

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.

Statement of Concern
June 10, 2013

We who live in the German Village Historic District believe that the recent interpretation by the German Village Commission of the German Village Guidelines for Historic Preservation has not been complementary to the historic integrity of the architecture of the original houses in German Village.

Since historic preservation is the primary mission of the German Village Society we ask that the German Village Board of Trustees hold meetings with the City of Columbus and the German Village Commission. Our expectation of these meetings is for each group to consider the historic impact their decisions have on Village properties so that our house additions do not show today's more contemporary architecture but reflect the historic character and legacy left to us by our ancestors.

We would hope that action is taken about this matter before the next Board of Trustees meeting and we'll look forward to hearing a report about your meetings with the City and the Commission at the July Board Meeting.

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Jody,

The petition referenced is signed by 70 people. Specific action is being requested of the Society. We are seeking your guidance. As I understand the situation, petitioners are upset with the Caretakers award to the property on 6th Street that borders Schmidt's as too modern.

As the person with the most experience in German Village historic and architectural preservation, I would appreciate it if you could address the following topics:

- (1) what is your expert opinion with respect to the 6th St. project? Is it within the Guidelines and/ or does it run afoul of their spirit?
- (2) what is your expert opinion as to whether "modern" additions are generally inappropriate in GV;
- (3) given your experience, do you have any concern with the society taking a board position on "modern" improvements; and
- (4) what is your expert opinion with respect to the appropriateness of the board meeting with the city and Commission to seek to influence them in the manner requested by the petitioners?

Thanks for any input you can provide.

To: The German Village Society Board of Trustees

Fr: Jody Graichen, Historic Preservation Consultant

Re: 797 S. Sixth Street

My opinion regarding the house at 797 S. Sixth Street is that the addition is in keeping with the German Village Guidelines. Page 93 of the Guidelines includes recommendations for additions that I believe this project met:

1. it should be clear that additions are later features and not part of the original structure;
2. one approach to make an addition “read” separately is to use different detailing;
3. one approach could be to make an addition essentially a free-standing structure, connected to the original building by a modest glass-walled connector; and
4. additions should be placed to the rear of a building wherever possible.

The German Village Guidelines, codified by Columbus City Council, are taken from the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards, commonly accepted criterion that are nationally accepted and represent the best thinking on appropriate methods of preservation and intervention.

Standard 3 states that “each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development will not be undertaken.”

Standard 10 states that “additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.” In the case of 797 S. Sixth Street, the glass connector meets this standard.

I do not believe that “modern” additions are inappropriate in German Village. Any addition that meets the German Village Guidelines and addresses detail, massing, and material issues is worth consideration by the German Village Commission. Each property in German Village is different and what works at one address will not work for all. In his book, *Historic Preservation: An Introduction to its History, Principles and Practice*, Norman Tyler writes that, “achieving good new design in a historic district cannot be obtained by city ordinance. It must come from architects and designers who understand the dynamics of contextualism and are sensitive to the relationship of new to old.”

I believe that people love German Village for its architecture and with that its’ creativity, its respect for architectural diversity, and its willingness to experiment. German Village has enjoyed the benefit of having some of the City’s most talented architects test their education, experience, and ideals here. People don’t come to German Village seeking a living history museum or reconstructed site ~ they come here to see how this neighborhood has evolved over time and adapted to everyday life in historic homes and businesses. Today’s additions and new construction should be representative of the early 21st century and should never attempt to fool residents or guests into thinking they are historic themselves. They will add to the already rich fabric of German Village and one day, will serve as a testament to how Villagers in 2013 worked with what Villagers of 1890 left them.

I have tremendous concerns about the Society’s Board taking a position on “modern” architectural improvements. The German Village Society and German Village Commission are not one in the same and do not have a shared mission. Residents of German Village already express confusion over which entity is which ~ becoming a review board to review the Commission makes already muddy waters even murkier.

The venue for effective communication with the Commission is the Public Forum portion of their monthly public meeting. The Society has, in the past, taken advantage of this opportunity for public comments and concerns, but it was always regarding large-scale commercial projects that affected the entire neighborhood ~ never one residential project that was already completed.

I do not think the German Village Society should engage in meetings with the City Historic Preservation Office or German Village Commission in a manner that will surely pit neighbor against neighbor, member against member. Our role is to support the architectural review process ~ when we know people have concerns, we should encourage them to attend Commission meetings and speak at the Public Forum portion. We cannot, in keeping with our own mission and goals, police the Commission.

I am very concerned that, should we take a stand against this already completed project, the Society will no longer show our respect for accepted preservation practices, but only our concerns for the likes and dislikes of a few residents. Each opinion is of course, to be respected and considered, but that stands true not just for these petitioners, but for those who enjoy and appreciate this particular project as well. The Society simply must be objective, rather than subjective.

Randall Mason, of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Design said that "any city worth its salt rigorously protects its inheritance just as it rigorously pursues good new design." I'd like to think that people associate German Village not just with historic architecture, but with our appreciation for the fact that architecture is dynamic and ever-evolving. I know I do.

Respectfully,

Jody Graichen

In the process of collecting over ⁷⁰~~64~~ signatures on this statement we have heard lots of misdirected banter. Neither Mary nor I have any reason to believe that there have been any improprieties from the Board or the Commission. We merely hope that this document will foster discussion about what Historic Preservation means to German Village.

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GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY

Columbus, Ohio

May 13, 2013

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Pursuant to notice, the Board of the German Village Society (the "Society") met in the Scheurer Room. Darci Congrove served as Acting President and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

In attendance were Darci Congrove, Bill Curlis, Nick Cavalaris, Tim Bibler, Sarah Irvin Clark, Chris Hune, Beth Ervin, Mike Yarbrough, and Jeff McNealey, who served as Acting Secretary. Absent: Bill Case, Mike Cornelis, Jeanne Likins, Brian Santin, Also in attendance were Shiloh Todorov, Russ Arledge, and COTA's Marty Stutz and This Week news reporter Gary Seman.

Marty Stutz of COTA presented an update on COTA's plans for improving services and linkages between the various neighborhoods, employment centers, and downtown Columbus. COTA wants to build a stronger appreciation and understanding of COTA route structures and improvements in service since the 2006 County-wide levies were passed.

Noting that 95% of the funding comes from county residents supporting the 5% of the county population ridership over 68 routes, COTA is dedicated to providing upgraded services to those who might not have other means of transportation.

Additionally, to reduce the COTA burden on traffic, COTA is adjusting route structures to improve smoother flow, including reducing redundant stops. Noting that in other communities, school students rely on public transportation rather than school buses, it was hoped that COTA could fulfill some of this service in the areas near city schools.

When asked about COTA's position on the rumored streetcar system, Mr. Stutz indicated that COTA had no official opinion yet. The Board appreciated the COTA presentation.

Darci next called for approval of the April minutes. Upon motion of Bill Curlis, seconded by Beth Ervin, those minutes were unanimously approved.

The Board next turned to the Director's Report. In addition to the submitted information, Shiloh Todorov gave a brief update on Haus und Garten Tour activities, the increased focus on the visitor center by more intensively presenting the history of the Village since 1950, recognizing that the past 60 years have evidenced great change in the Village. The visitor center group is also looking at improved use of the whole building beyond visitor center optimization.

To facilitate better service to our visitors, Katharine Moore and P. Susan Sharrock have developed a new manual for the visitor center volunteers. Hopefully, this will make it easier for the volunteers and a more meaningful visit to German Village by our many visitors.

Russ Arledge and Nick Cavalaris indicated they had no additional comments other than in the submitted information. Bill Curlis asked about the fundraising levels for the Huntington Garden endowment. There was a brief discussion; but the matter was referred to the Finance and Development Committees.

Upon motion of Chris Hune, seconded by Bill Curlis, the financial report for April was unanimously approved.

Darci Congrove next gave a detailed update of Haus und Garten Tour activities. Noting a tremendous increase in broad community sponsorship support, and a wider Columbus business support in particular, sponsorships have increased dramatically.

Giant Eagle has agreed to sell tour tickets through its 32 Central Ohio outlets and provide water for the water stations sprinkled around the Village on Tour day. They also will be providing food for the Party on the Platz cocktail party Saturday evening. Katzinger's has volunteered to provide food for the volunteer appreciation party on Sunday evening.

It was noted that the fundraising success this year was, in no small part, due to the fine efforts of Tanya Rutner in support of the efforts of Shiloh Todorov and others.

Shiloh Todorov next led a discussion on technology upgrades. It is anticipated that there will be a questionnaire going out to the membership and other interested parties asking what additional information can be or should be delivered to the general public. The goal is to keep everyone abreast of the positive developments for the Society and the Village, as well as to correct any false information which may be circulating about various issues. More on this topic at the June meeting.

The Civic Relations Committee reported on the current Third Street developments. The UIRF grant is now starting to fund additional work by Brian Kinzelman and other contractors, leading toward a Third Street improvement plan which will be fully integrated with the I-70 reconstruction effort and downtown traffic plans.

The goal is to create an upgraded and pleasing link to downtown, thereby counteracting the negative effects on the neighborhood created by construction of "the trench" in the 1960s. German Village is most active in this planning process thanks to the efforts of the Civic Relations Committee.

Darci Congrove and Shiloh Todorov next led a discussion of Development Committee efforts, augmented by the comments of Mike Yarbrough. It was noted that the Committee's effort has shifted from planning to implementation of fundraising activities, again an effort made far more successful through the guidance and hard work of Tanya Rutner.

More people throughout the general Columbus community are recognizing the value of German Village as a part of tourism, an example for sound growth in other historic districts, and a vital place for area residents to celebrate and relax in our numerous business, cultural and restaurant venues.

Turning once again to the Finance Committee report, Nick Cavalaris led a discussion on addressing deferred maintenance occasioned by rotting wood in various external areas of the Meeting Haus.

After some discussion, **the Board unanimously approved expenditures of up to \$5,000 from the Warner Maintenance Fund, based on bids to be received, to be used to cover the expenses of correcting various damaged wood around windows, doors and**

soffits. It was noted that a certificate of appropriateness was already in hand for this work. Moved by Bill Curlis, seconded by Beth Ervin, the motion passed unanimously.

The German Village Business Community report was received as submitted without comment.

Chris Hune reported on the activities of the Historic Preservation Committee. She noted that 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Commission, which has been a strong element in successful restoration efforts within the Village. The upcoming Caretakers of the Legacy program is geared toward highlighting this celebrated anniversary as well as applauding the works of individuals within the Village to meet the restoration goals of the Village.

Shiloh Todorov led a discussion of the Long Range Planning Committee's efforts. She reflected on the efforts of Southside STAY, noting that they are looking to form a separate 501(c) (3) organization to garner support from a community wider than just German Village and to raise funds to sustain their effort.

Also discussed was support for the "car share" program. The Long Range Planning Committee has welcomed the car share concept (a "car to go") in the German Village area.

Upon motion of Darci Congrove, seconded by Mark Yarbrough, the Board unanimously supported the letter of recommendation issued by the Long Range Planning Committee in support of car shares.

It was noted in the course of the discussion that car shares is not anticipated to have a negative impact on parking anywhere in the Village. Also discussed was the recent agreement by Columbus Housing Partnership to purchase Barrett Junior High School. Members of the Long Range Planning Committee are active in that project.

There ensued a brief discussion of the Membership Report, where it was noted that memberships are growing at a steady rate due to the positive activities of the Committee.

Although the report of the Parks and Public Spaces Committee was accepted, there was a discussion on the nature of the memoranda of agreement to be signed by the German Village Society and the City of Columbus. These MOAs relate to various shared maintenance relationships between German Village Society committees and, primarily, Columbus Recreation and Parks. The MOAs are to be presented to the Board at the June meeting for review and approval, noting that these are basically renewal MOAs continuing a long tradition of cooperation with the City.

Chris Hune and Shiloh Todorov next led a discussion on the American Planning Association conference planned for the autumn of 2014. Randy Black is actively supporting the conference. The group is targeting a two-day workshop during the work week. The tentative venue is the Great Southern Hotel, keeping in line with our historic mission.

There ensued a general discussion of the scope of work by the consultant authorized in the April meeting. Due to the length of the planning horizon, Chris Hune indicated that the total

budget for the consultant would be in the range of \$15,000, with funds to be allocated in both the 2013 and 2014 budgets.

Upon motion of Chris Hune, seconded by Bill Curlis, the Board unanimously authorized entering into a contract with the selected consultant for an amount not to exceed \$14,550, as outlined in the Executive Director's Report to the Board of May 13, 2013. The Finance Committee will review and report on the appropriate accounting for this multi-year expenditure.

The meeting wrapped up with a general discussion of improved communications to Village residents, businesses, and the wider Columbus community. The Village is currently enjoying great successes in coordinated planning, an increase in business activities and real estate values, and recognition throughout the general community of the value of German Village. These successes need to be shared. The various committees involved will be urged to keep this in mind as they go forward with their work.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by J. Jeffrey McNealey, Acting Secretary

The past month has been a whirlwind of Haus und Garten Tour. The enthusiasm with which hosts, sponsors, volunteers, ticketholders and staff embrace this event is overwhelming. It's been challenging, but also fun to get to know the rope a LOT better than I did last year.

On May 15, Trustees Jeanne Likins and Tim Bibler attended an Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations workshop with me in Dayton. The topic was building strong boards and we walked away with a number of ideas we can apply immediately here, as well as some longer-term ideas that can work their way through our Organizational Development Committee.

The 15th was also a very successful young professionals party hosted by Susan Sutherland and with food by Two Caterers. We had about 45 young folks from across the Village who came to network and learn more about ways they can become members, ticketholders, volunteers and friends of the German Village Society.

The Caretakers of a Legacy Award event attracted about 70 people, and we were honored to celebrate 50 years of the German Village Commission, which the Society helped to create in 1963. Thank you to Trustee Chris Hune and the members of the Historic Preservation Committee for their help setting up and greeting for the event. Thanks to Trustees Hune, Darci Congrove, Jeanne Likins and former Trustee Roy Bieber for sticking around to help clean up!

We have a very successful Village Valuables day. With prompting from our H&G Tour co-chair Kristyn Hartman, we sold Tour tickets at four locations that day, plus oversized reusable bags with our housey-house logo on them and raffle tickets. The Society's table also featured our T-shirts at a discount price and we took in nearly \$1,000 from the sale. We also, with the help of Tanya Rutner and Raising Green Productions, found sponsors for this event for the first time in memory. Thanks to COTA, Schmidt's, Explorer's Club and German Village Vet Hospital for participating as sponsors.

The PreTour hosts gathered at a party sponsored by Erika Taylor Salon & Spa on May 20. The hosts mingled and gathered information they'll need for their parties.

Our rental agreement for the building is complete, thanks to Trustee and Board Attorney Jeff McNealey. On June 4, we did a training of Meeting Haus managers who will run the building during events, thereby extending our ability to educate attendees about historic preservation in the Visitors Center while they're in the building for a meeting.

Heritage Ohio made a swap with the Society this month. In exchange for a tour, led by volunteer docent Jerry Glick, Heritage Ohio allows Russ Arledge and I to attend their annual conference held at the Westin.

Please mark your calendars for June 18 at 8 a.m. at Backstage Bistro (connected to Shadowbox) where we will fete our Fred & Howard Award winner for 2013. Thanks to Backstage Bistro for sponsoring the breakfast.

I'm pleased to announce we are hiring Matt Shad as a contractor to run our APA workshop in October 2014. He will be paid, as was Board approved in the March meeting, first from For The Good of the

Neighborhood Funds in 2013, then budgeted for in 2014. We expect this event to turn a profit for the Society, thereby underwriting our mission-centric programs. The workshops also allow us to maintain our role in the preservation conversation, just as we've done in 1963 by creating the GVC, in 1974 by getting National Register of Historic Places status, by hosting Heritage America in 1986, by garnering Ohio's first Preserve America designation in 1996 and by winning an APA Top 10 Great Neighborhoods award in 2011. On June 4 I attended the German Village Commission meeting to ask for financial support as seed money for this event. The Victorian Village Commission has pledged \$500 from their fiscal 2013 budget for same.

I have been in communication with the Bike Share interests at the city. They'd like to place nodes at Golden Hobby Shop and Schiller Park. We plan meetings June 11 to iron out final details of those placements. Thanks to Trustee Bill Curlis and Friends of Schiller Chair Katharine Moore for attending the meeting with me. Thanks to Streetscape Chair Tim Bibler and Long-Range Planning Chair Matt Eshelbrenner for providing input on the plan.

On June 5, we had a Tour home hosts party at Sharon and Richard Pettits', co-sponsored by Cindy and Bruce Hagen. It was a similar mingler/informational party to that held for PreTour hosts.

German Village Society
Elise A. Wyant Assistant for Visitorism
June 11, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting

I want to let the board know how truly happy I am to be working here. I have only been around since October, working a meager 4 hours a week to now working 40hrs a week through GVS, GVBC, and because of St Mary summer usage of Fest Hall. I have met and begun friendships with so many kind dwellers of the village. No matter where I go around this neighborhood, I always run into people I know through the Society. I have come to love this community and its many residents. Thank you for the opportunity to work here among so many wonderful people.

Tours:

In the past month we had 3 tours come experience the Village. A small group of 10 from Heritage Ohio experienced two shining examples of 20th century restoration when they took the Explore Beyond the Door Tour May 22nd. The group came from a 3 day conference focusing on local spirit. Docent Jerry Glick gave them a behind the scenes look at the revitalization and preservation of the homes and gardens of Marie Logothetis & Daniel Kline on 649 S 5th St. and Sara & Jeff McNealey at 247 E Beck St.

Tuesday May 14th a group of talented and gifted students from the Stewart School took a tour of German Village. Led by docent Kathy Wightman, the students roamed the already familiar brick streets in search of architectural aspects they may not normally notice.

The third group came to us from Firelands 55+ Club in Northern Ohio. With Pat Phillips as their step-on guide docent, they drove around the neighborhood learning of our unique history with Pat entertaining them along the way.

For the month of June only one tour is booked but just recently 3 Explore Beyond the door tours were booked in July.

GVBC:

We have two new business members K.A. Menedian Rug Gallery and Bath Fitter. The GVBC website is under construction. I am entering all members into a form to create content easy to find. Work is underway for the upcoming Art Crawl July 20th. There are only a few more signatures to be collected in order to shut down Macon Alley for the evening.

New tourist maps have been dropped off to the office for distribution. After a few setbacks with printing, they are now ready to be used in the VC and all over the community. We hope the larger numbers and included bus routes will improve travel around the Village.

Rentals:

June 4th we had the Meeting Haus Manager Training for 5 people who we are hiring as Meeting Haus Managers. Angela Petro, Russ, Shiloh and myself, walked them through the rental process from when I am first contacted for a rental to locking up the building after the party has concluded.

This week we have 3 rentals. Thursday June 6th, Colin D. Halloran the author of *Shortly Thereafter* is holding a book signing in Scheurer. Friday the 7th there is a wedding rehearsal dinner in Fest Hall and the next day the same couple is using Fest to host both their wedding and reception.

Membership:

Since May 13th there have been 18 new members. I have been working closely with Russ to keep our data clean and current. Any issues or questions I have, we work through together. George Lekorenos gift to GVS of \$100 for every new client he gets is of course such an amazing commitment but giving us some trouble with how best to record the data. Russ has put in a lot of time with that project and is showing me the best way to track it.

Elise A. Wyant



June 10, 2013

Monthly Report to the German Village Society Board of Trustees

Submitted by: Russ Arledge, Program and Operations Manager

► Last month was surprisingly busy... there were 7 student and adult tours, the Jazz & Juleps and Garden Market events, two Village Singers performances, Thursday evening YOGA started up again for the summer season, we enjoyed the Nancy Mulick/Janette Knowles Art Exhibit all month, and somehow we still managed to honor our Veterans on Memorial Day... have you ever visited Eddie Rickenbacker's grave site at Green Lawn Cemetery? In 1973 I actually took a vacation day and walked over to watch his funeral procession travel south on High St and cross the old Greenlawn bridge... I digress...

► I've been focusing more time on the PastPerfect database... aside from membership and donations, there are a number of categories that are being created and fine-tuned... starting with the Objects Collection; I've been entering our watercolor painting collection, in our Archives section I've been entering our Haus und Garten Program Collection, and of course, fine tuning the Property Files Collection. I hope to have a beta version ready for the website soon with a sampling of the various collections available for viewing and comment

► The Police Luncheon held on May 30th was well attended. Minutes of the meeting can be found on the cyberblockwatch.com website. The lunch for the officers this month was provided by the Olde Mohawk Restaurant.

► The cyberblockwatch.com website now has 823 registered users, up over 200 users since the first of the year. This is a collaborative effort between the German Village Society, Schumacher Place, and the citizens of both neighborhoods.

► During this month a total of 272+ 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 16 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 June 2013
Nick Cavalaris, Treasurer

6/10/13

This report highlights certain items of the attached financial reports that are presented to the GVS board each month. This report is intended to serve as the June 2013 report. The balances in this report are as of June 7, 2013 and reflect reconciled balances to the last available bank statement. The attached reports are as follows: 1) GVS Balance Sheet as of 6-7-13 and 2) 2013 Budget Variance by Month. Highlights are as follows:

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

Operations Bank Account Balance:	\$151,396.99
Board Designated Checking Balance:	\$109,913.03
Total Board Designated Funds Balance:	\$437,370.56
(Including: MH and Warner maintenance)	
Perm. Restricted Funds Account Balance:	\$157,818.41
Total Balance of GVS Bank Accounts*:	<u>\$746,737.96</u>

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

* Excludes inventory

German Village Society
Balance Sheet
As of June 7, 2013

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Bank Accounts - Operations	
Operations Chase Checking - 6039	48,396.53
Operations Chase Contingency - 4693	103,052.46
Operations Fifth Third Checking - 5113	0.00
Total Bank Accounts - Operations	\$ 151,448.99
Board Designated Bank Accounts	
Board Designated Checking - 1362	0.00
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	43,471.07
Highfield Garden	1,399.17
Huntington Garden/Maintenance	12,007.51
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	1,228.78
Schiller Trash Can Fund	0.00
Village Connections	1,000.00
Village Singers	2,940.57
Total Board Designated Checking - 1362	\$ 109,913.03
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	\$ 437,370.56
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	\$ 746,737.96
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>\$ 748,786.51</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 #####

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	<u>53,059.94</u>

Total Equity #####

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

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Friday, Jun 07, 2013 12:37:57 AM GMT-7 - Cash Basis

Committee: GVBC	Board Chair/Rep: Greg Gamier	Meeting Date: 5/15/2013
Number of Attendees: 14	New Members?:	
Executive Summary:		
GVS Updates – Shiloh		
<p>GVS has a desire to remodel the Visitor’s Center to be an interactive memorable experience. Goal is to make it more up-to-date. Two groups are working on some projects one being the preservation committee. They are working on storytelling and signage for those who don’t get here to the Visitor’s Center. Goal is to make it similar to what Williamsburg has with their story, spread all over the city. Here at GVS we do own a portion of the historical German immigration story but that really belongs to the Historical Society. What we do have is the resurrection story of how we rose from the deterioration that happened in the early part of the 20th century. We want to tell that story as best we can. To tell the story of the urban pioneers, we need to catalogue all the information and artifacts located in the back cabinets and upstairs in Fest Hall. Because of the two year project for cataloging information, the visitor’s Center project timeline may be pushed back.</p> <p>We have been approved for \$500,000 from the Urban Infrastructure Renewal Fund from the city of Columbus. There will be a study done for the 3rd St project that will take 15 months to complete. News and work about 3rd St is coming along very quickly.</p> <p>Membership has stepped up to help with our projects. Shiloh’s belief statement, advertising options and critical needs list is something all members need to take a look at to understand the work we are doing.</p>		
Actors’ Theater – Jill D’Antignac & John Kunh		
<p>John – Schiller park is our home and always will be but we are expanding to Easton Towne Center and to the Columbus Commons. Every Thursday night in June and July there will be a play at Easton on the stage in the square right behind Brio. The play will made done by 3 guys performing the best of Shakespeare. These performances are paid gigs that help out a lot. Also, it creates exposure to many more than what they normally would get. Actor’s theatre is busy with 6 different shows within the next 4 months.</p> <p>Jill – Actors’ Theatre is at a turning point. They want to partnership with the GVS and are looking forward to a wonderful season. The Playbill Campaign was not that successful so they are searching for other opportunities to reach an audience. May 23 is</p>		

their annual Tent Dinner in Schiller. Explorers Club is providing dinner and Juergens is providing desert. Be on the lookout for the Actors' Theatre Newsletter, hot cards, Twitter and Facebook feeds. John and Jill want to do creative things and nothing is off the table as far as partnerships. Please let them know what ideas you have. Just recently, this Saturday night at the Columbus Commons they had over 130 people in attendance at the play. In a typical summer they expect to perform in front of nearly 22,000 people. They also have a website. Please call, they are always here to listen.

Wayne Webb Columbus Bowl – Elaine Webb

Elaine's husband Wayne is on the PGA circuit right now. Elaine and Wayne purchased the former Rainbow Lanes 3 years ago and spent 1 million dollars on renovations. Wayne is the 18th greatest bowler in history and because of his status they bring in a number of top bowling events to Columbus. This July they are hosting (along with two other bowling centers in the area) the 2013 US Open. Bowlers from all over the world will be in attendance. This is the first year both the men's and women's competition will be held together and the first time it is in a Midwest location. Their bowling site will host the kickoff event and because of that they are looking for sponsorships from the community. They would be happy to accept silent auction items from local businesses. A hospitality area will be set up for bowlers their family and friends. If you wish to offer your services to this area, please contact Elaine. Elaine@bowlcolumbus.com. This event will run for an entire week starting Saturday with the kickoff, Sunday practice, Monday Tuesday and Wednesday are the qualifying rounds, Thursday and Friday match play. All are invited to the event. There will be a tent for the patio area. The 48 lane center is offering sponsorships to patrons including logos on bowling pin racks, banner placement within the center, and ads on TV's. They expect tons of locals to be in attendance. Elaine asked Shiloh if there can be a partnership with the German Village Society. Shiloh accepted gladly. Betty Garrett offered her services to help find a tent for use. Please contact Elaine with questions or ideas. Elaine passed out business cards and information concerning the event.

Haus & Garten Volunteers - Marie Trudeau

Pretour ticket sales have already reached \$40,000 in sales with 6 more weeks to go. In the past, GVBC has sold Giant Eagle donated water for the event. Marie asked for volunteers to staff a water station exclusively run by GVBC members in 3hr & 15 min shifts. If you cannot do this job, there are plenty of other volunteer opportunities for this event. And don't forget, volunteers get to do the tour for free. On a personal note, her agency is 75 years old corresponding to their pretour theme "1938 Academy Awards" if anyone would like to donate a gift card for swag bags please contact Marie at marie@wedavis.com.

New Business

Frank Fetch Park and Police Luncheon – Jerry Glick

Thank you for supporting Frank Fetch Park. Spring plantings have been planted in the park. 23 boxes down 3rd St. have been spruced up. During the summer there are free concerts in the park every 3rd Sundays. Bring chairs and well-disguised wine. In time for Christmas, evergreens will be planted & decorated in the 3rd St. boxes. To do all this work, there is a very large dedicated amount of people giving hundreds of hours on these projects.

The police luncheons occur monthly and can be attended by anyone. Jerry thanked those businesses who provide lunches for these meetings in specific Juergens Bakery. The meetings are attended by 9 to 14 officers and the last meeting had 27 residents. If you have a problem or see a situation come to the meeting. Just yesterday a \$80,000 camera from Opera's network was stolen near Katzingers. Betty Garrett brought up a concern that the media is portraying the village as being unsafe when really it's outside the village.

Frank Wickham discussed the upcoming things at St Mary Church. They have 55 weddings booked there a year.

Much of this information will be put in next week's Member2Member Newsletter.

Compiled by Elise Wyant

Meeting Objectives/Highlights:

- Request for staff time or Volunteers?
- Financial Resources?
- Issues or concerns that require consideration by the Board or staff for possible response or action with timeline included

Next Steps:

Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2013

GVS Historic Preservation

Meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Hune.

Due to the significant progress from the Streetscape Committee to engage the City of Columbus to move forward with the Third Street Plan, there is no need at present to continue as a separate subcommittee of Historic Preservation and therefore the two committees will merge. Chris welcomed Tim Bibler and his committee to join all future meetings.

Oral Histories: Jeff Jaynes reported that the Caretakers Event video of commission members was well received. They are now going to continue to focus on the current list of potential interviewees.

The signage project group will reconvene in July to allow Darci to focus on Haus & Garten in June. There was a request that anyone who is available to volunteer for any aspect of Haus & Garten to please sign up for a shift.

Chris reported on updates for the APA workshop. It is anticipated to be held in October of 2014 and we are currently recruiting a part time consultant to handle the logistics of the event.

At the request of the Technology committee, we discussed enhancements that could be made to the website, N4N and the mobile site. Some suggestions were to have links to the various standing committee meeting minutes and having links to the digital archives – this is something Russ is working towards.

Russ reported the archives project is moving forward and he is establishing guidelines that will provide information for other volunteers who want to get involved in the project. He is beta testing the records information presently by searchable content and working on property files.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned. There will be no June meeting due to Haus & Garten tour activities.

Next HPC meeting July 18rd – 6 p.m. Meeting Haus

GV LRPC April Minutes and May Meeting Agenda - May 9th at 6pm

1. Transportation Follow Ups

- Car Sharing Support
 - We sent a letter to the City of Columbus in support of this project last month. Car2Go is still shooting to begin servicing Columbus later this year
- Alta/Columbus Bike Share in front of Commission
 - The bike share program is still progressing through the city's administrative offices
 - We are encouraging the individuals in charge of the program to include the GV Commission and other key stakeholders as much as possible
 - More to come on this at the next meeting as Shiloh is meeting with their representatives later this week
- GV & COTA
 - German Village is now visible on bus's scrolling marquees!
 - Gallery Hop Event went well. Look for future events for GV to partner with COTA for a fun outing!
 - COTA stops will have increased exposure on the new version of our GV Business Maps

2. Village Connections

- Still waiting for 501c3 status from the IRS
- Their first phase on annual fundraising has been hit consisting of generous donations from 100% of the board
- You may have also recently seen an email come out updating the community on their progress
- The group is working hard so that as soon as they are able to achieve tax exempt status things may progress quickly

3. Southside STAY

- Last large group meeting was on May 2nd. It consisted of a panel of 6 parents who represented different experiences surrounding Columbus City Schools
 - Parents on the panel volunteered lots of information about their experiences raising children on the Southside
 - Attendants asked a wide range of questions, all geared towards expanding their knowledge base of schooling options in Columbus
- STAY has asked CCS to come up with a viable action plan for the future of a Middle School on the Southside. CCS has yet to respond to us but we should hopefully have more information soon
- There is an event coming to Columbus In October of 2014 that the German Village Society is working on with the American Planning Association. They would love participation from Southside STAY as the event nears so that they can participate in the event when it occurs. More to come on this over the coming months as the specifics of the event start to take shape.

4. CORA

- Unfortunately we were unable to lock down a summer intern for this year. We will try again on the Fall but this project is on hold for now

5. Local Liaisons

Downtown SIDs - Ed Elberfeld

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

Greenlawn Abbey - Trevor Major

Grange Audobon - Ed Elberfeld

6. Open Discussion on New Ideas

- Barrett School

- It has been announced that CCS is selling this building to Homeport

- Homeport has already met with Shiloh and we believe that we have a solid line of communication with them for the time being as they consider their options for what to do with this building

- Please let me know if you have any strong ideas that we can try to recommend to them

- Ideas that have surfaced so far are an Artist's working/living space and a possible Aging in Place

Residence of sorts

- Highway Construction

- We believe this finished product will have a large impact on GV once it is done

- Bill Curlis has been involved in this for some time. We hope to touchbase with him soon to see where his involvement sits on this project and offer any assistance if needed

- 3rd Street Master Plan

- Similarly, the Historic Preservation Committee has been hard at work on this as well. Our plan is to also contact them to lend any resources if needed or possibly have a joint meeting to get up to speed on what the most current plans are for this project.

Important Upcoming Dates

- Thursday, June 13th - Next meeting at 6 pm at the Meeting Haus

Thanks,

Matt

Matthew Eshelbrenner

Planning - Knits, Sweaters, Winterwear

Abercrombie & Fitch

614.283.7234 (desk)

GVS Membership Meeting Minutes May 22, 2013

MC Members Attended

Attended: Stefanie Martt, Judy Kaplansky, Jo Plunkett, Russ Arledge, Pam Bergeron, Bert Stevens, Sid Druen, Rita Marker, Jeanne Likins

-YTD Membership money received.

As of 5/1, YTD = \$59,000.(Budget needed FOR entire Year= \$73,00)

-April 7 Sunday to recruit new GVS members. Thanks to entire committee who attended.

8 New Neighbors attended, and 4 joined GVS. Thanks to Sid for contribution to letter, "Love Our Bricks", that was given to all attendees and is now a permanent marketing piece for membership.

-Shiny Brochure now ready

Cost was \$500 for #500.

At this time, we will NOT distribute to businesses due to limited number of brochures. Will use for current marketing projects. 8-10 copies given to membership committee present at meeting. Stef will make sure members not at meeting will get their copies. Pam suggested that all committee members get copies of "Love Our Bricks" piece also to hand out in conjunction with brochures. Stef will get those to all members.

Discussed possibility of previous Neighborhood Reps to get copies of brochures & "Love our Bricks" piece to hand out at their wish to people in their vicinity who may need them. Jo agreed to call all the reps and ask if they will take brochures to use as they see fit. (Thanks Jo!!!)

We had a discussion on activating the Neighborhood Rep program used before. Comments were mixed on its success or lack thereof. Sid suggested possibly waiting until Fall to activate that program

-UPS Pkgs. are getting new Membership brochure for those non-members.

-Letter to Realtors re: membership as Gift to their clients

New brochure will be given to realtors along with letter to explain the "Alarm One Model", whereby realtors asked to "gift" new clients with a GVS membership. Will include "Love our Bricks" and possible other marketing pieces. Committee members at meeting chose a realtor office they will deliver packets to. Stef will ask members not at meeting to choose an office for delivery and Stef will deliver the balance Stef will prepare packets for realtors, then contact member to pick up at Meeting Haus and make their visits to the Realtors.

-Susan Sutherland Realtors List-

Thanks to Susan and Pam for their work in gathering the new list with 25 names! These are New Neighbors from Jan. 1- April 5, 2013. Shiloh will send the "Welcome Letter" to them on June 5th, along with "coupons" from 5 GVBC members who responded to offer to include store offers to these New Neighbors.

And a new marketing project will be implemented for previous "New Neighbor" contacts who received the letter but did NOT join GVS. On June 5th Shiloh will mail a membership brochure and "Love our Bricks" to these people. (This group became New Neighbors from May 2012 - Jan 2013.) So far, 10 people on this list have joined, 3 were already members, so about 65 letters will go out.

-Overdue Memberships

Bulk mailings with Bob Jackson's "mailing group" were sent 4/26/13 for May, Jun, July renewals. Next U.S. Mail renewals to go out week after Labor Day, and will be for Aug., Sept., Oct. renewals.

This is new for this month (May) only. Delinquents for April/May will be send a letter on 6-1, re: "Get up-to-date w GVS membership to get free H & G tickets".

Committee discussed justification of our calls to "90 days overdue memberships". Stef did not distribute the new list of 85 people as vote was to stop calling these overdue members as they would have received 2 separate emails and a U.S. Mail letter regarding their late membership before showing up on our 90- day overdue list. There has been a lack of success and a report of 1 unhappy former members who left phone message to Linda about the call to her. Shiloh will research the list of people who were called by our committee to see how many actually became members.

As a review, all overdue communications "pop up" every month on Russ' PC, and messages are sent out. They are emails for the first day of renewal month, emails on first day of month when 1 month overdue, and U.S Mail letters sent to remind of late payment. Sid suggested the first email should include, "if you no longer want contacted, tell us"

-Alarm One Securities. George Lekorenos membership money donations are 7 so far with 2 who were already members. George's donations for his clients who are already members go into GVS general fund.

-New GVS members published in N4N q 3 months

-PROBST Group Stef presented at April meeting with "special"discounted H & G tickets & GVS membership
Possibility of another Membership Committee sponsored event for them this Fall.

[Next Meeting WEDNESDAY, July 17, 2013, at 6 p.m. at the Meeting Haus.](#)

** This will be my last meeting. As you know I resigned from the Board on April 1st, and said I would remain as Membership Chair until someone would replace me by the Fall. So Shiloh will conduct the September meeting if no chair is appointed by then. If you have someone in mind who would be a good candidate, or if you are interested in being the chair or co-chair of this committee, please let Shiloh know. I have spent many months getting the paperwork and goals of the committee together and I feel the "passing of the baton" will be quite smooth.

Thanks for working with me so closely this year!

Submitted by: Stefanie Martt
Chairperson, GVS Membership Committee

**Organizational Development Committee
German Village Society
Board of Trustees Report June 10, 2013**

- Members: Tim Bibler, Bill Curlis, Jeanne Likins, Board members; Pam Bergeron, Greg Gamier, Tracie Stamm, non-Board members
- Met five times since January
- February first call for nominations, due May 1, weekly reminders in N4N for five weeks prior to May 1
- Representatives of ODC participated in GVS Bylaw revisions relating to nomination and election process
- Detailed calendar of ODC activities from nomination call through orienting trustees
- Developed organizational information for potential nominees, crafted questions for nominees to respond to as focus of nomination submission, to be kept confidential to ODC
- Revised petition form (attached)
- Drafted recommendation for candidate information to include on the ballot, voting instructions for ballot (attached)
- Recommended Election Committee members for president to consider
- ODC recommended slate for board of trustees: Dennis Brandon, Mike Cornelis, Dennis McCann (three nominees for three seats)
- Representatives attended five hour conference, High Performance Boards, sponsored by the Ohio Association of Non-Profit Organizations in Dayton May 13

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanne M. Likins, Chair
5.28.13

June 6, 2013

Alan D. McKnight, Director
City of Columbus
Recreation & Parks Department
1111 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43205

Dear Mr. McKnight:

As President of the German Village Society I'm writing to voice a concern shared by the Society's Board about the city's plan to locate a BikeShare station within Schiller Park at a location near the intersection of Reinhard Avenue and Mohawk Street. The Society is not opposed to the BikeShare program but is mainly concerned about the decision to not formally present this station location to the Society's Long-Range Planning Committee, a committee that makes recommendations to the GVS Board; Friends of Schiller – who has a decades-long relationship with the City for management and use of Schiller Park and also makes recommendations to the Society's trustees; or to the German Village Commission (GVC) prior to deciding on this location.

The GVC administers the Schiller Park Masterplan and a policy was established to include it in decision-making when other projects impacting the park were considered such as: locating the playground and equipment, locating the historic marker, and the new lights for the Schiller statue. We are disappointed the city is departing from this policy and we believe allowing more considered conversation with groups such as Friends of Schiller Park will lead to a better solution and foster a spirit of community cooperation given the obvious impact this station will have on the park and surrounding area.

I would mention here, too, that I'm pleased to note we will be able to come to an agreement to put the BikeShare node behind the fence at Golden Hobby Shop.

Sincerely,

Bill Case, President
German Village Society

From: Wayne Owens, Founder, General Manager, Village Singers

Village Singers Spring Show "Memories" Recap 2013

Concert Theme, Famous Music from Famous Entertainers who have left their mark on American Music.

Dress Rehearsal for St Mary students May 9

Thirty two singers from 6 different areas of Central Ohio

Director(Two years) Karla Wright, Voice Teacher, Church Choir Director, Lead Singer , Columbus Horns

Accompanist: (Five years) Quinton Jones,Graduate Capital University, Graduate Student OSU.

Ticket Sales for " Memories" \$1530.00

Member fees: \$ 825.00

Sponsors \$ 200.00

Operations Funding; \$ 1000.00 Leventhal Fund

Village Singers Endowment Fund Established 2012 \$ 1000.00

2013 Endowment contribution \$ 1000.00 Leventhal Fund

Village Singers Endowment Contribution \$ 500.00

2013 VS Endowment Fund \$2500.00

2014 Student Scholarship to be awarded

Expenses: Director \$ 1500.00

Accompanist: \$ 700.00

Music purchase: \$ 655.00

Guest Musicians: \$ 50.00

Rehearsal Lunch Courtesy Leventhal Fund/Schmidt's Restaurant

Dessert Reception for Sponsors and Patrons \$ 108.00

2013 Christmas Program " Christmas Is.....

December 14-15, 2013

2014 Performance " Standing on the Corner" May 3rd and 4th, 2014

My Sponsor Table indicates where we're at in each category against our goals. This also includes Signature Event income on the second tab

As of right now...

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

TOTAL cash for SE = \$19,750

TOTAL CASH = \$120,655

Shiloh and I went through the budget and figured out that so far, we have eliminated \$9,900 in expenses that were budgeted for the year.

TOTAL CASH + bottom line inkind = \$130,555

2 - My Benefit Tracking indicates every partner we have for the entire weekend, along with their total gift amount and description. Since many of these don't go against expenses (like watercolor lunches, volunteer party, raffle donations, etc.) - I am not counting those against bottom line expenses - but do want to account for them somehow for stewardship purposes.

TOTAL CASH + ALL INKIND = \$157,410

PETITION FOR CANDIDACY
GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ELECTION 2013

Jeanne Likins, Organizational Development Committee Chair

On June 10, 2013 the German Village Society Board approved the slate of board candidates proposed by the Organizational Development Committee. Per the German Village Society By-Laws, in addition to the nominated slate, "Any Society member may nominate a candidate for any of the seats on the Board of Trustees, subject to Section 2 of Article IV [candidate must have been a Society member in good standing for at least the year proceeding the election], provided that the member or members submit a petition signed by ten (10) members who back the candidacy for the seat, together with a statement by the nominee that, if elected, the member will serve as an active member of the Board. **Petitions must be received by 5 p.m. on June 24, 2013 at the German Village Society Office, 588 South Third Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5754.** Please note this should be care of Jeanne M. Likins, Chair of the Organizational Development Committee. Newly elected trustees start their three (3) year terms at the October 14, 2013 Board meeting.

Candidate Name _____

GVS members who support the above candidate. **PLEASE SIGN AND PRINT YOUR NAME.**

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

With my signature, I indicate that I qualify for a board position according to the By-Laws. If elected, I will serve to the best of my ability as an active member of the board. I have attached an answered the questions asked of all candidates and attached a head and shoulders picture for inclusion with the ballots.

Signature _____

Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____

**2013 German Village Society Board of Trustees
Candidate Information for Election Ballot**

Name _____ Contact information _____

The responses provided by attachment to this form will be published exactly as submitted to the word limit where specified.

Prior Experience w/ German Village Society (GVS)

- 1. Year(s) of GVS Membership:**
(e.g. "five years" or "since 1999")
- 2. GVS Events Volunteered & Duration of Volunteer (list):**
(e.g. Haus & Garten PreTour Volunteer 2008-2010, and Chair 2011)
(e.g. Visitor Center Greeter 2012)
- 3. GVS Committee(s) Served, Position(s) or Role(s) (list):**
(e.g. Membership Committee Member 2010-2011)
- 4. As a Trustee, what skills and experiences would you bring to support the mission and vision of GVS?**
(Give examples, 200 words maximum)
- 5. In which areas would you like to be active as a leader in accomplishing the tasks and priorities of the GVS?** (50 words maximum)

Please submit your responses by Monday, June 24, 2013 in care of Jeanne M. Likins, Chair, Organizational Development Committee, to the German Village Society Meeting Haus, 588 South Third Street, Columbus, OH, 43215. Jeanne will contact candidates for a digital headshot to include on the ballot.

For more information or questions, please contact a member of the 2013 Organizational Development Committee. The committee is composed of three board of trustee members and three non-board German Village Society members appointed by the Society's President:

- Jeanne M. Likins, Chair, jlikins@columbus.rr.com or 444.0565 (work)
- Bill Curlis, Trustee, wcurlis@columbus.rr.com or 444.2042 (home)
- Tim Bibler, Trustee, tmbibler22@gmail.com or 361.6385 (cell)
- Pam Bergeron, GVS member, pambergeron@columbus.rr.com or 732.0593 (home)
- Greg Gamier, GVS member, villagepet@sbcglobal.net or 443.1784 (work)
- Tracie Stamm, GVS member, tracie.stamm@gmail.com or 432.8019 (cell)

Background on the German Village Society

Mission: Members of the German Village Society serve as Caretakers of a Legacy, dedicated to retaining the character and distinction of the past while creating a thriving and contemporary community in German Village.

Vision: We will be a celebrated, vibrant downtown neighborhood with historic integrity and a charming, pedestrian-friendly streetscape.

The German Village Society's Organizational Development Committee is charged to "annually recruit and recommend nominees for a.) the Board of Trustees and b.) the Officers of the Board" (GVS Bylaws as amended March 11, 2013). Key expectations of German Village Society Board Members are available at www.germanvillage.com under the German Village Society tab. Trustee terms are for three years with a limit of two consecutive terms.

As a candidate in the German Village Society Board of Trustees annual election, your name, picture and responses to the questions on the Candidate Information for Election Ballot form will appear on the election ballot as you submit these. Due to the limited space on the ballot, please stick to the word limits specified.

Some things to keep in mind about the German Village Society:

- \$750,000 annual budget
- two full-time staff members and a number of part-time staff or consultants
- Visitor Center annually greets and educates more than 10,000 visitors from around the globe
- 450 regular volunteers
- a \$1 million dollar building to operate and maintain
- 20 committees

Money must be raised for these as well as for the myriad programs and activities the GVS offers. Funds come from a variety of sources, including board members. Approximately one-third of the operating budget comes from membership dues and donors, about half derives from the annual Haus & Garten Tour/Pre-Tour weekend, and the remainder comes from several smaller fundraising events, grants, and other donors. There are a number of designated funds as well such as for Meeting Haus Maintenance, Huntington Gardens, etc.

Board financial support includes cash contributions (membership, ticket purchases, other donations) as well as help securing sponsors or other donors or donations or in-kind support (hosting Pre-Tour dinners or sponsorship of the Party on the Platz, contributing food, beverages, decorations, equipment, etc. or hosting events in your home and/or office, etc.).