to city hall attn. Zach Klein.

Trustee Hune asked that the Historic Preservation Committee will take the next step in discussions about the guidelines and whether they need to be revisited.

Trustee Congrove asked that the board have some discussion whether it supports what the petitioners said.

Trustee Curlis said the best way for board members to form an opinion is to use the existing process, which starts in the Historic Preservation Committee.

Trustee Cavalaris said revisiting the guidelines may open a can of worms with how the city's Historic Preservation Office views the German Village Commission in relation to the other historic commissions. Trustee Hune agreed that the process, starting in HPC, would indeed look at all the possible outcomes of a path to changing the guidelines.

President Case applauded the conversation from dwelling on one property and thinking more comprehensively about the guidelines.

Trustee Curlis said any conversation about the guidelines must take very close care in changing the language and have any changes be applicable to all projects and possibly to all neighborhoods, since German Village is very respected in the city.

(Graichen later noted for clarification that the Guidelines are approved by City Council, and can't simply be changed. A committee of Commissioners and HPO staffers would work on edits, as has been done in

the past. Then the Commission would have to vote on them after a specific public-comment-period. Then there is a public comment period and vote for Council.)

Trustee Hune said the member Mary Ross appeared before the HPC last fall (November?) to start a dialogue about a property on 6th Street. Hune said one of the outcomes was that the HPC began to rewrite the statement of the neighborhood that HPC presents annually to GVC. Another outcome of the Ross visit to HPC in November was a community forum in March that allowed residents to address questions directly to commissioners. In April, Hune and Director Todorov had a meeting with the two commissioners offered up for appointment to the city by the GVS. Hune has also had a couple of conversations with GVC Chair Jay Panzer about the concerns.

Trustee Bibler commended Jody Graichen for her opinion piece written in response to the petition.

Trustee Santin said the issue is prolific across the country. He said he talked to a planner in Chicago and the idea of an historic neighborhood considering contemporary additions. He asked HPC to ponder the existence of these calls across the nation as a signal to process GVS can follow.

Trustee Case said he believes no further action is needed on behalf of the board right now. The petitioners need to appear at the July 18 HPC meeting to begin a conversation.

Case called for the secretary's report. Curlis moved to approve. Hune asked to clarify last month's minutes to say that the funds set aside by the board last month for the APA planning workshop is money that will be reimbursed by profits from the workshops. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Case asked for staff reports. Todorov clarified Elise Wyant's report about moving to 40 hours. That is in some part due to her response to open the building for St. Mary Summer Camp, which will run 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. She is also adding 8 hours a month on her GVBC ledger to take over production of the monthly newsletter eXplore German Village.

The Treasurer's report was given. Trustee Congrove asked whether the budget shared runs to month's end, or to June 7 as the report says. Todorov said she would get that cleared up with bookkeeper Jessica Ingram.

President Case acknowledged in the audience Gary Seman and former Trustee Jim Nichols.

In his Executive report, Case talked about his tour to Kenyon College last week to speak the Ohio Humanities Council Oral Histories workshop. He said it was a great opportunity to share what we've learned in collecting our own histories, and to thank OHC for their investment of a \$5000 grant in our program.

Richard Herr Orman at Vorys should be added to the oral history interviews, Trustee McNealey said.

Case moved to look at the Election Committee. Case said he will appoint the same Madeline Hicks, Bob Jackson and Mary Ann Metro as served last year.

Trustee Congrove gave an update on the math of H&G Tour. She reported there are 22 private home dinners plus Party on the Platz. Total capacity is 665, which includes host seats. We have 90 Platz seats left, which is normal to date based on the past three years. She reported that we are \$9000 behind where we need to be on the revenue side and about \$10,000 ahead on the expense side because of in-kind gifts and cost-cutting measures. Things are coming together on the production side, too, Congrove said. Finance is helping to oversee cash handling. A lot of volunteers are checking tiny details, such as: "Do the electrical outlets work?" The big wild card now is to hit the ticket sales numbers. Congrove encouraged trustees to talk up Tour and make sure we hit the number. Trustee Emeritus Cornelis said he wanted to assure, on behalf of a PPSCE member, that Giant Eagle is sure they're selling tickets not giving them away. Apparently there was a problem with a different vendor a few years ago. Congrove gave a plug to the Marketing Committee for implementing brand standards that make all of the Tour collateral look SO GREAT.

Case then called for discussion on Civic Relations. The committee will make parking the topic of its June 12 meeting at 6 p.m. in anticipation of a meeting between Todorov and the city on Friday.

Shiloh reported on Development proceedings and said that Raising Green Productions had reported to Development on June 5 the following current count:

TOTAL cash for H&G = \$91,005

TOTAL cash for SE = \$19,750

TOTAL CASH = \$120,655

Treasurer Cavalaris reported that our Huntington investments are up \$29,000 to date since the funds were professionally invested last fall. President Case praised Trustee McNealey for guiding the investment model we took.

The board undertook thank-you note writing to each Tour home and PreTour host, along with committee chairs.

Trustee Curlis said he wanted to make sure GVBC's report mentioned Williamsburg was understood to be only one idea of a city with historic signage.

Trustee Bibler noted that Streetscape is making progress on news corrals and that Streetscape has merged back in to HPC. Trustee McNealey asked where the UIRF funds conversation stands, and Todorov said she would follow up with Director Kelsey. Trustee Curlis said he attended the city's bond hearing and the most interesting thing he heard is that every person knew about our plans for Third Street and commented to him that funds could be used from UIRF on brick streets and restoration, plus utilities and development – it was very much on their minds, Curlis reported.

Trustee Case said he would update the written Long-Range Planning report by noting that Ed Elberfeld had reported he has an IRS letter seeking more information about the Village Connections quest for a 501©3. Todorov updated the board on the desire for BikeShare Columbus to locate at the Golden

Hobby Shop at Schiller Park. One idea is to place a cement pad in Schiller to accommodate the bikes. Trustee Emeritus Cornelis said PPSCE members were not unanimous about the location in the park, but they were unanimous about the fact that some process had been ignored by the city. PPSCE recommended that GVS ask the city to take another look at the established processes for locating new items in the city. Trustee Curlis asked to give more background on BikeShare. He said GVS was approached in order to get some communication with the neighborhood. Curlis said Todorov has been trying to loop in a lot of people since an end-of-May meeting where BikeShare told GVS where the locations would be. Curlis said it looks like many processes were ignored in the BikeShare process, but he hopes that a meeting attended by BikeShare, the city, Curlis, Todorov and Friends of Schiller Chair Katharine Moore on Tuesday would help clear up some of these issues. Cornelis said his concern is that if BikeShare fails in Columbus, we'll be left with a cement pad in Schiller Park. Trustee Bibler said he wanted to understand that the intent of the letter is not whether we support BikeShare in the park, but instead that the concern is about process. Bibler also said as a member of Civic Relations, concerns about parking at the park or the alternative of the concrete pad – as long as it doesn't remove plant or interfere with fun in the park, Bibler said he doesn't see a negative in putting the parking pad in the park. Curlis made a motion to sign the letter submitted and Hune seconded, McNealey abstained as the remaining board voted in favor.

President Case said we are looking for a new Membership Committee chair as Stef Martt has expressed a desire to step down. Todorov is asked to figure that out, and is being helped by Trustee Likins.

Nominations are now in order for the Board of Trustee, and President Case asked Trustee Curlis to read the motion. Pursuant to article IV, Section 1 of the ByLaws of the German Village Society, the Organizational Development Committee met to nominate candidates to the Board of Trustees of the German Village Society for a three-year term beginning November, 2013 and the Committee nominates the following individuals for election as a Trustee:

Dennis A Brandon

Michael Cornelis

Dennis McCann

Anyone choosing to put their name on the ballot by petition of at least 10 member signatures by June 20. The German Village Society ByLaws provide for nomination by petition where any member may obtain the signatures of ten members of the Society placing the name of that member on the ballot for Trustee. Those petitions are due within ten days of the close of nominations by the Board and I hereby open the nomination by petitions process. All completed nominating petitions must be received at the GVS Meeting Haus by Thursday, June 20 at 4 p.m. to be placed in nomination for the 2013 terms. Forms and instruction for nomination by petition are available on the German Village Society website or at the Meeting Haus. The Organizational Development Committee will report at the July meeting all candidates for Trustee and provide the candidate background information to the Election Committee who will conduct the election.

President Case called for discussion of PPSCE. He said Trustee Emeritus Cornelis are memoranda of understanding between GVS and Rec and Parks for Columbus, which apportion each entities' duties on care of the park areas. President Case asked if there are changes, and Cornelis said four have little to no change – but there are two new memoranda; one for the arboretum and one for the garden around the Schiller Park statue. Curlis moved and Hune moved, followed by a unanimous vote by for Trustee McNealey's abstention. Cornelis updated on other PPSCE items, including the Cupcakes beating the Muffins in historic base ball; Jazz and Juleps netted \$6,000 to Garten Club; the Fun Committee is trying to have a resurgence and there's talk of a drop-in at Germania's Sommerfest on July 12.

Case asked for Old Business, calling on Cornelis, Trustee Ervin and Curlis to report on ideas for proceeds from new Fred & Howard donation monies (around \$1,2000 twice a year) from the Columbus Foundation. Cornelis said the three trustees brainstormed a list they presented to GVS officers. 1) funding the tourist map and noting the donation on the map in order to encourage more donations;) there was discussion about using the money to fund the arts from the fund; 3) a donation to the Fun Committee (but a note was made that Fred & Howard never wanted GVS to have a budget line for Fun Committee). Congrove asked if there was a recommendation from the subcommittee. Hune asked to add another suggestion that the funds this year be used to fund Todorov at Leadership Columbus, also in the spirit of Fred & Howard. McNealey seconded that idea. Curlis clarified that the subcommittee wasn't trying to make a restrictions on the spending, but instead to make a recognition of the donation over time (such as on the tourist map). Congrove asked if the subcommittee could be made more permanent to talk each year about how to spend the funds, and that signifies the importance of the gift. Congrove made a motion to formalize the role of the subcommittee to vet spending. The board voted in support.

Trustee McNealey moved that funding for \$4,500 tuition to send Todorov to Leadership Columbus. Congrove suggested that the Society ask Todorov to agree, if she terminates employment within 12 months of the of the workshops, she owes back a 1/12 of the tuition to GVS per month within the 12 months.

Ervin said there is \$3,000 of money donated by Schmidt's to honor Fred & Howard. She said a plaque at Hausfrau is getting estimates right now for that project. Jody Graichen will be asked to write the verbiage for the plaque.

Todorov said she had met with leaders at Homeport about their purchase of Barrett Middle School. Homeport is planning to be at the July board meeting, and in the meantime, George Tabit wrote: We are moving forward with outreach to area stakeholders. We are very interested in getting neighborhood feedback before moving forward with any plans. We presented to the Merion Village Association last week, and will be with Schumacher Place at their monthly meeting next week. We are also preparing a 1000+ plus piece mailing announcing a public meeting process where we will invite all neighborhood stakeholders to join us in the process of brainstorming redevelopment ideas for the property.

I think it's fair to say that we know there is strong market support there, and that our attraction to this site was based largely on our experience with re-positioning vacant property in dense, historically

sensitive neighborhoods. Two good examples of our community revitalization efforts in this area are NoBo (a new single family development on 21st between Long and Mt. Vernon) and Rich Street Walk, a downtown condo project on Town Street in the Town Franklin Historic District. Beyond that we are waiting to hear what the community priorities are.

In the meantime anyone with concerns or questions can contact me by email or by phone at 614-545-4850.

Director's Report

German Village Society Board of Trustees July Meeting, 2013

I hope our entire July 8 board meeting is a celebration of a successful H&G Tour, which saw more than 320 volunteers involved, new partners and sponsors, as well as fresh ideas to maximize our longstanding event. No doubt, not EVERYthing went perfectly and we'll consider those post mortem lessons this month, but for now, let's just pat ourselves on the back for each of our individual efforts coming together to make a pretty spectacular whole.

Since that event ate most of my June, this will be a brief report – but there are a few items worth mentioning so they're on your radar and we can begin to make a plan.

First, we have had a half-dozen conversations with Bike Share and final locations have not yet come to fruition.

Next, we're looking forward to a conversation on preservation on July 18: an outgrowth of our last board meeting. I hope you'll each encourage interested Villagers to attend. I'd love to have all kinds of perspectives and viewpoints represented since the role we play in preservation is so critical to our mission. With that in mind, please let Russ know if you think you've encouraged enough folks to join us that we should move upstairs.

Matt Shad signed a contract with us to put together our October 2014 APA workshop. I hope to introduce Matt at our August meeting. The core committee working on that project has a next meeting set mid-July.

We have had two conversations with a third planned about what role, if any, GVS should play in mediating parking solutions across the district. We held a Civic Relations meeting before meeting with the city, and below I'm pasting in the two emails I shared with that group after meetings with City Mobility Options leaders (minus attachments):

Hi, all,

Thank you for taking time this week to share your parking concerns so that German Village Society may start a more wide-ranging conversation with the city of Columbus about our needs in the district.

Tim Bibler and I today met with city officials and Grant Street resident Andy Russ. Andy is seeking a solution to balance residents along Grant Street with and without parking. Attached is a proposal he offered to the city folks based on some research Andy did with what Washington, D.C., does in their historic neighborhoods.

Tim, Andy and I had a chance to preview some of the wider-ranging concerns shared during our Wednesday night Civic Relations meeting, and to rehash some of the concerns raised by Tuesday's night's city hearing about a petition to change parking along Kossuth. We did not, however, have a chance to fully list our concerns, nor to create some action plans.

However, I'm scheduled to resume that conversation next Thursday at the city's offices. Standby for updates. What I can promise you is that there is going to be a need for volunteers to help take photos, count parking spaces, conduct community meetings and just generally stay involved until there is some kind of solution. This isn't a process that can be driven entirely by GVS staff. So I hope I can count on you to step up and help out when the call goes out.

Secondarily, I followed up with Geoff Schmidt and Tim Dick this afternoon. Tuesday night's Kossuth parking hearing ended with the city tabling the issues and asking the businesses and residents to see if they could take 30 days to come to a better solution than the one posed by the petition process. Tim Dick plans to sit down with residents next week, and promised to keep me in the loop so that I may keep you in the loop.

Below is the current list of petitions received by the city in the historic footprint, and a brief summation of the problem identified by the complainants. Tim Bibler and I asked today whether we can slow down the petition response process for some limited amount of time while we work through the issues as a community. We were promised an answer to that soon.

1. Kossuth St from Mohawk St to Fifth St. Mr. Paul Carlson who lives at 185 Kossuth St is having trouble parking due to Schmidt's Sausage Haus customers using the residential street instead of the parking lot and wants permit parking. He wants 2-hour parking 10am-4pm and No parking 4pm-2am. This went to the T&PC on June 11, for review and approval. It was tabled for 30 days so that residents and businesses could discuss a parking restriction that they both could live with.
2. Grant Ave from Sycamore St to Beck St- Mr. Andy Russ who lives on 654 Grant Ave has a problem with an existing RPP area. He claims that there is a problem with the parking restriction that is in effect now and that it needs revised. There is only parking allowed on the east side of Grant Ave. His residence has no off-street parking so he is dependent on street parking. He wants the new condominiums that are on the west side of Grant Ave excluded from getting permit stickers as they want to park in front of their doors on Grant. The condominiums have off street parking within the grounds so Mr. Russ feels they should not be eligible to park on Grant Ave. We met with Mr. Russ and the German Village Society representatives on June 14, 2013 to discuss these issues. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss all GV parking issues the week of June 17, 2013.
3. Fifth St from Jackson St to Sycamore St. - Mr. William Lydon a resident at 619 S Fifth St requested a petition to add this area to permit parking area A with a restriction of: "No Parking, Except City Permit A." Petitions were sent to Mr. Lydon in 2011 and he circulated them this year. Signed petitions were received on June 10, 2013.
4. Third St from Columbus St to Kossuth St. - Mr. Jerome Smith of 787 S Third St requested a petition for this area with a restriction of "No Parking; 4PM-8AM; Everyday; Except City Permit A". A petition was sent to him on 6/7/13.

5. S Sixth St from Sycamore St to Alexander Alley.- Mr. William Fournier of 695 S Sixth St requested a petition for permit parking with the restriction of “2 Hour Parking, 10AM-4PM/ No Parking 4PM-2AM Every Day, Except City Permit ____”. A petition was sent to him on 6/12/13.

I wish you all a beautiful weekend and I'll be in touch when I know more.

Hello, friends,

Tim Bibler and I met with six folks from the city's Mobility Options office yesterday – I guess with that kind of turn-out, it is fair to say we have their attention!

We had a chance to talk through the issues we've gathered from conversations over the past six months, including concerns raised during last week's Civic Relations Committee meeting. Those were helpfully summarized by Dave Wible and attached for your perusal (“Parking Issues German Village”).

Tim and I had a chance to state our two hopes: 1) We need a way to change parking in German Village that takes a more universal approach than just retrieving 60% of your neighbors' signatures along a given block. 2) GVS is interested in balancing the needs of all of our neighborhood users, including residents, patrons of our businesses and tourists.

I expressed my concern that with the way our district is laid out, it would be very difficult under current parking laws for a business to ever garner the critical mass needed to prevent a group of residents from restricting parking. I also shared that we've had a number of great examples of neighbors working together to solve permitting and parking problems to everyone's agreement (such as at Book Loft).

We asked whether there is a way to bring back the alley parking we lost, noting that this has prompted a number of permit requests in the past six months. The short and definitive answer is no. By ordinance that specifies how wide an alley needs to be to allow parking, those alleys were never truly legal parking to begin with. So when fire and garbage complained, the alleys got remeasured and the no-parking signs went up.

We asked specifically if there could be a moratorium placed on new permit requests until we have a chance to talk more, but that takes Council action that is unlikely.

As a half-measure toward slowing things down in a way that does not require Council – Mobility Options head Randy Bowman asked if GVS would be willing to create a sort of committee to vet new parking requests. The idea was that GVS could be notified of a new request by the city, then bring neighbors to the table from across that “microneighborhood” to talk about the ramifications of one block's worth of neighbors changing parking laws. GVS would play a large role in identifying the boundaries of a microneighborhood in each case, and then invite neighbors from within those bounds to come to the table and try to reach a workable solution that doesn't just move the parking problem down to the next block. . The GVS role would not be one that takes a position, but a role to facilitate discussion.

In further conversation, the city also asked if GVS could take a position, with the idea that the city might like GVS to testify before the parking commission when needed to show the “sense of the community.” Tim and I said that would require Board action, and we did not anticipate that the Board would be in favor of us taking sides.

Our hour together ran out before we had a chance to go any further, but we are promised more face-time with Mobility Options by mid-July. I will keep you informed as I learn more.

Shiloh

German Village Society
Elise A. Wyant Assistant for Visitorism
July 9, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting

Tours: June was a slow month for group tours but it worked out for the best because of the craziness that is H&G Tour. June 26th a group of 33 from Utica Ohio Senior Center enjoyed the Standard tour given by Dr. Norm Burns.

A total of 7 tours are booked for this month, meaning nearly 250 visitors will be traveling through the Village stopping at stores and restaurants and helping us spread the word of what a wonderful community we get to live, play, and work in!

Three of these tours are coming to us from Grand Rapids Michigan, a choir from Ravenna Ohio, a group from Englewood Ohio (near Dayton), and one group from Plain City who booked the Standard Tour and also one of our newest offerings, the Chocolate add-on Tour that partners us with Winans Fine Chocolates and Coffees.

The most recent tour booked is sure to give our community some national attention. A number of writers for high volume print and online garden publications are making their way to the Village July 16th for a FAM tour. Their first stop is at Kate Anderson and Beth Hingsbergen house on Sycamore to enjoy breakfast in their fabulous garden and next they will explore a number of the best gardens in our community ending with Huntington Garden in Schiller Park.

GVBC: Three businesses have joined our German Village Business Community: Law Office of Neil Rosenberg, Salon 644, and Huntington National Bank. We are happy to welcome them and are excited about their future participation.

Art Crawl is 12 days away! Macon Alley has been approved to close, the liquor license has been signed, and volunteers are being rounded up. All artists and demo artists have provided their bios and a sample piece for the website and our printed program. I printed tickets and ordered a sign for the side of Katzingers.

Rentals: The St. Mary Summer Program continues to use Fest and Scheurer during the week.

A couple new rentals were booked this past month. Fest has been reserved for a winter wedding and reception in December by a bride from California and the Ohio Historic Preservation Office has booked Fest for The Ohio Historic Preservation Office Awards luncheon in September.

Membership: Since the beginning of June there are 18 new memberships.

Elise A. Wyant



July 8, 2013

Monthly Report to the German Village Society Board of Trustees

Submitted by: Russ Arledge, Program and Operations Manager

- ▶ Last month was busy every day... we had the Saint Mary Summer Camp school kids here from 7:30am to 5:30pm 5 days a week, numerous daytime and evening events, and the Haus und Garten Tour, all in one month!
- ▶ More on the PastPerfect database... aside from membership and donations, now that H&G is over, I hope to put a couple of volunteers back to work scanning and cataloging the German Village property files.
- ▶ The Police Luncheon held on June 27th was well attended. Minutes of the meeting can be found on the cyberblockwatch.com website. The lunch for the officers this month was again provided by the Olde Mohawk Restaurant.
- ▶ The cyberblockwatch.com website now has 850 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 270+ hours was worked/donated by the Visitor Center Volunteers. The hours donated were tracked by the online Volunteer Scheduling program called WhenToHelp.com.
- ▶ 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 17 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.



German Village Society
Financial Highlights for July 2013
Nick Cavalaris, Treasurer

7/6/13

This report highlights certain items of the attached financial reports that are presented to the GVS board each month. This report is the July 2013 report. The balances in this report are as of June 30, 2013 and reflect reconciled balances to the last available bank statement. The attached reports are as follows: 1) GVS Balance Sheet as of 6-30-13 and 2) 2013 Budget Variance by Month. Highlights are as follows:

1. **Balance Sheet (attached):**

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Operations Bank Account Balance: | \$192,191.59 |
| Board Designated Checking Balance: | \$103,601.05 |
| Total Board Designated Funds Balance: | \$431,058.58 |
| (Including: MH and Warner maintenance) | |
| Perm. Restricted Funds Account Balance: | \$157,818.41 |
| Total Balance of GVS Bank Accounts*: | <u>\$783,216.59</u> |

2. **2013 Budget Variance by Month (attached)**

* Excludes inventory

German Village Society
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2013

| | Total |
|---|----------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Bank Accounts | |
| Bank Accounts - Operations | |
| Operations Chase Checking - 6039 | 89,138.59 |
| Operations Chase Contingency - 4693 | 103,052.46 |
| Operations Fifth Third Checking - 5113 | 0.00 |
| Total Bank Accounts - Operations | \$ 192,191.05 |
| Board Designated Bank Accounts | |
| Board Designated Checking - 1362 | |
| Bicentennial Fund | 6,513.52 |
| 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 | 24,753.70 |
| German Village Business Community | 38,465.07 |
| Highfield Garden | 1,188.57 |
| Huntington Garden/Maintenance | 11,351.13 |
| Schiller Friends of Schiller Fund | 6,691.43 |
| Schiller Park Enhancements | 928.74 |
| Schiller Park/Arboretum Fund | 1,711.21 |
| Schiller Park/Bench/Trash Can Fund | 1,289.78 |
| Schiller Trash Can Fund | 0.00 |
| Village Connections | 1,000.00 |
| Village Singers | 2,440.57 |
| Total Board Designated Checking - 1362 | \$ 103,601.05 |
| Board Designated Funds | |
| Meeting Haus Maint/Replacement | 164,591.23 |
| Warner Maintenance - 0330 | 162,866.30 |
| Warner Maintenance - 2342 | 0.00 |
| Warner Maintenance - 5402 | 0.00 |
| Warner Maintenance - 8188 | 0.00 |
| Total Board Designated Funds | \$ 327,457.53 |
| Total Board Designated Bank Accounts | \$ 431,058.58 |
| Permanently Restricted Fund Accounts | |
| Frank Fetch Endowment | 0.00 |
| Fund at Columbus Foundation | 753.93 |
| Huntington Garden Endowment | 157,064.48 |
| Total Permanently Restricted Fund Accounts | \$ 157,818.41 |
| Petty Cash | 100.00 |
| Total Bank Accounts | \$ 781,168.04 |
| Accounts Receivable | |
| Accounts Receivable-General | 0.00 |
| Total Accounts Receivable | \$ 0.00 |
| Other current assets | |
| Designated Funds GVS Receivable | 448.55 |
| Inventory | 1,000.00 |

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Undeposited Funds | 600.00 |
| Total Other current assets | <u>\$ 2,048.55</u> |
| Total Current Assets | <u>\$ 783,216.59</u> |
| Fixed Assets | |
| Building 588 South Third Street | |
| Cost | 759,990.66 |
| Depreciation | -527,326.56 |
| Land | 40,000.00 |
| Total Building 588 South Third Street | <u>\$ 272,664.10</u> |
| Leasehold Improvements | 97,360.64 |
| Office Equipment | |
| Cost | 96,047.23 |
| Depreciation | -195,037.23 |
| Total Office Equipment | <u>-\$ 98,990.00</u> |
| Office Furniture | |
| Cost | 113,895.39 |
| Depreciaton | |
| Total Office Furniture | <u>\$ 113,895.39</u> |
| Office Paintings | |
| Cost | 1,775.00 |
| Total Office Paintings | <u>\$ 1,775.00</u> |
| Total Fixed Assets | <u>\$ 386,705.13</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 1,169,921.72 |
| 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 | 0.00 |
| Designated Funds GVBC Payable | 444.08 |
| Designated Funds GVS Payable | 3,430.00 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 0.00 |
| Prepaid GVBC Membership Dues | 0.00 |
| Prepaid GVS Advertising Fees | 0.00 |
| Prepaid GVS Membership Dues | 40.00 |
| Sales tax payable | 0.00 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | <u>\$ 3,914.08</u> |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>\$ 3,914.08</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>\$ 3,914.08</u> |
| Equity | |
| Designated Earnings | |
| Non Restricted | 0.00 |
| Restricted | 0.00 |
| Total Designated Earnings | <u>\$ 0.00</u> |
| Retained Earnings | 1,078,517.62 |
| Net Income | 87,490.02 |
| Total Equity | <u>\$ 1,166,007.64</u> |

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

\$ 1,169,921.72

Friday, Jul 05, 2013 12:33:30 AM GMT-7 - Cash Basis

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| Committee: | Board Chair/Rep: | Meeting Date: |
| Civic Relations | Nelson Genshaft | 6/12/13 |
| Number of Attendees: | New Members?: | |
| 15 | | |
| Executive Summary: | | |
| <p>The meeting was announced as one devoted to parking issues in GV. A number of businesses came to the meeting (Helen Winnemore, Book Loft, Barcelona) and individuals who were involved in the hearing before the City Transportation & Parking Board on the proposed restrictions on parking on Kossuth between 5th St and Mohawk. The City tabled the proposal and asked the residents and businesses to try to work out a plan. Schmidt's was trying to organize a meeting to work out a plan, but I don't know the outcome.</p> <p>Shiloh reported on her and Tim Bibler's recent meeting with City parking officials. The City would like GVS to come up with recommendations for a more comprehensive parking plan, one that does not simply move the problem from street to street, once new parking regulations are imposed. Shiloh confirmed that the ban on alley parking is not going to be rescinded; it is a public safety issue and GV alleys are not proper for parking if they are too narrow to permit safety and rescue vehicles to pass when there are cars parked in the alley.</p> <p>CR plans to hold another meeting on 7/23. We expect residents who have requested street repairs to come to the meeting and ask CR to look at UIRF grants. CR may be asked to serve as a clearinghouse for such grant requests.</p> | | |
| Meeting Objectives/Highlights: | | |
| Address parking issues | | |
| ➤ Request for staff time or Volunteers? | | |

- Shiloh is involved in all matters relating to parking and the City

- Financial Resources?

- None

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

Next Steps:

Meeting on 7/23/13

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|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Committee: GVBC | Board Chair/Rep: Greg Gamier | Meeting Date: 6/11/2013 |
| Number of Attendees: 23 | New Members?: | |
| Executive Summary: | | |
| Map – Greg Gamier | | |
| <p>New Maps Have Arrived! New tourist maps went through three printings before the printer got them right. About a month later than expected, the maps are ready for distribution among businesses. If you would like maps to be available at your business please pickup however many you need at the Meeting Haus. We are keeping track of how many we use to reduce cost of map. If we can get an accurate count of usage that will help out with printing needs in the future. Those who are not here today will receive them soon.</p> | | |
| Business Presentation: South Side Stay - Mike Emery & Ken Flower | | |
| <p>Members of Southside Stay marketing committee introduced the mission their group to the business community. They are standing together to advance youth on south side. They are partnering with parents, educators, school boards, and faculty to improve schools and the quality of education. The areas Southside Stay are working with are German Village, Brewery District, Schumacher and Marion Village. In order to improve area schools, relationships must be built with school leaders and staff. The goal is to provide an outstanding education & to attract and retain families to the area. Recent surveys in the area found that 70% of families would leave the German Village area because of poor schools. Ken moved here two years ago and found a common trend of people wanting to move after their kids hit the age 5 because of schools. The goal is for that trend to end. Southside Stay is helping neighborhood schools gain momentum by achieving short term and long term goals. Long term goal is kind of pie in sky, but to take the area schools (6 elementary 1 middle school and 1 high school) into the next level of excellence. They are working with all schools to achieve this in 10-15 years. Short term goal is trying to stop the bleeding by stopping people from leaving the area. An example Ken gave: Stewart elementary school is now at Beck St School goal to reopen fall 2013 as a partial neighborhood school. Right now the school is 100% lottery but the goal is to be partial lottery and partial neighborhood. Meaning half the kids would come from outside the community and half from within. But things are moving slowly as they do</p> | | |

with school boards. What does this have to do with local businesses? Thriving schools equals a thriving community. Southside Stay asks that you please be advocates with them and always speak positively about the community. In the future they might need help from area shops. Southside Stay meets quarterly and the next is in August. Visit their website southsidestay.org and Facebook page.

Business Presentation: Clayspace - Tami Knight & Todd Hickerson

Clayspace joined GVBC a year ago and is glad to be a part of it. 7 years ago Tami moved to Columbus and started working with ceramics 9 years ago. She opened her business not to make money but to do what she loves. Hats off to those who run a business. She feels fortunate to have one employee who is an artist and a jack of all trades. They offer 4 week classes mostly for adults some things for kids. Friday night is date night but they also do private parties with groups, birthdays, teambuilding's, companies outings, Limited and Nationwide like to use Clayspace a lot. They have a large gallery space with 50 pieces. The show coming up next month is a professor at central state. The real focus right now are on the date nights. Even if you never have done pottery they can get you started. Friday nights they do rakku firing and you are able to glaze the pot yourself and take it home that night. Cost of evening is \$95 for couples and \$40 for lessons and you get to take a piece home. Schedule: Monday- beginner Tuesday- beginner wheel Wednesday- intermediate Thursday- advanced & Friday-date night . Hours: 3p.m.-9p.m. mon-fri 1p.m.-6p.m. sat & sun

GVS Updates

Shiloh is excited to welcome new members to the German Village Business Community. One new Member is Huntington Bank. She also thanks those who are participating in the parking meeting tomorrow (6/12) at 6p.m. If interested please come if can't come email Shiloh. Part of the meeting is about the new permits that hearing is today (6/11) at 5pm. Tim Dick from Schmidt's expressed concern that everyone in the Village needs to distress over this issue because it really does concern the whole area. If parking is interrupted in one area, that will lead to an overflow in another, and another, creating a domino effect. Carl from The Book Loft said they nearly had that happen on City Park by their business and if it did go through, we would not be here today. The city only needs 60% of frontage properties to say yes to go ahead with the permit parking. In some area there is only one home that the city approval from. The business community urges everyone to please be a part of the conversation.

Get ready for 6,000 people coming into the Village June 30th. Haus und Garten Tour is getting very close now.

Art Crawl

Deadline is today (6/11)for artists to be in the Art Crawl. Entertainers have been lined up. The event is on July 20 from 6p.m.-10p.m. and is located in Macon Alley, Whittier and Frankfort Streets. Chairs are also starting the process of looking for a demonstration artist so people can see a work in process. Tracy from Barcelona is in charge of dealing with restaurants If interested contact Jeff Lowe or Tracy. Bonnie Mitchell in charge of volunteers who have the following tasks: tickets, trash, food, servers, beer, and wine. GVBC needs 6 more signatures from homeowners to shut down Macon Alley for event. Deadline on commercial people is the end of this month. They get a 6ft table is \$25 and must pay Contact for that is Elise at ewyant@germanvillage.com. Flyer for event is in thisweek news July 18.

New Business

Elise - Parking is very important all this stuff is very unique to village. There is a \$60 fine or tow away to vehicle. Be very aware of what is taking place. Parking has always been crucial. Parking signs are so confusing the other things 5 different signs cluttering

This piece does not go through commission. When just parking no commission when related to building to commission. Either way plus for a city but nothing to community.

CORA (Central Ohio Restaurant Association) is putting on their annual Food Fight Event “Eat Out to Fight Hunger”. All central Ohio restaurants are invited to participate. Restaurants who participate, will donate 5% of all income on June 26th to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank’s Operation Fund.

Ganther’s Place block watch and garden club is hosting a Jazz and Art Festival on June 22nd. This event is seeking for musicians artists and vendors to participate. (See attachment for more details).

Greg and Jeff would like to by the end of the year, step down from chairing GVBC. Two years ago the organization was in flux most of those people who left have rejoined the group. They would like a break from the extra work. They are wonderful people to work with and they will continue to do events.

Thank you to Southside Stay & Clayspace for presenting!

Next meeting July 9th

Next Steps:

**German Village Society
Long Range Planning Committee
June 2013 Meeting Minutes**

1. GermanVillage.com

- We discussed what we thought GV.com could do to help LRPC and came up with the below ideas
- We also think these recommendations could be rolled out to all committees as well!

1. Include minutes in our committee's section on the website to give prospective committee members better visibility to what types of topics we discuss
2. Include our Mission and Goals
3. Include last year's accomplishments
4. Include chair name and contact info
5. Include a list of committee members

- We will discuss this topic again in July to see if there are any additional ideas that people might have!

2. Transportation Follow Ups

- GV & COTA

- Only update here is that the German Village Business Maps will be coming out soon which will include updated information on how best to use the bus stops in and around GV

- Is there an opportunity for us to better partner with COTA by having businesses offer a "bus pass" or "bike helmet" discount for customers who use alternative modes of transportation to get to their stores?

- Car Sharing Support

- No additional updates at this time. Will remove from the July Agenda if there are no additional updates

- Alta/Columbus Bike Share in front of Commission

- The city bike share program is continuing to move forward quickly and will be rolling out city wide in July

- A small group of individuals invested in this issue met with the city to discuss revisions to the locations the city plans to use for the large bike "docks." Although no official decisions have been made yet we are now working towards two ideal locations to minimize the impact on the Village and its existing streetscape

1. Somewhere in/around Schiller Park that will not require the pouring of additional concrete. Possibly somewhere in the existing parking lot on the south east side
2. Somewhere along 3rd in front of St. Mary's. We are actively working with St. Mary's to find a location that would be suitable to them.

- Uptick in local parking discussions/frustrations

- With all of the discussions around the neighborhood of increased issues with parking we were wondering if we should try work with COTA or an OSU class/graduate student to conduct a comprehensive parking study and request that the city suspend any parking changes until such study is complete

- I will discuss this with Shiloh to see if she has recommendations or if any other committees have mentioned trying to conduct something similar

3. Village Connections

- Update from LRPC Members involved with Village Connections

- Village Connections has been contacted by the IRS to begin finishing their 501c3 application and they hope to have this done in the next few months

- Once they are officially a 501c3 non-profit entity they will quickly make strides to begin conducting operations as soon as possible

4. Southside STAY

- No Southside STAY meetings have happened over the last month.
- Next large group meeting is planning to be held in August. Details to follow soon.

5. CORA

- Project is on hold

6. Local Liaisons

Downtown SIDs - Ed Elberfeld

- Ed has subscribed to 4 different newsletters that are sent out regarding Downtown SIDs and has been keeping abreast of all the goings on downtown

- They currently have 4,000 housing units with 6,000 residents and these numbers should increase greatly over the next year as many new construction projects are finished

Parsons Ave Merchants - Matt Eshelbrenner and Jo Anne St. Clair

Greenlawn Abbey - Trevor Major

- Greenlawn Abbey was present during Village Valuables

- They also held an event with a screening of a silent film which was well attended

Grange Audobon - Ed Elberfeld

7. Open Discussion on New Ideas

- Barrett School

- Homeport will be conducting meetings over the coming weeks that all are encouraged to attend

- It is our understanding the end use of a renovated Barrett School has not been determined yet so anyone who has a strong opinion about what this property should be is encouraged to get involved!

- Highway Construction

- Bill Curlis gave us a brief update on his history with this project

- He is going to bring maps of the project to the next LRPC Meeting and we might finish the July Meeting with a quick field trip so he can better show us a few key spots that are going to change over the coming years

- We really believe this finished product will have a large impact on GV once it is done so it is important for us to stay as involved as we can be!

- 3rd Street Master Plan

- I am going to reach out to Chris Hune to see if we can provide any help or insight on this topic

- German Village Pool

- Do we need/want a community pool?

- Where would the best spot for it be?

Important Upcoming Dates

- Sunday, June 30th - Haus & Garten Tour

- Monday, July 8th - GVS Board Meeting where Homeport will be present to discuss Barrett

- Thursday, July 11th - Next meeting at 6 pm at the Meeting Haus

Thanks,

Matthew Eshelbrenner, Chair

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| Committee: | Board Chair/Rep: | Meeting Date: |
| Organizational Development Committee | Jeanne Likins | June 25, 2013 |
| Number of Attendees: | New Members?: | |
| Six as appointed by GVS President | | |
| Executive Summary: | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were no petitions submitted for those wanting to be added as candidates to the final slate of those seeking election to the board. These were due June 24 at 5 PM.• There are three candidates for the three seats which are available in October 2013 for three year terms.• The candidates are: Dennis Brandon, Mike Cornelis, and Dennis McCann.• Ballots are expected to be mailed after the July Board meeting by the Election Committee. Ballots must be returned within three weeks of when mailed to members.• ODC's next meeting: Tues., July 23 7-9 PM, Visitor Center.• ODC's next focus: officer identification and new board member orientation. | | |
| Meeting Objectives/Highlights: | | |
| <p>➤ Request for staff time or Volunteers? Election Committee to oversee election, Mail Team to prepare ballot mailing to all members.</p> <p>➤ Financial Resources? Election materials copied, mailed.</p> <p>➤ Issues or concerns that require consideration by the Board or staff for possible response or action with timeline included</p> | | |

Next Steps: