

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: John Barr, Darci Congrove, Heidi Drake, Jeanne Likins, Josh Miller, Susan Sutherland, Joshua Zimmerman

Also present: Shiloh Todorov

Call to Order

Heidi Drake

President Heidi Drake called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Public/Staff Participation

None.

Report of the Officers

Report of the President

Heidi Drake

accept resignation of Marie Logothetis as vice president

The board accepted Marie's resignation with much reluctance, noting her contributions to GVS and the board during her time on the board.

MOTION: Accept Marie Logothetis' notice of resignation from the Board of Trustees.

(Likins, Zimmerman), approved.

discussion of Organizational Development Committee's suggestion for open role

MOTION: Appoint Joanne Kesten to fill the role vacated by Bill Curlis on the Board of Trustees, with this term ending Sept. 2018. (Likins, Zimmerman), approved.

Jeanne shared the Organizational Development Committee's recommendation that Joanne Kesten be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Bill Curlis, starting July 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

Jeanne highlighted Joanne's diverse experiences serving non profit organizations such as: Trustee, Vice President and President of the Manhasset Public Library (Manhasset, NY), Vice President and on the Executive Committee of Arlington Arts Center (Arlington, VA), as well as Chair of Programs Committee and Chair of Exhibitions Committee there, Director of Special Projects for the American Film Institute of Washington, DC, volunteer on the National Conference Committee and Steering Committee for the Appraisers Association of America and more. Joanne presently teaches at CCAD (Columbus College of Art and Design) and does art appraisals for museums and other institutions.

ODC believes Joanne will lend her skills in the important area of governance. Joanne also has a strong passion for historic preservation which is one of the things that drew them to German Village. Joanne

and her husband Jim Weinberg have been in German Village for more than a year and are excited to be a part of the community.

In addition, Heidi appointed Joanne as one of the three board members on the ODC, replacing Bill Curlis, effective July 1st.

Report of the Secretary

May 9, 2017, minutes approval

Brittany Gibson

MOTION: to approve the May 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes (Likins, Zimmerman), approved.

Report of the Treasurer

John Barr

written reports with highlights

John noted that GVS financials are solid and pretty much tracking in line with the budget. The exception is the \$10,000 spent on the legal retainer to address the Columbia Gas situation.

update on annual audit

MOTION: Accept the German Village Society's 2016 financial audit. (Barr, Likins), approved

The next finance committee meeting: July 26

Strategic Plan Committee Reports

Preservation

Historic Preservation
no report

Fund for Historic Preservation
oral report

Darci Congrove

Darci reported that representatives from MKSK, the sign design vendor, historic preservation professionals Nancy Recchie and Jeff Darbee, along with Shiloh and Darci recently walked the Village to evaluate where to place some of the historic interpretative signs. The first six sign locations, funded by the grant from the Ohio Humanities Council and the United Way's Neighborhood Partnership Grants program have been identified.

Presently, orders for the third round of individual house plaques are underway while the second round of these plaques are being ordered now from the sign maker, at cost.

Advocacy

Parking
written report

Civic Relations
no report

Parks and Public Spaces

Joshua Zimmerman

Tim Bibler

Nelson Genshaft

Sara McNealey

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| written report | Carol Mullinax |
| Friends of Schiller | Katharine Moore |
| no report | |
| Safety | Dan Glaesner |
| no report | |
| Community /Quality of Life | Greg Gamier |
| GV Business Community | Jeff Lowe |
| no report | |
| Long Range Planning | Josh Miller |
| written report | |
| Art Committee | Betsy DeFusco, Brooke Albrecht |
| written report | |
| Ambassadors | Susan Sutherland |
| no report | |
| Village Singers | Wayne Owens |
| no report | |
| Development | Dennis Brandon |
| Development committee | Dennis Brandon |
| no report | |
| Events | |
| Haus und Garten | |
| oral report | Joshua Zimmerman |

Event date: June 24-25, 2017

Joshua updated the board about this important annual event which requires 300 volunteers as well as lots of volunteer leaders who work many hours in areas such as the pretour reception, docents for the golf carts to share about German Village with visitors, docents in each room of all homes and gardens, ticket and water sellers, etc.

Moving the pretour reception event outside to Schiller Park has increased expenses by \$5,000. In spite of that, at this time, ticket sales are 16% ahead of last year.

Shiloh pointed out that this year, many more people took advantage of corporate table and patron ticket opportunities---and therefore made larger gifts to the Society through their Pre-Tour purchase, compared to years past.

The advance sale of both pretour and tour day tickets is a strategy GVS has adopted to protect its annual operating budget from the financial disruptions weather can cause since this weekend provides about half of the operating budget.

Darci pointed out the great news that thanks to partner food and drink vendors, GVS has zero expenses for food and drink throughout the week; a significant outlier for most Columbus nonprofits with which Darci has worked. GVS should be proud of this accomplishment as it is another strategy for organizational sustainability.

It was also noted that GVS again has contracted for weather insurance for 9 AM-noon on Sun. in the amount of \$20,000. This covers the ticket sales revenue for that busy time should it rain. Such coverage is another strategy GVS has made to insulate its annual operating budget.

Joshua announced that there is a surprise event at 5:15 pm at the Schiller Park Reception. He advised everyone to stick around for that.

He also noted that attendees must stay in the area of the reception and not wander around the park or streets with alcohol. Rec and Parks has given GVS a permit to have alcohol there and we want to follow their rules so more parties can be held there in the future.

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| Art Crawl | Greg Gamier |
| Event Date: July 15, 2017 | |
| Tea 43206 | Darci Congrove |
| Event date: August 19, 2017 | |
| Monster Bash | Jim & Sarah Penikas |
| Event date: October 14, 2017 | |
| Village Lights | Greg Gamier |
| Event Date: December 3, 2017 | |

Governance

Organizational Development committee
written report

Heidi Drake
Jeanne Likins

On behalf of the ODC and per GVS Bylaws, Jeanne announced the nominees for the board of trustees ballot: Jim Penikas, Anne Ring, Joshua Zimmerman.

Anyone who wants to add their name to the ballot must collect ten signatures along with a statement of their intent to serve the interests of the GVS to the GVS Meeting Haus by midnight, Monday, June 26, per the calendar in the GVS Bylaws. Questions should be directed to Jeanne Likins.

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| Development Advisory committee | Darci Congrove |
| no report | |

Staff Reports

Executive Director
written report
Columbia Gas update

Shiloh Todorov

Today was day 20, the final day for Columbia Gas to respond to GVS legal complaint Shiloh noted. This arrived at 4:40 pm today at GVS attorney's office.

Shiloh also pointed out that GVS has filed to intervene on the tariff for Columbia Gas relative to this issue. This tariff is what has given Columbia Gas the approval to do what it is doing.

There is no update on the cost of the temporary restraining order GVS filed. Shiloh also has been informed by another source that GVS has the Columbia Gas personnel with the authority to address our complaint focused on this matter at this time.

In terms of advocacy and education efforts, central to GVS historic preservation mission, there will be educational information in the tour program about the No Exterior Gas Meter signs. This will explain the significance Columbia Gas action, why German Village Society is pursuing this and its effect on historic preservation in German Village.

request from St. Mary Church

Shiloh noted that St. Mary's Church has completed phase one, stabilizing the structure, after the devastating lightning strike. Phase two is repairs that are needed, especially the roof. Much of this is not covered by insurance since there were unaddressed repairs unknown to St. Mary's prior to the lightning strike. In other words, insurance covers only what was damaged by the lightning strike.

Phase three is restoration and phase four is an exploration of the feasibility for expanding the school.

St. Mary's is asking GVS to serve as a fiscal agent for some of the donations going to them, such as employer matching funds. This would enable their donors to give to GVS instead of to a religious organization if that is their preference.

The board agreed, by consensus, to waive the fiscal agent fees normally charged to cover administrative costs when GVS serves this role for another group. This waiver is part of GVS commitment to St. Mary's, one of the most amazing buildings in German Village and a true historic landmark.

Historic Preservation Advocate
written report

Nancy Knotting

Manager, Donor Development and Marketing
written report

Mark Weiss

Coordinator, Donor Development and Marketing
no report

Chelsey Craig

Old/New Business

Heidi Drake

Volunteer highlights

Heidi expressed appreciation to Michelle McFadden who has been volunteering with office filing each week. Shiloh added that as Michelle's doctor says she is ready for more complex tasks as part of her rehabilitation for her brain injury, Shiloh has added other assignments such as a putting together a spreadsheet of all prior pretour dinner hosts over the years, all homes that have been on tour these many years, and now she is working on a list of the landlords in German Village.

Michelle is also hosting a pretour dinner, something she loves to do. Michelle agreed to host 12 guests in the beginning. More people wanted to attend and support Michelle so now she is hosting 19 guests, all of whom have patron level tickets.

A big THANK YOU to Michelle!

New or ongoing safety needs

Adjournment

Heidi Drake

Motion: to adjourn at 6:52 pm. (Likins, Zimmerman), approved.