

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
May 9, 2016

Present: Dennis Brandon, John Barr, Darci Congrove, Bill Curlis, Brittany Gibson, Joe Kurzer, Jeanne Likins, Marie Logothetis, Josh Miller, and Susan Sutherland.

Staff and Guests: Gary Seman and Shiloh Todorov.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Jeanne Likins.

Public Participation

President Likins recognized and congratulated Madeline Hicks for being a Finalist as Outstanding Ohio Nonprofit Volunteer of the Year of the Ohio Association of Non-Profit Organizations. Ms. Hicks was unable to attend the meeting and Ms. Likins noted her accomplishments to the Board:

Madeline Hicks has been greeting German Village's residents, visitors and tourists as a Visitors' Center volunteer since the 1970's. As the regular Monday and Wednesday morning Visitor Center Volunteer she has given more than 14,000 hours of service, including volunteering for Haus und Garten, Art Crawl, Village Lights, Mother May I, the Mail Team and the Election Committee. She is a tireless promoter, supporter, advocate, arm-twister, and do-gooder; and as the face that has welcomed hundreds of thousands of people to our neighborhood, there is no one more deserving of recognition as Outstanding Volunteer!

The Board extended their congratulations and thanks to Madeline Hicks for her 40+ years of service to our very special neighborhood.

Reports of the President and Officers

Ms. Likins noted that there was a short agenda for the evening.

Secretary Bill Curlis presented the Minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2016.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of the meetings of April 11, 2016. [Curlis, Barr]

Motion approved.

Treasurer Darci Congrove, presented the May, 2016 Treasurer's report as well as financial highlight notes to the monthly report.

MOTION: Accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2016 for audit.
[Congrove, Brandon]

Motion approved.

Executive Director Shiloh Todorov reported that she had confirmed pledges of \$124,453.00 in event sponsorship money for 2016 events (including Haus und Garten) some of which was reflected in the very positive April income statement. The 2016 budget anticipated \$115,000 in revenue for event sponsorships for the year. The Board thanked Ms. Todorov for her strong efforts.

Committee Reports

Ms. Congrove reported the launch of the comprehensive, multi-layered signage system for the German Village neighborhood with the individual address plaque program [IAP]. Every address in German Village is invited to participate by purchasing a house/business history for display on a customized, long-lasting etched zinc plaque. Each plaque will include one unique fact or story for the address that is researched and vetted for accuracy by the Society Preservation Advocate. The IAP program and the plaque design have been approved by the GV Commission. Plaques are available at cost to produce (research and material) at \$250. Orders are now being taken and will be produced in batches of 20 to keep the cost as low as possible. An IAP application is provided in the Board packet.

Mr. Curlis reported that Historic Preservation Committee chair Kathy Fortener had resigned and is moving out of the Village. The Board thanked Ms. Fortener for her leadership of this most important standing committee. Ms. Likins asked if anyone had a suggestion for filling this vacancy, to contact her.

Mr. Curlis also noted that the HP committee had received the report of The Ohio State University Studio for City and Regional Planning students, documenting every property in German Village. This information will be used to support the up-date to the National Register of Historic Places for German Village. The students also made suggested goals and objectives to future German Village planning and development. The full report has not been received, as yet, but will be made available to the Board and its committees to assist in future planning.

Ms. Todorov reported that the Art Committee announced that the next Art Show in the Warner Fest Hall will be the work of Susan Cox. Ms. Cox, who lived in German Village for many years and whose work is seen throughout the Meeting Haus, is an iconic part of many German Village promotion items. Her show will open with a reception in the Warner Fest Hall on May 22, 2016, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Todorov reported that she, Kelly Clark, and concerned neighbors around Jaeger Alley had met with City of Columbus officials regarding the long-neglected Jaeger repair project. The City has agreed to regrade the street, attempt to mitigate the standing water issues, and repair the surface for a five-year temporary fix, this summer. The City will continue to review an 'ultimate' solution to this expensive and extensive infrastructure repair.

Dennis Brandon, chair of the Development Committee reported that he and his committee continued to review the Mollard-Steele Development study and time-line.

Joe Kurzer, Corporate Outreach chair, reported that several contacts and meetings were on-going and were being woven into the Development plan.

Finance Committee chair, John Barr reported that he had met with executives from Huntington Bank to express the committee's concern regarding the Huntington relationship with German Village and GVS funds' failure to meet the benchmarks established. Mr. Barr noted Huntington was seeking ways to improve their performance and commitment to the GVS. Discussions continue. Ms. Likins reminded the Board that the Society had very specific policies regarding financial investments and that it was the Finance Committee's responsibility to monitor all investments in light of those policies.

Staff Reports

Ms. Todorov reported on ticket sales for Pre-Tour and noted that cocktail only tickets were sold out and that just 40 in-homes dinners and 36 restaurant-dinners were still available.

Ms. Todorov reported that the new web-site was still being vetted and that a \$300 monthly maintenance fee, that was budgeted, will not begin until the system is fully launched. She also noted that with the reconfiguration of staff responsibilities, new strategic plan tasks, and aging equipment, we need to replace two very old computers.

Ms. Todorov up-dated the Board on the Tourism Video Series that is being produced at the request of Experience Columbus to promote tourism in German Village. Three 90 second videos are being produced by Experience Columbus media team Sway the Crowd and will be shown to the Board in the near future.

Ms. Likins noted that the Great Placemakers/Barnett Symposium was being held May 11 and 12, 2016, at the Columbus Museum of Art.

The business of the May 9, 2016, meeting of the German Village Society Board of Trustees having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William L. Curlis, Secretary

Attest:

Jeanne Likins, President

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA

May 9, 2016

Call to Order	Jeanne Likins
Public Participation	
Recognize and congratulate Madeline Hicks Finalist Ohio Volunteer of the Year Ohio Association of Non-Profit Organizations	Madeline Hicks
Report of the Officers	
Report of the President	Jeanne Likins
Report of the Vice-President	Heidi Drake
Report of the Secretary Minutes approval April 11, 2016	Bill Curlis
Report of the Treasurer Accept Treasurer's Report for Audit April, 2016	Darci Congrove
Strategic Plan Committee Reports	
Preservation	Bill Curlis
Historic Preservation written report	Kathy Fortener
Fund for Historic Preservation Signs-on-Sale oral report	Darci Congrove
Advocacy	Kelly Clark
Parking written report	Tim Bibler
Civic Relations written report	Nelson Genshaft
Parks and Public Spaces	Sara McNealey

<p>written report Friends of Schiller written report</p>	<p>Carol Mullinax Katharine Moore</p>
<p>Community Quality of Life GV Business Community written report Long Range Planning written report Art Committee Next Meeting: May 9, 2016</p>	<p>Brittany Gibson/Greg Gamier Jeff Lowe Josh Miller Carole Genshaft</p>
<p>Development written report Up-date Development Report</p>	<p>Dennis Brandon Shiloh Todorov</p>
<p>Events Haus und Garten written report Next Meeting: May 17, 2016 Monster Bash Next Meeting: July, 2016 Tea 43206 Next Meeting: Whenever Art Crawl Next Meeting: March, 2016 Village Lights Next Meeting: September, 2016</p>	<p>Brittany Gibson Brittany Gibson Darci Congrove Greg Gamier Greg Gamier</p>
<p>Membership written report Corporate Outreach no report</p>	<p>Susan Sutherland Joe Kurzer</p>
<p>Finance Finance Committee written report Next meeting: June, 2016 Investment Sub-Committee written report Next meeting: June, 2016 Budget Sub-Committee Next meeting: September, 2016</p>	<p>Darci Congrove John Barr John Barr John Barr Shiloh Todorov</p>
<p>Governance Organizational Development Next meeting: May 10, 2016</p>	<p>Heidi Drake Heidi Drake</p>

Staff Reports

Executive Director written report Monthly Strategic Plan Up-Date written report Great Placemakers 2016 Event Date: May 12, 2016	Shiloh Todorov
Historic Preservation Advocate written report	Sarah Marsom
Digital Coordinator for Business Development written report Web-site up-date	Mark Weiss
Old/New Business	Jeanne Likins
Executive Session	Jeanne Likins
Adjournment	Jeanne Likins

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
April 11, 2016

Present: Dennis Brandon, John Barr, Darci Congrove, Kelly Clark, Heidi Drake, Greg Gamier, Brittany Gibson, Joe Kurzer, Jeanne Likins, Marie Logothetis, Josh Miller, and Susan Sutherland.

Staff and Guests: Sarah Marsom, McKenzie Mitchell, Kerri Mollard, Gary Seman, Mark Weiss, and Shiloh Todorov.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Jeanne Likins. In the absence of the Secretary, Ms. Likins appointed Brittany Gibson, Secretary pro tem for the meeting.

Public Participation

Kerri Mollard, (Mollard Consulting) presented the final Development Plan Implementation report created by she and Sharon Steele (Plentiful Philanthropy). Focusing on their three themes: You Have to Ask, You Have to Thank, and You Have to Engage, Ms. Mollard elaborated on a strategy to increase giving to fund programs and needs of the Society. A copy of the report is attached and made a part hereof. Following extensive discussion a motion was offered:

MOTION: To accept the Development Plan Implementation report and the calendar timeline suggestions therein. [Drake, Brandon]

President Likins referred the report to the Development Committee for further enhancement and detail and asked the Executive Director to create a time-line and staffing plan to implement the Development Plan. President Likins thanked Ms. Mollard and Ms. Steele for their excellent presentations and thought-provoking proposals.

Treasurer Darci Congrove reported that she would present the 2015 GVS audit report at the May board meeting.

Reports of the President and Officers

Ms. Likins updated the Board and guests that she was reviewing the committee structure and purposes in light of the newly defined development effort and the changing face of the Strategic Plan. She will meet with the pillar leaders and committee chairs about suggested changes before bringing those changes to the Board for approval.

Vice President Drake reported that she will establish an electronic Dropbox account for board members to with ease for orientation materials and other Society resources. She noted that she had created a Dropbox for the ODC committee and they have found it to be quite useful. She suggested that board

members consider using the Dropbox for their own committees once they have a chance to access the Board-wide Dropbox.

Ms. Likins presented the Minutes of the meeting of March 14, 2016.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of the meetings of March 14, 2016. [Kurzer, Congrove]

Motion approved.

Ms. Congrove, presented the April 2016 Treasurer's report as well as financial highlight notes to the monthly report.

MOTION: Accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2016 for audit.
[Congrove, Drake]

Motion approved.

Committee Reports

President Likins noted that written reports had been provided by the committee chairs. She further reminded Board members of Sarah Marsom's e-mail the week prior, which encouraged Board attendance at the April 20th (6:00 p.m.) Historic Preservation Committee meeting to hear the final architectural inventory report from the OSU students working on this survey. The information will not likely be presented in full at a Board meeting.

Ms. Likins reported that consultant Alan Renga had written A German Village Collections Policy and Operating Manual with extensive review and comment by the Historic Preservation Committee and our Historic Preservation Advocate Sarah Marsom. The Policy is intended to guide the Society in acquisition, retention, and maintenance of our extensive collection of historic assets, memorabilia, documents, art and property. Mr. Renga has researched and reviewed policies and guidelines from other organizations, the Ohio Historical Society, and national agencies in drafting this Policy. A copy of the German Village Society Collections Policy and Operating Manual is attached and made a part hereof.

MOTION: To adopt a German Village Society Collections Policy and Operating Manual. [Kurzer, Gamier]

Motion approved.

Finance Committee Chair John Barr reported that the Finance and Investment Sub-committee meeting is scheduled for April 27th, correcting the date in the evening's agenda.

Staff Reports

Ms. Todorov reported that ticket sales are on track for the Great Placemakers/Barnett Symposium; about half of the 250 seats are filled at this point. The Symposium will be held May 11 and 12, 2016, at the Columbus Museum of Art. Tickets are \$50. Register: <http://aaep.osu.edu/research/resources/2016-barnett-symposium>

The business of the April 11, 2016, meeting of the German Village Society Board of Trustees having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Gibson, Secretary pro tem

Attest:

Jeanne Likins, President

**German Village Society
Treasurer's Report
May 9, 2016 Board Meeting**

Highlights from the April 2016 Financial Statements

Cash balances as of April 30, 2016

Operations: The checking account balance is \$53,960. The savings account balance is \$88,366.

Designated accounts: The various designated fund accounts total \$232,253. Major balances in these accounts include the German Village Business Community \$61,539, the Fund for Historic Preservation \$55,894, the Friends of Schiller \$26,452 and For the Good of the Neighborhood \$48,206.

Investment accounts: Long-term investments total \$557,367 and include the Brent Warner Maintenance Fund of \$164,783, the Meeting Haus Replacement Reserve Fund of \$194,315, and the Alberta Stevens Huntington Garden Fund of \$198,269.

Operations Budget

Total revenue to date is \$232,595 compared to the budget of \$167,850. Note that revenue includes receivables for signed pledges of sponsorship and support for 2016.

Total expenses to date are \$156,591 compared to the budget of \$137,803.

These figures result in net operating income of \$76,004 as of April 30, which is \$45,957 ahead of budget. This figure does not reflect internal transfers of funds or depreciation expense, which is a non-cash charge.

German Village Society
2016 GVS Operations Previous Month Comparison
April 2016

	Apr 2016				Total				March Notes:
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget	
Income									
Admission/Event Income	28,607.50	4,000.00	24,607.50	715.19%	29,161.94	4,200.00	24,961.94	694.33%	pretour went on sale over weekend
Advertising Income	1,540.00	18,000.00	-16,460.00	8.56%	57,043.72	45,000.00	12,043.72	126.76%	
Contributions	2,116.26	2,000.00	116.26	105.81%	3,980.45	3,000.00	980.45	132.68%	
In-Kind Donations		0.00	0.00		16,650.00	0.00	16,650.00		
Interest Income	3.49		3.49		21.87	0.00	21.87		
Membership Dues - GVS	11,125.00	9,000.00	2,125.00	123.61%	69,434.80	52,000.00	17,434.80	133.53%	
Membership Dues -GVBC	1,350.00	225.00	1,125.00	600.00%	9,000.00	7,650.00	1,350.00	117.65%	
Merchandise Income	-564.00	0.00	-564.00		-321.50	0.00	-321.50		paid John Clark for books
Rental Income	1,909.00	1,000.00	909.00	190.90%	3,147.00	3,500.00	-353.00	89.91%	
Sponsorship	6,658.00	13,500.00	-6,842.00	49.32%	41,608.00	44,500.00	-2,892.00	93.50%	
Tour Income	2,115.00	1,000.00	1,115.00	211.50%	2,524.00	8,000.00	-5,476.00	31.55%	
Total Income	\$ 54,860.25	\$ 48,725.00	\$ 6,135.25	112.59%	\$ 232,595.32	\$ 167,850.00	\$ 64,745.32	138.57%	
Gross Profit	\$ 54,860.25	\$ 48,725.00	\$ 6,135.25	112.59%	\$ 232,595.32	\$ 167,850.00	\$ 64,745.32	138.57%	
Expenses									
Accounting Expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.00%	4,800.00	4,800.00	0.00	100.00%	
Advertising		85.00	-85.00	0.00%	30.00	85.00	-55.00	35.29%	
Audit Fees	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00		4,000.00	5,300.00	-1,300.00	75.47%	was budgeted in prior months
Bank/Credit Card Fees	449.04	486.00	-36.96	92.40%	2,027.64	1,725.00	302.64	117.54%	
Computer Related Costs	1,337.76	4,100.00	-2,762.24	32.63%	19,538.73	14,300.00	5,238.73	136.63%	
Consulting Fees		0.00	0.00		10,000.00	12,000.00	-2,000.00	83.33%	
Dues & Memberships		0.00	0.00		115.00	650.00	-535.00	17.69%	
Equipment Rental	670.25	500.00	170.25	134.05%	2,543.01	3,500.00	-956.99	72.66%	
Food/Beverages	45.60	0.00	45.60		947.70	0.00	947.70		
Gifts & Awards		0.00	0.00		53.57	500.00	-446.43	10.71%	
In-Kind Expense		0.00	0.00		16,650.00	0.00	16,650.00		
License/Fees/Permits	250.00	325.00	-75.00	76.92%	325.00	425.00	-100.00	76.47%	
Meeting Haus Cleaning	744.80	750.00	-5.20	99.31%	2,254.20	3,000.00	-745.80	75.14%	
Meeting Haus Groundskeeping	127.25	0.00	127.25		381.25	600.00	-218.75	63.54%	
Miscellaneous Expense		0.00	0.00		20.00	100.00	-80.00	20.00%	
Payroll Processing	101.87	160.00	-58.13	63.67%	496.79	720.00	-223.21	69.00%	
Payroll Taxes	1,115.78	1,000.00	115.78	111.58%	4,612.47	5,100.00	-487.53	90.44%	
Postage	490.00	625.00	-135.00	78.40%	1,203.98	1,000.00	203.98	120.40%	
Printing/Signage		0.00	0.00		6,360.12	2,000.00	4,360.12	318.01%	
Professional Fees	200.00		200.00		200.00	0.00	200.00		
Property & D/O Insurance		0.00	0.00		8,650.75	12,500.00	-3,849.25	69.21%	
Repairs & Maintenance	844.00	200.00	644.00	422.00%	4,718.43	3,500.00	1,218.43	134.81%	
Salaries/Wages	15,015.15	14,099.00	916.15	106.50%	57,370.60	59,146.00	-1,775.40	97.00%	additional check for employee severance
Security		0.00	0.00		0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.00%	
Storage		0.00	0.00		1,020.00	1,020.00	0.00	100.00%	
Supplies	571.25	83.00	488.25	688.25%	2,351.51	532.00	1,819.51	442.01%	caretakers plaque
Transportation/Towing	2,319.50	0.00	2,319.50		2,806.00	0.00	2,806.00		trolley rentals for tour
Utilities	683.46	1,300.00	-616.54	52.57%	3,114.20	4,900.00	-1,785.80	63.56%	
Total Expenses	\$ 30,165.71	\$ 24,913.00	\$ 5,252.71	121.08%	\$ 156,590.95	\$ 137,803.00	\$ 18,787.95	113.63%	
Net Operating Income	\$ 24,694.54	\$ 23,812.00	\$ 882.54	103.71%	\$ 76,004.37	\$ 30,047.00	\$ 45,957.37	252.95%	
Other Income									
Transfers In		0.00	0.00		16,453.60	19,204.00	-2,750.40	85.68%	
Transfers out		0.00	0.00		-43,134.76	0.00	-43,134.76		
Total Other Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		-\$ 26,681.16	\$ 19,204.00	-\$ 45,885.16	-138.94%	
Other Expenses									
Depreciation	3,151.79	3,152.00	-0.21	99.99%	12,607.16	12,608.00	-0.84	99.99%	
Total Other Expenses	\$ 3,151.79	\$ 3,152.00	-\$ 0.21	99.99%	\$ 9,455.37	\$ 9,456.00	-\$ 0.63	99.99%	
Net Income Before Depreciation	\$ 24,694.54	\$ 23,812.00	\$ 882.75		\$ 49,323.21	\$ 49,251.00	\$ 72.84		
Net Income After Depreciation	\$ 21,542.75	\$ 20,660.00	\$ 882.75	104.27%	\$ 39,867.84	\$ 39,795.00	\$ 72.84	100.18%	

German Village Society
2016 Designated Budget Variance by Class
 January - April, 2016

	For the Good of the Neighborhood	Fund for Historic Preservation	Total German Village Business Community	Highfield Gardens	Historic Preservation Expert Restriction	Huntington Endowment	Huntington Garden	Maintenance Fund	Schiller Arboretum Fund	Schiller Bench/Trash Can Fund	Schiller Bloomin' Fund	Schiller Friends of Schiller Fund	Schiller Park Enhancements	Southside Stay	Village Singers	Village Singers Fund	Warner Fund	TOTAL
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Income																		
Admission/Event Income		180.00	52.50									550.00						782.50
Advertising Income		786.83	9,335.01															10,121.84
Contributions			0.00	1,000.00			650.00		450.00		6,685.00	1,000.00		500.00	500.00	2,900.00		13,685.00
In-Kind Donations			2,000.00															2,000.00
Interest Income			0.00			752.86		737.74								84.86	628.73	2,204.19
Membership Dues - GVS			175.00															175.00
Membership Dues -GVBC			18,075.00															18,075.00
Merchandise Income			25.00						505.00									530.00
Miscellaneous Income			0.00				200.00								1,155.00			1,355.00
Rental Income			0.00															0.00
Sponsorship		750.00	9,300.00															10,050.00
Total Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,716.83	\$ 38,962.51	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 752.86	\$ 850.00	\$ 737.74	\$ 955.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,685.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,655.00	\$ 2,984.86	\$ 628.73	\$ 58,978.53
Gross Profit	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,716.83	\$ 38,962.51	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 752.86	\$ 850.00	\$ 737.74	\$ 955.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,685.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,655.00	\$ 2,984.86	\$ 628.73	\$ 58,978.53
Expenses																		
Advertising			6,265.00															6,265.00
Bank/Credit Card Fees			0.00			238.86		234.11									199.48	672.45
Computer Related Costs			7,300.00															7,300.00
Consulting Fees	11,638.17	7,500.00	0.00				788.75		135.00						1,775.00			21,836.92
Dues & Memberships			1,000.00															1,000.00
Equipment Rental			0.00															0.00
Food/Beverages			-199.99									66.00						-133.99
Gifts & Awards			0.00													500.00		500.00
In-Kind Expense			2,000.00															2,000.00
License/Fees/Permits			0.00															0.00
Miscellaneous Expense			200.00				14.95											214.95
Payroll Taxes			563.60															563.60
Postage			0.00								313.60							313.60
Printing/Signage			185.00								1,042.50	12.00			40.00			1,279.50
Property & D/O Insurance		390.00	780.00									4.00						1,174.00
Repairs & Maintenance			0.00															0.00
Salaries/Wages			7,366.64															7,366.64
Security			0.00															0.00
Supplies			0.00				372.39											1,059.51
Transportation/Towing			-100.00													687.12		-100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 11,638.17	\$ 7,890.00	\$ 25,360.25	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 238.86	\$ 1,176.09	\$ 234.11	\$ 135.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,356.10	\$ 82.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,502.12	\$ 500.00	\$ 199.48	\$ 51,312.18
Net Operating Income	-\$ 11,638.17	-\$ 6,173.17	\$ 13,602.26	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 514.00	-\$ 326.09	\$ 503.63	\$ 820.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,328.90	\$ 1,468.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	-\$ 847.12	\$ 2,484.86	\$ 429.25	\$ 7,666.35
Other Income																		
Transfers In	43,134.76		0.00															43,134.76
Transfers out			0.00		-16,453.60													-16,453.60
Total Other Income	\$ 43,134.76	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 16,453.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 26,681.16
Other Expenses																		
Deferred Gain/Loss Investments			0.00			-2,233.58		-2,188.17										-1,864.76
Total Other Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 2,233.58	\$ 0.00	-\$ 2,188.17	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 6,286.51
Net Other Income	\$ 43,134.76	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 16,453.60	\$ 2,233.58	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,188.17	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,864.76	\$ 32,967.67
Net Income	\$ 31,496.59	-\$ 6,173.17	\$ 13,602.26	\$ 1,000.00	-\$ 16,453.60	\$ 2,747.58	-\$ 326.09	\$ 2,691.80	\$ 820.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,328.90	\$ 1,468.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	-\$ 847.12	\$ 2,484.86	\$ 2,294.01	\$ 40,634.02

German Village Society

Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2016

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Bank Accounts - Operations	
Operations Chase Checking - 6039	53,959.70
Operations Chase Contingency - 4693	88,366.02
Total Bank Accounts - Operations	\$ 142,325.72
Board Designated Bank Accounts	
Board Designated Checking - 1362	0.00
Bicentennial Fund	0.00
Council of Historic Neighborhoods	1,777.87
For the Good of the Neighborhood	48,205.56
Frank Fetch Park/Maintenance	50.00
Fund for Historic Preservation	55,894.10
German Village Business Community	61,538.82
Highfield Garden	1,466.09
Historic Preservation Expert Restriction	0.00
Huntington Garden/Maintenance	6,033.19
Schiller Bloomin Fund	5,278.90
Schiller Friends of Schiller Fund	26,452.11
Schiller Park Enhancements	13,914.37
Schiller Park/Arboretum Fund	3,388.02
Schiller Park/Bench/Trash Can Fund	0.00
Southside Stay	1,480.00
Village Connections	0.00
Village Singers	6,774.08
Total Board Designated Checking - 1362	\$ 232,253.11
Board Designated Funds	
Meeting Haus Maint/Replacement	0.00
Meeting Haus Maint/Replacement Gain/Loss	-2,345.47
Meeting Haus Maint/Replacement Principal	196,660.22
Total Meeting Haus Maint/Replacement	\$ 194,314.75
Village Singers Fund - 14126	8,479.86
Warner Maintenance - 0330	0.00
Warner Maintenance - 0330 Gain/Loss	-2,843.43
Warner Maintenance - 0330 Principal	167,626.48
Total Warner Maintenance - 0330	\$ 164,783.05
Warner Maintenance - 2342	0.00
Warner Maintenance - 5402	0.00
Warner Maintenance - 8188	0.00
Total Board Designated Funds	\$ 367,577.66
Total Board Designated Bank Accounts	\$ 599,830.77
Permanently Restricted Fund Accounts	
Frank Fetch Endowment	0.00
Fund at Columbus Foundation	851.59
Huntington Garden Endowment	0.00
Huntington Garden Endowment Gain/Loss	-2,401.68
Huntington Garden Endowment Principal	200,670.51
Total Huntington Garden Endowment	\$ 198,268.83
Total Permanently Restricted Fund Accounts	\$ 199,120.42
Petty Cash	100.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 941,376.91
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable-General	50,258.76
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 50,258.76
Other current assets	
Credit Card Receivables	558.00
Designated Funds GVS Receivable	0.00
Inventory	0.00
prepaid Expenses	724.03
Undeposited Funds	30,965.00
Total Other current assets	\$ 32,247.03
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,023,882.70

German Village Society

Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2016

	Total
Fixed Assets	
Building 588 South Third Street	
Cost	759,990.66
Depreciation	-609,748.35
Land	40,000.00
Total Building 588 South Third Street	\$ 190,242.31
Leasehold Improvements	102,386.64
Depreciation	-52,571.69
Original Cost	6,813.00
Total Leasehold Improvements	\$ 56,627.95
Office Equipment/Furniture/Paintings	
Cost	241,938.23
Depreciation	-221,595.97
Total Office Equipment/Furniture/Paintings	\$ 20,342.26
Office Furniture	
Cost	0.00
Depreciaton	
Total Office Furniture	\$ 0.00
Office Paintings	
Cost	0.00
Total Office Paintings	\$ 0.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 267,212.52
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,291,095.22
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	5,678.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 5,678.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue	0.00
Deferred Revenue-Property Taxes	0.00
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	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 5,678.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 5,678.00
Equity	
Designated Earnings	
Non Restricted	0.00
Permanently restricted fund	190,572.59
Restricted	523,622.06
Temporarily Restricted	6,000.00
Total Designated Earnings	\$ 720,194.65
Retained Earnings	487,872.50
Net Income	77,350.07
Total Equity	\$ 1,285,417.22
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,291,095.22

Members of the Historic Preservation Committee heard from OSU students, Vincent Johns and Erin Schwab, and their colleagues after a semester-long project to create a preservation plan for German Village. The students mapped every address, garage, curb cut, brick street, and more; compared historic village uses against current; and proposed goals and scenarios for the Society to create a vision for the future. Thank you to Kyle Ezell and the OSU Knowlton School.

Civic Relations Committee, May 2016 Report, Nelson Genshaft, Chair

The Civic Relations Committee met on April 28, 2016 to discuss the planned “World Café” meeting scheduled for May 21, 10 am to noon, at Barcelona. The World Café format is designed to allow a large group of people to participate in a decision making process by breaking the group down to smaller clusters of people and asking them to consider a series of carefully planned questions. The people in each group may change between questions. Each group will have a reporter who will be responsible for collecting the answers from members of the group. Phil Cass, will be the facilitator and will provide a report on the outcome of the meeting. The questions to be put to the groups will ask whether the Third St. project should be GVS’ first priority, and if so, will the members of the group support it with time and money.

At the CR meeting, we spent time discussing the proposed use of the \$467,000 in UIRF funds to help fund the City’s design phase study of Third St. The purpose of using UIRF funds is to get the design phase study done sooner, keep the momentum of the project going and increase the chances of City funding for the project. Tim Bibler, a CR committee member, is opposed to the use of UIRF funds for the design phase. He says the UIRF money was supposed to be used to fix our brick streets, and spending it on other purposes, with no assurance that it will get City funding for the Third St project, is a waste of our UIRF funds. He stated he wants to be sure that the people attending the May 21 meeting understand that by giving Third St the priority requested, it will mean sacrificing those UIRF funds.

The CR committee also discussed the proposed Ballot to be used at the May 21 meeting. Members of CR were asked to consider fundraising questions, such as the appropriate amounts that the GV community should be asked to pay for the right to have names on various objects like bricks, trees, benches, pedestrian lights, etc. If we move forward with the Third St project, the CR committee believes there will be funds that GV will have to raise outside of the special tax assessments on Third St. property owners. We are trying to get a sense from the people attending the May 21 meeting as to what how the naming rights for physical objects should be priced.

Parks, Public Spaces and Community Events

Minutes of the April 7, 2016 Meeting

Members present: Sara McNealey, Craig Seeds, Shiloh Todorov, Nancy Little, Carol Mullinax, Connie Swain, Linda Freeman. Committee Chair Sara McNealey called the meeting to order at 9am. A motion was made that the March 10, 2016 minutes be adopted in the record. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Actors' Theatre

Carol Mullinax reported that the March Auditions were very successful and Actors' Theatre has cast all of its four plays. Rehearsals for *Othello* started several weeks ago. Plus, planning is underway for the annual fundraising tent dinner, which will be held this year on Friday, May 27. Actors' Theatre is launching a new Supportive Shakespeare initiative this year. It is designed to take accessible performances and productions into residence, retirement, detention, and seniors' centers. People in these facilities often have limited access to the arts because of travel, economic or other factors.

Garten Club

Nancy Little reported that the Blooming Fund solicitation, conducted in conjunction with Friends of Schiller has been mailed and that everyone is expecting great results. The GVGC Executive Board has approved a generous budget for its 50th year anniversary, including funds to re-do Frank Fetch Park.

The Garten Club is working with Friends of Schiller and the family of Eleanor Noltemeyer to place a memorial stone in her honor at the Park entrance at Reinhard and Third Streets.

A potential issue with the new owners of Wynans has been resolved. The owners wanted to add additional seating and proposed removing the Garten Club's planters to create more space. The Garten Club proposed shifting the planters to another area of the property. The Commission approved the change and the Wynans sent the Garten Club a \$100 donation in thanks.

Plans for the Garten Club's annual fundraisers, Jazz and Juleps and Garten Markt, are will underway. It is being catered by LA Caterers. Pistacia Vera and Schmidts are presenting sponsors. The Club's pre-sale door hanger will be distributed throughout the Village and out this weekend. The reverse side of the door hanger contains information about the newly formed Collaborative Five and each of the five groups is providing volunteers to help with distribution.

Sara thanked Garten Club for funding the Frank Fetch park makeover and its new Master Plan. The English Oak in the NW corner of the park had to be removed and the city crew did an excellent job of removing it. The Fetch bees made it through the winter

German Village Society

Shiloh Todorov reported that the society's new website is up, although it still needs some tweaks, as does the app. Staff is still in training and an April launch is iffy.

As was reported previously, the society is stepping out of its sponsorship role for Village Valuables, but is still receiving calls from potential vendors. It is sending those calls to the Golden Hobby Shop and St. Mary's. Concern was expressed that there may be an issue of people setting up stands in Schiller Park since at this point no security will be onsite to stop set-ups.

Shiloh advised the group that, effectively immediately, Neighbors 4 Neighbors would be sent only to members, although non-members will still receive some information. Several members of the committee expressed concern that this new policy would result in them losing access to non-members. In addition, only members may have their packages delivered to the Visitors Center.

Friends of Schiller Park

Katharine Moore was unable to attend, but submitted the attached report.

Arboretum Fund

Lindy Michael was unable to attend, but submitted the attached report.

Huntington Garten

Linda Friedman reported that the group is waiting on weather to see when to plant.

FUN Bunch

Mike Cornelis was unable to attend, but submitted the attached report.

The Farm

Connie Swain reported that there are a number of new gardeners this year and that all of the plots have been taken.

Department of Recreation and Parks

Craig Seeds reported that a pond contract in the works for all of the parks in the downtown area. The new contractor plans to use a variety of approaches to keep the ponds clean, including adding eggs, which keeps the geese from laying eggs in that area again; border collies to frighten the geese away; and laser lights to frighten the geese. These methods do not apply to the Schiller pond.

Sara asked that the water be turned on in Fetch Park. She also about the status of repairing the gas lights in Fetch Park. A company capable of making the repairs has been identified, but will not comply with the city's paperwork requirement. If the gaslights can't be repaired, the lights could be converted to electric lights. Craig is checking on getting an estimate. Connie pointed out that as the city is looking at converting "old looking" lights to electricity it should consider using lights that are constructed to only shine downward, with no light shining upward as these types of lights cause light pollution.

Craig reported that Earth Day and Arbor Day events being planned around the city and that Metro Park rangers are riding the park trails, with the goal of making them wider and making improvements.

New Business

No new business.

Old Business

The committee congratulated Sara on butterfly garden article that recently appeared in the German Village Gazette

With no additional business to be heard, the meeting adjourned at 10:05am with plans to gather next on May 5th.



To: Members of the Parks, Public Spaces and Community Events committee

From: Katharine Moore, Friends of Schiller Park

Date: April 7, 2016

Blooming Fund

The joint Friends of Schiller Park/German Village Garten Club solicitation was mailed on March 25. Shiloh provided us with a much-appreciated opportunity to pen a guest column for ThisWeek German Village to promote the campaign.

Schiller Plantings

We are applying to Nationwide Children's Hospital for plant materials and mulch. Volunteers will be rallied to mulch the Welcome Gardens and the Schiller Monument Circle Garden on May 25, with thank you beverages to be served afterwards at the home of Sid and Janet Druen.

Stewart Elementary School

I have submitted an invitation to the 4th graders at Stewart School for a Living History/Ice Cream Social event before the end of the school year...standing by for scheduling coordination.

Dog & People Fountain

I am working with Mollie O'Donnell, the Director of Parks Planning, on a water fountain in Schiller Park which will be funded with funds raised at last year's Kindred Spirits event.

Marketplatz

We are collaborating with the Garten Club on Marketplatz for Haus und Garten Tour day in Schiller Park.

Arboretum Fund Report

Lindy Michael

1. In mid-March, Keith from Davey Tree sprayed a pre-emergent oil spray on the huge Linden at the SW corner of the parking lot to help control the tree's bad aphid infestation. The aphids have almost killed the poor tree, as they caused its leaves to be totally covered with Sooty Mold last year. Hopefully, the spray will help it recover.
2. Jim Miller and Mollie O'Donnell are trying to get the Smith Roofing Company to pay to have vertical mulching done to save the compacted roots of the huge Heritage Chinkapin Oak on the NE corner of the Rec Center. If the Arboretum Fund needs to cover the Davey Tree bill for the work, it will cost us \$800! So, obviously, we hope the roofers will pay to mitigate the damage they caused by driving their heavy trucks over the entire root system of the poor tree.
3. I have contacted all of my waterers for the coming summer and will meet with each of them in early May. Each person will be assigned one or two trees to take care of. We have lost several waterers, but I was able to find several new people to take their place.
4. I will meet with Chad Hoff in April to decide on placement of our new donor provided Sugar Maple and replacement Scarlet Oak. They should be planted soon after that.

FUN Bunch Report

Mike Cornelis

The February bowling part hosted by the Athletic Club of Columbus was a huge success. We sincerely thank the ACC for their generosity for the free bowling, food, and FUN!

I couldn't get anyone hepped up about a March Madness party in March. Our typical date is for the Thursday kick off of the Tourney and this year it fell on the same day as St. Pat's. So, everyone celebrated in a Fun way, I'm sure. Just not as the Fun Bunch. 😊

April 30 – We are planning to cheer on the runners for the Cap City Half Marathon in front of the PV.

May – We would like to partner with the Friends of Schiller for another Dig In or Mulch Madness. > K Moore – just let us know if you need us or if you've rounded up the school kids this year.

June 10 – The Fun Bunch returns to Germania for Summerfest in hopes to defend our Shot-ski title!

July 17 – The Fun continues as the German Village Cupcakes battle the Ohio Muffins in beautiful Schiller Park.

That's it for now. Hope you all have a great meeting and hope to make one again sometime soon.

GVBC MAY REPORT

A somewhat uneventful month since we didn't have a meeting. We met with Shiloh & Mark to discuss a number of things including membership, Village Lights and Art Crawl. We're looking at ways to update and refresh all of these.

Art Crawl is well underway now with everything going according to plan. The "invitation to artists" went live online this week and letters to homeowners were sent out last week.

Jeff Lowe/Greg Gamier

GVCB Chairs

Long Range Planning Committee March 2016 Report

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, May 7th – Derby Party at the Germania Club – Village Connections fundraiser
- Saturday, May 14th – Village Valuables
- Thursday, June 9th – Patio Party at the Druen’s for YP members

Past

- Sunday, April 24th – 6:30 – Game of Thrones Tailgate... *“Winter is coming to the Meeting Haus”* – Setup/teardown went smoothly – event went smoothly, engaged several new neighbors

Meeting Haus/Visitor’s Center Taskforce

- Met with Andrew Dodson (along with Brittany & Joe Gibson, Shiloh) and adding him to the strategic SME list

Transportation

- COTA has agreed to present the 2017 Transit System Redesign (TSR) to the LRP and interested parties, looking at date options. This will impact how and how visitors, residents, employees, etc. access the neighborhood; Third St. service will be eliminated.
- AirConnect has launched
- Real-time tracking launching this week

New/Cont. Business

Six-word memoirs – Nick Reshan: “in six words, what does German Village mean to you?”

Village Connections – <http://villageconnectionsolumbus.org/>

New Executive Director announced, Kristen Schweitzer – We’ve connected via email and looking forward to a coffee catchup in near future

Committee: Development	Board Chair/Rep: Brandon	Meeting Date: 04/26/16
Attendees:	New Members:	
Dennis Brandon, Darci Congrove, Marie Logothetis, Joe Kurzer, McKenzie Mitchell, Jim Nichols, Nick Reshan, Anne Ring, Krista Sanford, Jay Smith, Susan Sutherland, Shiloh Todorov, Jennifer Williams and Joshua Zimmerman		
Executive Summary:		
1. The report of Plentiful/Mollard was circulated to committee members to brief them and prepare for forthcoming development activity		
Meeting Objectives/Highlights		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ New active members were included➤ All members were asked to provide suggested responses to a series of FAQ's prepared by Dennis. Several responses received.➤ Dennis had one on one meetings with Marie Logothetis, Anne Ring, Nick Reshan and Joshua Zimmerman➤ Committee members expressed interest in assisting as soon as practical➤ Anne was successful in securing a pretour table from the Huntington		
Next Steps: Refine draft, circulate for consideration.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prepare FAQ's for May 24 reception at Skestos to solicit for Slate level of support ▪ Await further staff training and Board orientation before next active steps		

Haus Und Garten Tour
planning committee report
May 2016

Since my last report, Haus Und Garten PreTour tickets went on sale – and with a bang.

As of May 4, there are 48 seats remaining at dinners in homes around the neighborhood (we started with a total of 382), 63 remaining cocktail-only tickets and 50 prix-fixe dinner seats still up for grabs at Copious, G. Michael's and Barcelona.

If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, do so now. You can peruse remaining dinners and order tickets online at germanvillage.com.

A big thank-you to our generous hosts as well as PreTour co-chairs Josh Zimmerman, Terri Dickey and Betty Garrett -- along with Bert Steven's help. I know you're all getting excited!

So far, we've got 36 Anhangers to thank for their extra dose of support this year... can we add you to the list? Those tickets – which get you recognition throughout the weekend for your support – and a limited number of PreTour corporate tables are still available.

And for the Tour itself, HGT co-chairs Susan Salt and Linda Gorsuch, with Bert's help, have rounded up 12 homes (and one bonus, featured on PreTour only).

Our big push for volunteers (especially from corporate groups or other organizations) to staff the homes as guides during Tour goes out mid-May. Bonnie Mitchell, our volunteer coordinator extraordinaire, is heading up that effort for us again this year. You'll see the HGT banner hanging outside Katzinger's in the next few weeks, too.

Press about some of the homes on Tour has started, including in *Capital Style* and *Living Sophisticated Columbus*. And our program team, which includes Dan Kline, John Clark, Tim Morbitzer, Toni Hudson, the Society staff, myself and many more are revving up.

As always, Tour weekend is the last weekend in June – this year, June 25-26, 2016. If you have questions or would like to know more about getting involved, please contact Brittany Gibson at brittanymgibson@gmail.com or [330.232.6275](tel:330.232.6275).

Brittany Gibson
HGT board liaison

Committee:	Board Chair/Rep:	Meeting Date:
Membership	Susan Sutherland	April 13th ,2016
Number of Attendees:		New Members?:
6		
Executive Summary: Packed up Welcome Bags for new residents for the block captains to deliver.		
Meeting Objectives/Highlights : Will split up the new GV directories at May meeting for membership committee members to deliver.		
Next Steps: Committee voted that they would write a little note to those new resident that have not joined yet the GVS from the Susan Sutherland list of names to encourage membership.		

Subject: GVS Finance Committee Meeting

Date: April 25,, 2016

Time: 6:00pm

Present: John Barr, Darci Congrove, Jim Nichols, Jeremy Chandler, John Barry and Jim Gibboney from Huntington Bank

Discussion
Topics: 1st Quarter Investment Performance
Review and approval of the 2015 Audited Financial Statements

Jim Gibboney from Huntington presented a summary of the GVS Investment performance for the Quarter ended March 31, 2016. Although the results improved somewhat in March they still lagged somewhat behind the revised benchmarks that were used as discussed at the last meeting. A discussion pursued regarding the ability of Huntington to present the additional information to possibly provide more clarity in analyzing the investment results. It was decided that a follow up meeting with Huntington would be held to discuss other possible options for tracking and presenting the investment performance.

On May 4th, John Barr met with Mike Valo a managing director with Huntington to discuss the GVS investment relationship and to explore potential options. Mike agreed to look into the whole investment situation including the performance results, possible alternative investment options as well as suggestions for improving the service relationship.

The committee reviewed and discussed the 2015 draft audited financial statements and formally recommended that the Board approve the audited financial statements for 2015 at the next Trustee meeting.

Suddenly, summer event season is upon us! We had just hit save on the online sales of PreTour tickets at 9:59 a.m. Friday when the power went out! So while VC volunteers Ken Hunger and Lisa Godfrey continued to take phone calls and help the folks who'd lined up to get their seats, they did it in the dark! And after about 35 minutes, the battery backup on the phones faded – so no phones. And in true Village fashion, everyone just kept on about their morning as if it weren't dark and technology meant nothing. Read Brittany's H&G update to see just how untouched sales were in the dark!

Also, at Friday's Jazz 'n Juleps is the first time actual, physical signs – the results of five years of Tea 43206 fundraising, which first funded a complete strategy plan – will be for sale. Thanks to the teamwork of the Collaborative 5, Garten Club offered each member of the group a booth at Jazz/GartenMarkt. Thank you!

Preservation education

The Historic Preservation Committee has reams of new information about our historic district thanks to the work of Kyle Ezell's OSU planning studio. They spent the semester counting and mapping homes, finding garages, plotting where our curb cuts are, comparing against historic maps, and theorizing some goals and strategies for us to envision the next 150 years of German Village.

Guided tours are also swinging into high gear. Sarah has noticed that the launch of the new website, with its clean, easy and visitor-focused information has lit up her phone with inquiries about tours.

Enhance Communications

How about that website? Launched but still buggy. Our vendor didn't successfully hit our PreTour deadline to allow ecommerce on the site in the way it is intended to be built going forward, so we built forms the same way we did last year. We've also noted that the pay-per-month feature of the membership site is wonky. And there's no search bar, which is making plenty of people crazy. Mark is working diligently to get the issues fixed and finalized so we can have the web project "complete." You'll also note that we've moved to a new N4N, and while there's a learning curve to the new tool, it does save a LOT of duplication that we used to do to put content on the web and newsletter.

Improve Governance

I attended the OANO annual conference May 3 and a workshop about board governance. It offered a lot of useful insight about how we can take the steps we've been discussing to fully actualize the staff's role in operations and the board's role in governance. There was also good information about how to really drill down on what the essence of our "business" is so we can execute the strategic plan to its fullest extent for our audiences.

Gov't and Community Relations/Championing the Neighborhood

There will be a major meeting on the Third Street project on Saturday, May 21, from 10 a. m.-noon at Barcelona. This is a major meeting in the sense that it is our opportunity to show the final project to our stakeholders, and to ask how dedicated they are personally to making the project real. One major

question we will answer: If Third Street becomes the top priority for Society resources, will you continue to support the Society with time/talent/treasure?

Enhance visitor experience

A big part of our “visitor experience” is in the events we throw. We’ve changed up a lot about this year’s PreTour, and a tiny bit about H&G. I’ve received a lot of positive feedback from patrons about the plans, and I feel certain we’ve guaranteed a 76-degree, sunny June 25 by taking the party indoors and adding trolleys. So win-win. GVBC is also working on upgrades to Art Crawl, and are beginning to look ahead to new ideas for Village Lights to keep these perennial favorites fresh and inviting for our guests.

Maximize relationship with police

Dan Glasener has agreed to chair the emerging Safety Committee, which will work to revise the existing police lunches and build on last year’s National Night Out success.

Support work of other champions

Once the website is fully functional, we will create logins for our committees and Collab 5 partners so each can load their own events and content. This not only reduces staff time loading, but allows these entities to own their messages and broadcast it to our audiences. Additionally, the Collab 5 purchased a Summer Festival ad in a dozen editions of This Week News to show off all there is to do this year on the bricks. It was an enhancement to the N4N that went out with the year’s look-ahead for all five entities. And if your calendar isn’t full through December after receiving it, you just aren’t trying 😊

Financial Stability

Adoption of the development plan prompts us to reconfigure staff roles again. At the conclusion of her internship, we will hire McKenzie Mitchell. On Monday, I’ll show the board my intent to support current operations as well as add the functions in the development plan that are designed to build our non-event stability into the future.

Operational Stability

We have hired a handyman to help us keep up with building demands, and additionally, volunteers David Schooler and Jamie Weilbacher have agreed to help us bid some building deterioration projects that cropped up. There is some mortar missing on the Willow Street side, and some windows in Fest have clear wood rot.

The new website, once fully launches, will have a monthly maintenance fee, we have just renegotiated our tech support with eRoots, and we need to look at replacing two very old computers.

All of these items will prompt an August re-budget to incorporate these operations needs, as well as new staffing scenarios.

May 2016, Board Report: Historic Preservation Advocate, Sarah Marsom

Sidewalks- Michael Blau's brick sidewalk strategy was reviewed and edited. It includes a toolkit to calculate if a sidewalk repair should be prioritized, grants, and examples of other cities/neighborhoods similar to German Village that are working to repair sidewalk infrastructure. The three sidewalk workshops in May are being led by Bello Giardino. The homeowners arranged their sidewalk permits, and completed Certificate of Appropriateness forms; I ensured the sidewalks were marked for gas/water lines so that we would not accidentally dig into piping.

GVC/ COA – The April German Village Commission was held in Fest Hall, once more. Based on the public attendance at meetings, the Commission has decided to continue to utilize the room. There is a high volume of applications, and I have been assisting applicants on a daily basis understanding the German Village Guidelines and reviewing applications prior to the submission to the Columbus Historic Preservation Office.

Education- The Vocab Word of the Week series in Neighbors4Neighbors is receiving positive feedback. Educational articles are continuing to evolve based on questions asked by residents, and other commentary. Once I have reviewed the Preservation Plan from the Ohio State University students, their findings will impact educational articles. There are still ongoing conversations for educational workshops to be hosted by the German Village Society this year.

Tourism- There were 12 tours given in April. These tours were given to elementary schools, college clubs, tour coordinators, and recreational travelers. Thanks to a grant from Ohio Humanities, the German Village Society hosted two tourism workshops. These workshops were focus groups held with tourism/heritage professionals and neighborhood residents/business owners. The workshops discussed current tours offered by the German Village Society, the tour themes, the tour guides, etc., with an running theme of what should be the predominant stories we tell through tours, the upcoming signage project, and the Visitor Center.

Volunteers Management –Visitor Center volunteers are doing well with the transition of packaging being a membership only service. Sales in the Visitor Center have increased, because a new self-guided walking tour booklet by John Clark.

Other- The archives project to digitize newsletters is complete and Alan Renga, is working to update the archives page on the new germanvillage.com, placing archives into proper storage, and verifying PastPerfect data is properly input.

May Board Report – Mark Weiss

Website Update:

It's been a month of cleanup with the new website.

Many businesses, advertisers and neighbors have shared extremely positive feedback – from the look and layout of the site to its actual functionality and brevity of content. It's been very reassuring knowing that the investment we placed into the new website is already earning early dividends.

There's one last hurdle before we can truly unleash the intended power of the new site. Our developers are working on connecting two WordPress plugins known as WooCommerce and Gravity Forms. These plugins are supposed to make purchasing tickets easier for our neighbors and guests on the front end and even easier for GVS staff to collect the necessary information and payment on the back end.

While these are transactional donors, if our long-term goal is to shift these transactions into relational donors then we need to be able to capture correct information and have a smooth process by which they can purchase tickets, become member donors or potential volunteers.

We continue to work with 30 Lines to finish these last details of the new website and staff training on these new features is ongoing as well.

Tourism Video Series:

April 19 and 21 marked production dates for the filming of our 3-part video series to promote tourism to the area.

We expect a draft with a few clips in the next week to ensure Sway the Crowd has captured the scope and direction of the project.

Choosing music for this series wasn't easy as we initially thought. We've discovered that through our previously selected music service there was an upcharge for paid advertising music licensing. We are attempting to stay under budget on this project and that means discovering music elsewhere under the further guidance of Sway the Crowd Productions.

Art Crawl:

Homeowners along Macon Alley are returning signatures to close the alley and forms to allow the GVBC to use their parking pads and garages.

We are working with our designer to print new postcards for this year's event. We are also budgeting for greater vibrancy along the alley through signage. Our goal was to eliminate questions like, "Where can I find...X?" and we have a plan in place for an alley to be filled with wayfinding signage.

Artist applications are due May 23 and are live online, through social media as well as targeted artists from previous years, Ohio State, CCAD, and 400 W. Rich building in Franklinton.