

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
Sept. 11, 2018

Present: John Barr, Terri Dalenta, Heidi Drake, Brittany Gibson, Marie Logothetis, Jim Penikas, Kurt Miller, Josh Miller, Susan Sutherland, Joshua Zimmerman, Dennis Brandon

Staff and guests: Michelle Mazeke, Group Tours committee chair; Darci Congrove, TEA 43026 and Fund for Historic Preservation chair; Delilah Lopez, Shiloh Todorov and Nancy Kotting, German Village Society staff

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Heidi Drake.

Public Participation

President Heidi Drake welcomed Michelle Mazeke, who's been managing the Society's Group Tours Committee for the past two years and joined us to share a recap of where things stand and some thought-starters on where the program might go. In 2017, the Group Tours Committee offered tours on a fairly "on demand" basis, accommodating requests for tours if at all possible. That year, 109 tours were given and \$11,000 was generated in revenue (the tour guides are all volunteer and there are no facility or material needs outside of the use of the Meeting Haus. In 2018, the Committee offered tours during a more limited window, emphasized "standing" (pre-scheduled) tours more and increased the price. So far this year, 30 tours have been given and \$2,900 was generated in revenue.

Michelle attributed the declining revenue to a significant decrease in tours outside of the "standing tours" (that was not made by by the standing tours), potentially confusing verbiage on the Society website about the options available, the price increase and ineffective marketing given the Tours' usual audience. She also cited the Columbus City Adventures tours and German Village Walking Tours programs as new-is competitors who may have taken away customers. She noted that the Society's tour prices are in line with those competitors.

She added that while she's interested in continuing the Tours program, she wonders how we should think about tweaking it given these challenges. She asked for the board to send any feedback her way and said she plans to return to the February 2019 board meeting to present her plan for the new year.

Executive Director Shiloh Todorov praised Michelle's level of dedication and self-sufficiency in handling the program.

Joshua Zimmerman asked if there's an opportunity for the Society to strike sponsorship deals with other local tour operators; Shiloh explained that we came to a sponsorship agreement with German Village Walking Tours to list them as a partner on site and direct some online traffic their way. Josh Miller asked if we could work toward having a self-guided tour online; Michelle agreed that would be great. Terri Dalenta asked, given the current climate, if another \$11,000 year would be possible to achieve again; Michelle mentioned that it might be a stretch while Shiloh clarified that most of the past few years rarely exceeded \$8,000. Kurt Miller suggested concentrating tours only around specific time frames/weekends when we know they might be of

interest to residents and/or travelers. Heidi reminded board members that part of the Society's mission is to provide historic-preservation education, adding that there are various ways to achieve that. Terri said she highly values her chances to volunteer as a tour guide.

Heidi and the board thanked Michelle for her work and for joining the meeting.

Heidi asked if any members or other neighbors present had anything they wanted to address before the board; Mary Connelly-Ross addressed the board on behalf of a multitude of neighbors, reading a letter of gratitude to board members, staff — especially Nancy Kotting — and neighbors who helped coordinate efforts to speak in opposition of the proposed building project at 247-281 E. Livingston Ave. and plan to think thoughtfully about other, future around the neighborhood.

Rosalie Goodsell added her thanks to the board and conveyed her well wishes to Shiloh.

The board thanked them and the rest of the neighbors who worked hard on the process.

Reports of the President and Officers

Heidi moved to her President's Report and updated everyone on the status of the large-scale development discussion since the German Village Commission meeting was held last Tuesday. About 100 neighbors were in attendance, and many spoke in opposition to the proposed project at 247-281 E. Livingston Ave. Of the nine variances that had been submitted to the Commission, the developer withdrew eight of them during the meeting and significantly altered ninth, now asking to keep and restore single-family homes on the property. The Commission recommended to City Council that the variance be approved, and the developer will return to the Commission in the future with revised drawings for approval.

Heidi also pointed out that the "Get to know a board member" feature in the packet was missing the name of the featured board member, Jim Penikas.

Heidi thanked Joanne Kesten, whose last board meeting was tonight, for all of her service as a board member and as chair of the Historic Preservation Committee, through which she helped to shepherd a massive amount of work reviewing the German Village Design Guidelines.

Joshua welcomed new executive director Delilah Lopez and thanked the search committee (of which he was a part) — Terri Dalenta, Greg Gamier, Darrel van Lighten and Carol Mullinax — for their diligent work finding such a qualified candidate and thinking hard about the future of the Society. Joshua credited Delilah's vast experience, most recently through United Way, for giving her that "special sauce" the Society thought it would be almost impossible to find. The board agreed that they couldn't wait to work with Delilah.

Joshua also praised Heidi's efforts on the board and, most recently, as president — as it was her last meeting. Among many contributions, Joshua cited her leadership in the fight against Columbia Gas installing meters on the front of every home in the neighborhood, overseeing several staffing changes and imparting so much wisdom to those around her.

Heidi credited past president Jeanne Likins for creating such a functional team and the rest of the board members for choosing to be brave in the face of many obstacles, especially as of late.

Secretary Brittany Gibson presented the minutes of the July 10, 2018, meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the July 10, 2018, GVS board meeting. [Gibson, Zimmerman]

Motion approved.

Brittany also presented a motion to approve passage of an electronic vote that had happened since the last meeting.

MOTION: To confirm passage of the Aug. 31, 2018, electronic vote to accept the Executive Director Search Committee's report and recommendation to hire Delilah Lopez as executive director of the German Village Society. [Gibson, Penikas]

Motion approved.

Treasurer John Barr pointed out that in advance of her end date, he asked Shiloh to project cash receipts through the end of the year; she has done that, and John estimates we will be in OK financial shape through the end of the year. He will be meeting with Delilah in October to get her familiarized with financial processes.

Committee Reports

Heidi noted that the Committees had submitted their reports in the board packet and asked if there were any Committee activities with additional updates requiring board discussion or approval.

Josh shared an update from the advocacy pillar since it was the board's focus according to the monthly calendar. The Civic Relations Committee has been focused on meeting with City Council to advocate on development issues and organize around Airbnb and scooter use in the neighborhood.

The Parking Committee will be working closely with the City of Columbus next year, since the city plans to evaluate parking in the Village.

The FUN Committee will hold its annual pet parade on Oct. 28. Earlier this year, a slider-making competition had record attendance and the German Village 9 (formerly the German Village Cupcakes) vintage baseball team drew a big crowd and won their last game, as well as walked in the Cincinnati Reds' opening-day parade.

Friends of Schiller is putting on their annual Kindred Spirits men's fundraiser on September 21 - this year, with a gin focus and called Junipalooza.

Greg, co-chair of Art Crawl, shared that this year's event raised just over \$27,000 in net income, which he and the rest of the planning group were happy with considering the rain that happened that day. He added that he and co-chair Jeff Lowe are "looking forward to someone running this fabulous event next year," as the two are wrapping up their co-chair responsibilities for the event

after eight years. Kurt mentioned that he heard good things from an artist who participated in the event for the first time this year.

Darci Congrove, chair of the TEA 43206 event, shared that numbers are still being finalized but that this year's event netted \$32,000 and that the first-ever incorporation of a theme – "Alice in Wonderland" – was similarly successful. Next year's theme has already been announced as "royalty," and they're working on a way to take silent-auction bids online for those who are unable to attend. The Fund for Historic Preservation, which is funded by the TEA event and shared by Darci, currently has a balance of about \$130,000 – some of which will be used to add approximately 12 plaques to the existing Brickline trail. The Fund is also considering larger ways to do an immersive experience like welcome signs and the like. She added that Shiloh and Darci's husband, John Pribble (who has been instrumental in the signage project), met with representatives from the city to hear about its plan to implement little kiosks in neighborhoods around the city and find out more about how German Village can be included in those/the signage project can be inclusive of those.

Shiloh thanked Darci for her commitment to this event and project and pointed out that not all non-profits are lucky enough to get gifts like her unwavering time and talent.

Jim, co-chair of Monster Bash, shared that the annual Halloween fundraiser is about a month away and that nine "trick or treat stops" have signed up; they're looking for at least one more. Committee members have passed out fliers in the "zone" of the neighborhood where trick or treating will take place, which is bordered by Sycamore St., Jeager St., Whittier St. and Third St. They are also seeking additional sponsors and mentioned that Village Petal had already stepped up to provide a great deal on much-needed new decor. Volunteer shifts (which come with a discounted ticket) can be found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4ba4ac2baafa7-20181>. Tickets are on sale here: <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E342185&id=34>. Monster Bash is capped at 300 tickets and usually sells out early.

Jim also shared on behalf of the Organizational Development Committee that the annual board-member election is complete and that the Election Committee — Phyllis Driscoll and Sue Riley — had certified the results. He extended his congratulations to re-elected board members John Barr, Greg Gamier and Marie Logothetis as well as to new member Robin Strohm, who will join the board for her first meeting next month. Joshua mentioned that he'd met with Robin that morning and thought she'd make a great addition — and thanked the ODC for identifying her. Jim added that the ODC is always looking for suggestions for folks who might be interested in getting involved with the Society, generally, or as a board member, specifically. Greg asked how many votes were received in the election. Shiloh said that we'd received 35 online votes and four on paper. Greg questioned why people would be motivated to vote since the seats were uncontested; Heidi suggested that some candidates in the past have said they'd rather not run if the election were to be contested but that the board should consider taking a look at this in the coming year. Jim pointed out the ODC is always recruiting new board members for a reason, seeing as how ODC often has to help find new members to replace board members who bow out mid-term and typically have a hard time coming up with multiple people interested in each open position during an election. Board members generally agreed that this was something worth taking a look at.

Jim added that elections for officer roles are next month, and that it isn't too late for board members to nominate or self-nominate for president, vice president, secretary or treasurer. Jim asked anyone interested submit their name to Heidi.

Heidi shared that the ODC recommended Civic Relations chair Nelson Genshaft for the open one-year, non-voting position that will be vacant effective the board's October meeting. Heidi appointed him to take that seat next month.

Staff Reports

None.

Old/New Business

Volunteer highlights: none.

Safety: none.

Having wrapped up the agenda, Heidi suggested the board end the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

MOTION: Adjourn the Sept. 11, 2018, meeting of the German Village Board of Trustees.
[Gamier, Penikas]

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Gibson, Secretary

Attest: Heidi Drake, President

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY

TREASURER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 11, BOARD MEETING

FINANCIAL STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 2018

CASH BALANCES AS OF AUGUST 31, 2018:

OPERATIONS: CHECKING \$ 67,808

CONTINGENCY \$ 88,502

DESIGNATED FUNDS: TOTAL \$ 390,351

SIGNIFICANT BALANCES: GERMAN VILLAGE BUSINESS COMMUNITY \$ 86,093

FUND FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION \$ 124,581

FOR THE GOOD OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD \$ 133,180

INVESTMENTS: TOTAL \$ 684,991

BRENT WARNER MAINTENANCE FUND \$ 204,109

MEETING HOUSE REPLACEMENT RESERVE \$ 234,615

ALBERTA STEVENS HUNTINGTON GARDEN FUND \$ 249,267

OPERATING BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS (CASH BASIS):

AUGUST REVENUE \$ 18,416 VS BUDGET OF \$ 35,898. DOESN'T INCLUDE IN-KIND REVENUE WHICH WOULD MAKE REVENUE PRETTY MUCH ON BUDGET

AUGUST EXPENSES ARE GENERALLY IN LINE WITH THE BUDGET, DIFFERENCES PRIMARILY RELATES TO TIMING OF PAYMENTS

NOTE: NET INCOME DOES NOT REFLECT INTERNAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS OR DEPRECIATION WHICH IS A NON-CASH CHARGE.

German Village Society

Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2018

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Bank Accounts - Operations	
Operations Chase Checking - 6039	67,808.33
Operations Chase Contingency - 4693	88,502.51
Operations Huntington Savings	0.00
Total Bank Accounts - Operations	\$ 156,310.84
Board Designated Bank Accounts	
Board Designated Checking - 1362	0.00
Council of Historic Neighborhoods	1,538.87
For the Good of the Neighborhood	133,180.38
Frank Fetch Park/Maintenance	50.00
Fund for Historic Preservation	124,581.23
German Village Business Community	86,093.29
Highfield Garden	1,731.09
Huntington Garden/Maintenance	4,157.08
Schiller Bloomin Fund	2,255.05
Schiller Friends of Schiller Fund	16,783.56
Schiller Park Enhancements	4,423.40
Schiller Park/Arboretum Fund	3,683.02
Schiller Park/Bench/Trash Can Fund	3,094.40
Southside Stay	2,941.66
Village Singers	5,838.33
Total Board Designated Checking - 1362	\$ 390,351.36
Board Designated Funds	
Meeting Haus Maint/Replacement	3,878.40
Meeting Haus Maint/Replacement Gain/Loss	44,977.80
Meeting Haus Maint/Replacement Principal	185,758.35
Total Meeting Haus Maint/Replacement	\$ 234,614.55
Village Singers Fund - 14126	12,939.94
Warner Maintenance - 0330	3,316.42
Warner Maintenance - 0330 Gain/Loss	38,754.37
Warner Maintenance - 0330 Principal	162,038.48
Total Warner Maintenance - 0330	\$ 204,109.27
Total Board Designated Funds	\$ 451,663.76
Total Board Designated Bank Accounts	\$ 842,015.12
Permanently Restricted Fund Accounts	
Huntington Garden Endowment	4,074.76
Huntington Garden Endowment Gain/Loss	46,521.90
Huntington Garden Endowment Principal	198,670.51
Total Huntington Garden Endowment	\$ 249,267.17
Total Permanently Restricted Fund Accounts	\$ 249,267.17
Petty Cash	100.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 1,247,693.13
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable-General	0.00
Pledge Receivable Multi-Year (A/R)	0.00
Discount for Present Value	-10,030.00
Total Pledge Receivable Multi-Year (A/R)	-\$ 10,030.00
Total Accounts Receivable	-\$ 10,030.00
Other Current Assets	
Credit Card Receivables	250.00
Designated Funds GVS Receivable	0.00
Inventory	16,420.85
prepaid Expenses	0.00
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 16,670.85
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,254,333.98
Fixed Assets	

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Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2018

	Total
Building 588 South Third Street	
Cost	759,990.66
Depreciation	-656,373.05
Land	40,000.00
Total Building 588 South Third Street	\$ 143,617.61
Intangible Assets	
Website Development	
Cost	29,200.00
Depreciation	-11,680.00
Total Website Development	\$ 17,520.00
Total Intangible Assets	\$ 17,520.00
Leasehold Improvements	0.00
Depreciation	-86,142.98
Original Cost	163,248.98
Total Leasehold Improvements	\$ 77,106.00
Office Equipment/Furniture/Paintings	
Cost	241,938.23
Depreciation	-233,286.51
Total Office Equipment/Furniture/Paintings	\$ 8,651.72
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 246,895.33
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,501,229.31
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00
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	-250.00
Prepaid GVBC Membership Dues	0.00
Prepaid GVS Advertising Fees	0.00
Prepaid GVS Membership Dues	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	-\$ 250.00
Total Current Liabilities	-\$ 250.00
Total Liabilities	-\$ 250.00
Equity	
Designated Earnings	
Non Restricted	0.00
Permanently restricted fund	192,823.00
Restricted	764,418.85
Temporarily Restricted	9,000.00
Total Designated Earnings	\$ 966,241.85
Retained Earnings	428,530.64
Net Income	106,706.82
Total Equity	\$ 1,501,479.31
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,501,229.31

German Village Society
Designated Funds
 January - August, 2018

	Council of Historic Neighborhoods		For the Good of the Neighborhood	Fund for Historic Preservation	Total German Village Business Community	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 Designated Programs	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	
Income																			
Admission/Event Income				7,075.00	28,770.00							75.00			970.00	1,830.00		36,890.00	
Advertising Income				500.00	14,179.54													14,679.54	
Contributions			27,280.00	12,468.00	0.00		3,925.01		200.00			2,475.00		1,400.00	1,625.00	1,900.00		49,648.01	
Grants				3,500.00	1,000.00													4,500.00	
In-Kind Donations				16,166.85	3,994.42											500.00		20,161.27	
Interest Income					0.00	3,393.16		3,186.20									-113.18	2,696.71	
Membership Dues -GVBC					22,075.95													22,075.95	
Merchandise Income				750.00	0.00							6,062.86						6,812.86	
Miscellaneous Income					0.00							27.00			625.00	700.00	1,000.00	1,652.00	
Rental Income					4,900.00													4,900.00	
Sponsorship				11,499.11	6,175.11		6,617.31											24,291.53	
Total Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 27,280.00	\$ 51,958.96	\$ 81,095.02	\$ 3,393.16	\$ 10,542.32	\$ 3,186.20	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,639.86	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,595.00	\$ 4,655.00	\$ 2,786.82	\$ 2,696.71	\$ 194,774.05
Gross Profit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 27,280.00	\$ 51,958.96	\$ 81,095.02	\$ 3,393.16	\$ 10,542.32	\$ 3,186.20	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,639.86	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,595.00	\$ 4,655.00	\$ 2,786.82	\$ 2,696.71	\$ 194,774.05
Expenses																			
Advertising				30.00	15,995.09													16,025.09	
Bank/Credit Card Fees				38.36	-354.64	846.62	-10.00	795.83				1.55				2.50	708.78	2,029.00	
Computer Related Costs					730.00									144.18				874.18	
Consulting Fees			27,180.00	26,450.00	3,519.99							821.91			2,075.00	2,200.00		60,046.90	
Dues & Memberships					1,220.55													1,220.55	
Equipment Rental					4,814.50													4,814.50	
Food/Beverages					1,283.33										177.04	250.00		1,460.37	
Gifts & Awards	239.00				148.05											35.00	1,000.00	1,387.05	
In-Kind Expense				16,166.85	3,994.42											500.00		20,161.27	
License/Fees/Permits					1,091.00							100.00						1,191.00	
Miscellaneous Expense					2,059.32		700.00											2,759.32	
Payroll Taxes					1,324.34													1,324.34	
Postage					0.00							508.80						508.80	
Printing/Signage				3,285.91	1,627.49		1,535.00					518.01			248.50	125.00		7,214.91	
Projects from Strategic Plan			500.00	194.75	0.00													694.75	
Property & D/O Insurance					0.00													0.00	
Repairs & Maintenance					0.00		1,256.39					3,870.42						5,126.81	
Salaries/Wages					17,311.80													17,311.80	
Security					480.00													480.00	
Supplies					588.34		7,639.61								577.40	75.00		8,805.35	
Transportation/Towing					171.05													171.05	
Total Expenses	\$ 239.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 27,680.00	\$ 46,165.87	\$ 56,004.63	\$ 846.62	\$ 11,121.00	\$ 795.83	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,820.69	\$ 0.00	\$ 144.18	\$ 3,077.94	\$ 3,185.00	\$ 1,002.50	\$ 708.78	\$ 153,607.04
Net Operating Income	-\$ 239.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 400.00	\$ 5,793.09	\$ 25,090.39	\$ 2,546.54	-\$ 578.68	\$ 2,390.37	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,819.17	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,255.82	-\$ 1,482.94	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,784.32	\$ 1,987.93	\$ 41,167.01
Other Income																			
Transfers In			37,824.00		0.00		3,000.00					2,044.00						42,868.00	
Transfers out				-3,688.25	0.00	-3,000.00	-379.50		-35.00		-724.00	-3,448.70		-200.00	-675.70			-12,151.15	
Total Other Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,824.00	-\$ 3,688.25	\$ 0.00	-\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,620.50	\$ 0.00	-\$ 35.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 724.00	-\$ 1,404.70	\$ 0.00	-\$ 200.00	-\$ 675.70	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 30,716.85
Other Expenses																			
Deferred Gain/Loss Investments					0.00	-5,445.46		-5,202.82										-4,570.08	-15,218.36
Total Other Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 5,445.46	\$ 0.00	-\$ 5,202.82	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 15,218.36
Net Other Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,824.00	-\$ 3,688.25	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,445.46	\$ 2,620.50	\$ 5,202.82	-\$ 35.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 724.00	-\$ 1,404.70	\$ 0.00	-\$ 200.00	-\$ 675.70	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,570.08	\$ 45,935.21
Net Income	-\$ 239.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,424.00	\$ 2,104.84	\$ 25,090.39	\$ 4,992.00	\$ 2,041.82	\$ 7,593.19	\$ 165.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 724.00	\$ 1,414.47	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,055.82	-\$ 2,158.64	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,784.32	\$ 6,558.01	\$ 87,102.22

German Village Society
2018 GVS Operations Previous Month Comparison
8/31/2018

	Aug 2018				Total				Comments
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget	
Income									
Admission/Event Income		785.00	-785.00	0.00%	114,158.01	114,000.00	158.01	100.14%	
Advertising Income	2,266.35	2,403.23	-136.88	94.30%	50,642.96	63,000.00	-12,357.04	80.39%	
Contributions	2,865.86	1,665.38	1,200.48	172.08%	22,622.75	18,000.00	4,622.75	125.68%	
In-Kind Donations	937.50	14,125.99	-13,188.49	6.64%	46,956.69	65,000.00	-18,043.31	72.24%	
Interest Income	3.73	3.73	0.00	100.00%	32.97	45.00	-12.03	73.27%	
Membership Dues - GVS	6,003.32	6,037.52	-34.20	99.43%	94,046.54	115,000.00	-20,953.46	81.78%	
Membership Dues -GVBC	1,350.00	918.75	431.25	146.94%	7,848.34	10,000.00	-2,151.66	78.48%	
Merchandise Income	74.00	20.00	54.00	370.00%	933.25	500.00	433.25	186.65%	
Miscellaneous Income	100.90	155.18	-54.28	65.02%	520.90	500.00	20.90	104.18%	
Rental Income	4,206.25	892.00	3,314.25	471.55%	16,114.00	10,000.00	6,114.00	161.14%	
SLATE Income	333.33	1,000.00	-666.67	33.33%	24,449.96	70,000.00	-45,550.04	34.93%	
Sponsorship		7,225.00	-7,225.00	0.00%	50,235.34	73,500.00	-23,264.66	68.35%	
Tour Income	275.00	667.00	-392.00	41.23%	2,329.00	6,000.00	-3,671.00	38.82%	
Total Income	\$ 18,416.24	\$ 35,898.78	-\$ 17,482.54	51.30%	\$ 430,890.71	\$ 545,545.00	-\$ 114,654.29	78.98%	
Gross Profit	\$ 18,416.24	\$ 35,898.78	-\$ 17,482.54	51.30%	\$ 430,890.71	\$ 545,545.00	-\$ 114,654.29	78.98%	
Expenses									
Accounting Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	100.00%	11,700.00	18,000.00	-6,300.00	65.00%	
Advertising		39.60	-39.60	0.00%	195.43	6,500.00	-6,304.57	3.01%	
Audit Fees	2,680.00	965.00	1,715.00	277.72%	5,680.00	7,000.00	-1,320.00	81.14%	
Bank/Credit Card Fees	849.64	519.41	330.23	163.58%	7,189.81	10,000.00	-2,810.19	71.90%	
Computer Related Costs	2,060.53	1,332.29	728.24	154.66%	14,013.65	20,000.00	-5,986.35	70.07%	
Consulting Fees	4,170.00	202.00	3,968.00	2064.36%	7,703.00	20,000.00	-12,297.00	38.52%	
Dues & Memberships		0.00	0.00		1,319.43	1,500.00	-180.57	87.96%	
Equipment Rental	126.27	685.00	-558.73	18.43%	13,291.12	13,000.00	291.12	102.24%	
Food/Beverages	461.25	513.46	-52.21	89.83%	8,982.36	7,500.00	1,482.36	119.76%	
Gifts & Awards	49.44	294.01	-244.57	16.82%	4,453.13	7,000.00	-2,546.87	63.62%	
In-Kind Expense	937.50	14,125.99	-13,188.49	6.64%	46,956.69	65,000.00	-18,043.31	72.24%	
License/Fees/Permits	200.00	0.00	200.00		1,882.23	1,000.00	882.23	188.22%	
Meeting Haus Cleaning	1,469.80	864.60	605.20	170.00%	6,512.04	12,000.00	-5,487.96	54.27%	
Meeting Haus Groundskeeping		128.75	-128.75	0.00%	322.75	1,200.00	-877.25	26.90%	
Miscellaneous Expense	1,266.33	500.00	766.33	253.27%	1,829.03	9,000.00	-7,170.97	20.32%	
Payroll Processing	153.64	145.00	8.64	105.96%	1,404.15	1,900.00	-495.85	73.90%	
Payroll Taxes	1,342.77	1,384.16	-41.39	97.01%	12,751.86	21,000.00	-8,248.14	60.72%	
Postage	438.00	31.75	406.25	1379.53%	2,580.06	7,000.00	-4,419.94	36.86%	
Printing/Signage	144.45	1,222.52	-1,078.07	11.82%	13,031.41	20,000.00	-6,968.59	65.16%	
Projects from Strategic Plan	1,200.00	1,941.00	-741.00	61.82%	1,200.00	28,000.00	-26,800.00	4.29%	
Property & D/O Insurance	590.00	0.00	590.00		12,156.67	11,000.00	1,156.67	110.52%	
Repairs & Maintenance		1,037.45	-1,037.45	0.00%	9,935.62	13,000.00	-3,064.38	76.43%	
Salaries/Wages	18,731.67	18,395.44	336.23	101.83%	149,989.66	223,870.00	-73,880.34	67.00%	
Security		0.00	0.00		2,544.00	2,000.00	544.00	127.20%	
Storage		0.00	0.00		0.00	1,020.00	-1,020.00	0.00%	
Supplies	287.92	119.72	168.20	240.49%	5,686.70	5,000.00	686.70	113.73%	
Transportation/Towing	15.10	0.00	15.10		1,716.28	7,000.00	-5,283.72	24.52%	
Utilities	1,454.44	1,170.23	284.21	124.29%	10,327.86	15,000.00	-4,672.14	68.85%	
Total Expenses	\$ 40,128.75	\$ 47,117.38	-\$ 6,988.63	85.17%	\$ 355,354.94	\$ 554,490.00	-\$ 199,135.06	64.09%	
Net Operating Income	-\$ 21,712.51	-\$ 11,218.60	-\$ 10,493.91	193.54%	\$ 75,535.77	-\$ 8,945.00	\$ 84,480.77	-844.45%	
Other Income									
Transfers In		0.00	0.00		9,151.15	10,000.00	-848.85	91.51%	
Transfers out			0.00		-39,868.00	0.00	-39,868.00		
Total Other Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		-\$ 30,716.85	\$ 10,000.00	-\$ 40,716.85	-307.17%	
Other Expenses									
Depreciation	3,151.79	3,350.00	-198.21	94.08%	25,214.32	40,000.00	-14,785.68	63.04%	
Total Other Expenses	\$ 3,151.79	\$ 3,350.00	-\$ 198.21	94.08%	\$ 25,214.32	\$ 40,000.00	-\$ 14,785.68	63.04%	
Net Other Income	-\$ 3,151.79	-\$ 3,350.00	\$ 198.21	94.08%	-\$ 55,931.17	-\$ 30,000.00	-\$ 25,931.17	186.44%	
Net Income	-\$ 24,864.30	-\$ 14,568.60	-\$ 10,295.70	170.67%	\$ 19,604.60	-\$ 38,945.00	\$ 58,549.60	-50.34%	

GET TO KNOW A BOARD MEMBER Q&A: Jim Penikas

Tell us about a favorite German Village moment: Seeing neighbors trick-or-treating in costume around the neighborhood during Monster Bash

Do you have any pets? Kodi - 11 year old spoiled Pit mix

What's an example of another nonprofit that treated you really well as a donor or volunteer?

I've enjoyed volunteering with Columbus Gives Back. I've been able to meet new friends while helping others.

If I could do one thing to improve my GVS board service it would be... Meet more neighbors to hear what their opinions on what's going well and what they would change.

Civic relations

In 2018, the Civic Relations Committee reorganized after the City determined not to allocate funds for capital improvements to South Third Street. The focus this year has been on:

- maintaining good relations with members of City Council;
- the allocation of over \$1 million in UIRF funds from the City for the current 5 year period;
- a continuing effort to implement some of the plans for S. Third St;
- advocacy on the issues of commercial developments, notably the hotel proposed at 31 E. Livingston and the apartment development at 259 E. Livingston; and
- monitoring various City proposals to regulate matters such as short term housing rentals and electric scooters.

Parking

The Parking Committee will be working with City Parking Services as they plan to assess and evaluate current parking conditions in German Village.

FUN

- In December 2017 we held the first ever German Village Holiday Pet Parade. Our traditional Halloween themed pet parade was postponed in October due to an outbreak of canine flu. So, with a little help from Santa and his helpers, all of the village pets paraded in their holiday wear and a FUN and Merry time was had by all.
- Slider Slam! On April 7 we held our largest party ever. To the backdrop of the cinematic classic Harold & Kumar Go To White Castle and a slam -tastic playlist, more than 50 Fun neighbors gathered to enjoy the 23 different sliders for judging at a Slider Slam competition of epic proportions in the Fest Hall. After the judges took the first slider from each tray, then everyone enjoyed a pot luck dinner of the sliders, along with side dishes and desserts.
- German Village 9 in Schiller Park. On July 15 we gathered with over 250 guests and led the home team cheering section in Schiller Park to watch our very own German Village 9 take on the Ohio Village Muffins. The cheers must have helped as the GV9 staged an amazing comeback to win the game in the ninth inning by a score of 29 to 26. The post-game celebration continued at the newly renovated Planks Bier Garten.

Here are the top Three bullet points for the German Village 9:

- This year the team received it's first ever invitation to march in the Cincinnati Reds opening day parade. It was quite a thrill for the team to be located – just ahead of the Clydesdales!
- With our increasing schedule, we now had had the privilege in representing German Village in several historic sites such as the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame field and the Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens in Akron.
- Our 2018 season brought us our first ever team program and yet another invitation to compete in the Ohio Cup at the Ohio historical center over the Labor Day weekend with 30 historical base ball clubs from 13 states.

Friends of Schiller...

Parks & Public Spaces...

German Village Society Committee Report

Committee:
Organizational Development

Meeting date(s):
July 11, 2018

Attendees names:
Jim Penikas, Susan Sutherland,
Nancy Turner, Jeanne Likins, Chair

Next Meeting:
Oct. 2, 2018

Highlights/Discussion:

- GVS Trustees Election completed:
Continuing Trustees: John Barr, Greg Gamier, Marie Logothetis.
New Trustee: Robin Strohm
- GVS Officers being solicited for nomination at Oct Board meeting
- GVS Trustee, one year non-voting position being solicited for GVS President to appoint to replace Marie Logothetis who moves to three year term per election
- Continuing outreach for GVS Engagement, all areas, including potential board members and committee leaders. With term limits fully operational now, new board members are needed every year, in addition to any terms that are vacated due to moves, job changes, etc.

Plans and Assignments:

- Each ODC member is meeting with five GVS Committee/Event Leaders to discuss who in their network, on their committee, in their micro-neighborhood might be someone ODC reaches out to for possible engagement conversation/exploration (more, same, less, different). We will discuss the fruits of these conversations at our Oct. 2, 2018 meeting.

Do you have issues or concerns that require consideration by the Board or staff for possible response or action? If so, please spell out

timeline. (Could include the need for time/support from GVS staff or volunteers or the need for financial resources, for example.)

No

Ideas or concerns about safety: No

Ideas or concerns about sidewalks: No

Outstanding volunteers of note: Not at this time

Anything else you would like to share with the board? No

Update for September 2018

I hope that you are enjoying the Labor Day weekend!

Monster Bash

It's coming on Saturday, October 13th so watch for details about the event and ticket sales.

Packages, yes there is another comment.

I had two conversations last week about statistics so here is a clarification, I hope.

- 1) We collect the "number of packages picked up" and 2) We collect the "number of packages delivered" both to gauge our volume of work and peak periods. However, these numbers in our monthly statistics will never match.

Especially about those working weekends

We have 3 new volunteers, starting on Saturdays in September. Nicole Pakiz will work with Bill Boys on Sept 8, Pat Phillips will work on Sept 15 and Ranjith Vaddella will work with Rose Mary Jose on Sept 22. If you don't normally work on weekends but can stop by the VC to meet these people, please do.

Statistics

July – 584 visits, 294 packages picked up, and 500 packages delivered. David will finish the August statistics tomorrow and I will include them in next month's update.

Schedule

The schedules for September and October will be posted on the door behind the desk in the Visitor's Center tomorrow. There is one opening for the afternoons of Thursday, Sept 12 and 19; plus the afternoon of Friday, Sept 21 so please just fill in your name where another name has been crossed out if you can fill another shift. I'll work on the open slots for October when I back at the end of Sept.

Finally, I will be on vacation from September 7 – 22, but not without my cell phone (614-205-3733) if you need to contact me. Also it would help if you send me the dates of vacation plans you have for Oct and Nov.

As always I want to thank you so very much for your commitment to the VC.

Village Singers

September report to the German Village Board of Trustees

Village Singers first rehearsal Monday September 17, 7pm
Here at the Meeting Haus

It's a Marshmallow World
December 8 and 9 production

Board Report / September

Nancy Kotting, Historic Preservation Advocate

What a BIG month for preservation in German Village!

TEA 43206 continued its tradition of supporting preservation activities in the district, AND having fun doing it. A personal thank you to Darci Congrove and John Pribble for all that they do.

I will begin this month's report with yesterday's GVC meeting. If anyone needs proof that educating, organizing and advocating sets us up for success, talk to anyone who attended the meeting last night!

In short, we were able to influence the conversation by providing substantive material through which the public, the Commission and the applicant could best understand the community's concerns with the variance requests contained in the application submitted for the proposed development at 259 E. Livingston. By the end of the application review, the applicant wisely chose to modify the application, removing 8 of the 9 variance requests and modifying the 9th in such a way and to restore 5 residential properties to their original historic use! The Commission vote to recommend the modified application was unanimous.

The results achieved last night were not a fluke. They were the result of taking a methodical, responsive approach to community organizing and advocacy.

Going forward, such activities will be spoken to via the preservation plan that I have been slowly crafting for the district. It is currently undergoing professional peer review, allowing myself and staff to further refine the project prior to bringing it to a broader audience as it continues through the process of creation.

Why do we need a Preservation Plan you ask? Excellent question! When I was hired, the board and Shiloh had identified a need for us to transparently share our values and create some plans for how we respond to opportunities and challenges.

Our plan is unique - most plans speak to how to preserve an emerging neighborhood – one that has already lost many buildings and is just beginning to see the signs of new investment. As one of the Nation's premier historic districts and Ohio's oldest, German Village is in a strong position to continue as a leader in preservation and advocacy. This moment in time marks a transition: as a 'mature' historic district with an evolved demographic and economic variables that are far removed from those villagers faced in 1960, our approach to preservation requires updating. One of our many goals with this plan is to not only create a reliable template for expectations going forward but to also bring our activities in-line with the preservation movement nationally. There is a fundamental shift in the approach to preservation across the country, led by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. That shift seeks to orient preservation activities as a more people-centered movement. You will learn more about this transition as the Preservation Plan develops.

In the draft plan, we have sections addressing the methodology, the whys and hows of a people-centered preservation movement, current data such as demographics and restoration activity as well as a Preservation Values Statement. At the heart of the plan is a section referred to as 'Issues

and Opportunities'. There are ten subsections here addressing specific areas of preservation activity in the district. I would like to share one of these sections with the Board and those reading this report as a preview of the Plan:

Issues and Opportunities:

1. Intentional Infill and Development

Data:

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission predicts an additional 1 million residents in the central Ohio 7-county region by 2050, bring the total population to 3 million residents.

German Village Historic District Commission currently (April 2018) has 3 major developments before it for conceptual review. They include residential, mixed use and a commercial use proposal. An additional development immediately adjacent to the district is also currently under conceptual review by the Brewery District Commission

Several individual residential infill projects are generally in front of the GV Commission at any given time with mounting pressure to expand lot coverage, reducing green space, as economic affluence increases within the district.

Several adaptive reuse and new, infill construction examples exist within the district. Each is representative of infill design standards in place at the time of approval of Certificates of Appropriateness. (Ex.: Beck Place Condos)

Issue:

--Continued growth in the City of Columbus coupled with the desirability of German Village as a residential and commercial location indicates the potential for increased development activity both within and immediately adjacent to the district. Potential impacts of future development on quality of life for current residents may or may

Not include increased pedestrian activity, perceived or actual parking impacts, audio and light pollution, and increased vehicular activity associated with increased density.

-- Adaptive Reuse constitutes responsible development when considering historic building stock. Obstacles to adaptive reuse impede potential development that seeks to utilize existing building stock via restrictive building codes, zoning and non-conforming use declarations. Such impediments may present extraordinary financial burdens to smaller developers, rendering adaptive reuse unfeasible.

Active Solutions:

- Design review by HDC according to adopted Guidelines based upon the Secretary of the Interiors Standards;
- Codified procedures in place to protect existing structures;
- Energetic neighborhood engagement and awareness of conceptual review applications;
- Established precedent of successful infill projects completed, including single family, condominium projects and commercial projects.

Opportunity:

New Development, including adaptive re-use and in-fill construction in the district presents an opportunity to work creatively and thoughtfully with residents and developers toward integrating our Preservation Values into our relationships, and our activities. Working toward mutually agreed upon outcomes that enhance health, quality of life while sustaining the historic and cultural heritage of the district is a priority.

The full restoration of dense, efficiently sized residential building stock with interspersed commercial use is consistent with the historic land use patterns found throughout the south end of the city of Columbus. In addition to stand alone structures, townhouse style, multi-family apartment blocks, often referred to as row houses and not exceeding two stories, have precedent within the district. They are born of intense demand for housing amongst newly arrived immigrants into the south end. Even in row house apartment blocks, open space for individual garden plots has precedent. Commercial use historically has been goods and services required for daily living such as general stores, skilled craftsmen, grocers and entertainment halls. Commercial uses have traditionally occupied not only stand-alone structures but residential with a supporting commercial space within the same footprint. Institutional architecture is also prevalent such as religious buildings, educational buildings and social clubs. Commercial use that represents the modern day version of each of these (restaurants, grocers, specialty services, etc.) is appropriate based on historic precedent. It is crucial that a balance of dense residential use with interspersed supporting commercial be maintained if the district is to retain its historic integrity.

It is worth noting that the density, pedestrian orientation and spatial relationships and development patterns of the south end prior to the automobile occurred organically, driven by demand for efficiency, function and pedestrian access. Modern urban planners have arrived at the understanding of this organically

derived design, now over a century old, is beneficial to the psychological, social and physical health of human beings and are actively replicating it in similar form in new developments across the country. This should only serve to reinforce the need to preserve these attributes within the district.

--Development Conceptual Review Response Protocol

The following is a proposed procedural response on behalf of the German Village Society that would be initiated upon the filing of a Certificate of Appropriateness application for conceptual review before the Historic District Commission:

- 1) Introduction of Society staff to applicant who will be provided an overview of history and mission of society and the district. This will be in the form of a brief summary.
- 2) Society staff will provide applicant with GVS Values Statement and background of its origin; Staff will provide applicant with a copy of the GV Preservation Plan upon request;
- 3) Society staff will provide applicant, upon request, with examples of successful projects within the district for contextual understanding.
- 4) Society staff will, upon request, research and present any preservation standards that might be applicable to the proposed project for the benefit of the applicant and the residents;
- 5) Society staff will, at residents and or applicants request, convene an informational exchange meeting between residents and the applicant;
- 6) If it is determined that a public informational meeting would be beneficial, the Society will convene such;
- 7) At the request of the applicant, in cooperation with residents, the Society shall secure the services of a professional facilitator for use during a public forum.
- 8) Society staff will publish electronically and in a timely manner all application details as made available by the Historic Preservation Office;
- 9) Society staff will provide technical support upon request to both applicants and residents until such time as a Certificate of Appropriateness has been granted or denied by the Historic District Commission.
- 10) Society staff will work in cooperation with, and seek necessary guidance from the Columbus Historic Preservation Office, the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Trust for Historic Preservation at all times.
- 11) Only in such instances where the historic integrity of the district is under direct threat, with evidence of a clearly defined violation of standards, will the Society issue a public position statement. A statement of position will be electronically

published promptly upon adoption by the Board of Trustees of the German Village Society.

12) Society staff is empowered by the Board of Trustees to advocate on behalf of best practices in historic preservation beyond the district when warranted.

-Facilitating Adaptive Reuse as a Primary Preservation Tool

In addition to the development of a consistent response protocol on behalf of the German Village Society as the supporting education and advocacy organization to substantial new development proposals in the district, there is a growing call to facilitate adaptive reuse in a way that allows property owners of limited means to participate in the process. In German Village proper, the idea of a new ordinance that speaks specifically to adaptive reuse is far less impactful. However, as we speak to the need immediately adjacent to our borders, the benefit becomes clear. It is imperative that the ability to adaptively reuse existing, often historic buildings be achievable for both small and medium sized developers, as well as larger development organizations.

According to extensive field research conducted by [The Preservation Green Lab](#) a project of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, in Baltimore, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and Philadelphia, the top barriers to building reuse are:

1) Issues with Zoning Codes

2) The Burden of Parking Requirements

3) The ability to find financing for building reuse

4) Inflexibility and complexity in a city's building, energy, and seismic codes.

Several cities including Los Angeles, Phoenix and others have adopted successful adaptive reuse policies. The Preservation Green Lab has developed a model Adaptive Reuse Ordinance based on these successful models.

Such an ordinance, if adopted would help Columbus unlock the potential of our older buildings by providing opportunities for smaller scale projects to become a reality. Adaptive reuse should not only be the domain of mega-developers who have the capacity to administratively and financially navigate what is currently a very complex process. Facilitating the adaptive reuse, the recycling of smaller, still viable structures opens the realm of possibility for women, minorities and others who may currently be shut out of participating in the growth of Columbus as commercial property owners.

The Preservation Green Lab, a project of the National Trust for Historic Preservation has developed a comprehensive look at the untapped potential of existing pre-1945 building stock in several major cities. The report includes a sample Adaptive Reuse Ordinance, located on page 24 of the following document:

<http://forum.savingplaces.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.aspx?DocumentFileKey=a8afe694-4ea4-06db-a7d4-3ac98e470904&forceDialog=0>

It is recommended that such an ordinance be considered an advocacy priority for the district.

I look forward to sharing more of the plan in the near future.

Additional activities this past month:

- I continue to manage all building rentals;
- I participated in the staff meetings with prospective Ed candidates and look forward to welcoming Delilah to the organization September 10;
- I have met with City Council members E. Brown, Remy and Stinziano to discuss large scale development in the district;
- I will be meeting with Council Member Brown, Page and possibly Tyson in the near future as well;
- I assisted in the celebration for our volunteers on the 17th in the Fest Hall- great event and lots of smiling faces!
- We conducted a very successful pre-Commission planning meeting with close to 30 participants on August 29;

- Our Visitor Center continues to hum along. In August we had 513 visitors and processed 513 packages for our members.

- As staff lead for Monster Bash, we have met as a committee several times and the event is shaping up well with all details on schedule. We are working to secure 3 more hosts...

- Staff enjoyed our annual staff appreciation luncheon at Lindey's hosted by Jim Nichols- tasty!

- I continue to work on the signage projects including Brickline and the Historic House Plaque program. We are very close to submitting another bulk order of completed house plaques, pending final proof sign offs from property owners. Brickline is now moving forward nicely after some minor delays. Katie Leskowitz, our historian and researcher is doing an extraordinary and very professional job assisting us in creating content.

- I continue to provide technical support to residents on an as needed basis and have enjoyed meeting some new residents this past month, all very excited to be here and anxious to participate in the Commission process.

- I had a project review walking tour with Kristin Begg of Columbia Gas this past month. With the exception of two residents who experienced issues with meter relocations, we continue to work together to implement the parameters of our settlement agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kotting September 6, 2018

Chelsey Craig, Manager, Business Relations & Events

Sponsor Relations & Fundraising

As I prepare to begin meeting with businesses I have tasked myself with defining community impact measurables for our sponsorship and fundraising partners. A variation of this project can be seen in the annual report. These community impact measurables will better align us with other community organizations while demonstrating our value to prospective partners. I have enlisted Jena Wilson to help me quantify these measurables.

This month I attended a session on data reporting and technology for producing measurables. I plan to inventory and assess our data and create a dashboard for myself, and eventually GVS.

German Village Business Community

Maps: We have begun work towards producing our 2019 GVBC maps. This year we will produce 80,000; we produced 90,000 in 2018. The cause for decrease can be attributed to a decrease in state visitor's centers due to construction and funding.

Membership: Similar to my above mentioned measurable project, Jena and I have begun quantifying the impact of GVBC membership, sponsorship and advertisement. We currently stand at 106 active memberships. We traditionally see a boost in renewed membership when printing the map so we expect to see an increase in memberships over the next few weeks. We have lost longtime partners such as Columbus Brewing Company and Juergens. We are also seeing lots of new businesses in the Village and have engaged them for membership as well.

Art Crawl: Please see attached budget. We are in need of a partner to manage Art Crawl with us, please contact ccraig@germanvillage.com if interested.

Village Lights: Please see the attached budget. We have increased entertainment expenses to include to retain our musical partners from 2017 and introduce a new feature: ice sculptures and carvers!

Digital/Social Media

A social media audit has been performed. This audit will become a regular part of our social media management. As we continue to see growth in followers and engagement these audits will allow us to assess our own value and tailor our messages to better fit our followers while simultaneously continuing to grow our social platforms. For the month of August we saw 50,196 impressions between Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Events

Haus und Garten: I met with chairs Joshua & Marie bringing me up to speed on 2019 plans. I look forward to attending our upcoming meeting and becoming more involved.

Monster Bash: I attended my first committee meeting and was beyond impressed with the committee and the effort they put forth.

Misc.

Executive Director Report – September 2018

A HEARTY AND HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO BOARD CHAIR HEIDI DRAKE AS SHE PRESIDES OVER HER FINAL MEETING. I'm adding to my report my column on Heidi in case you missed the paper.

As a reminder about the make-up of this report, the following details are arranged by pillars of the strategic plan.

This will be my last as ED for GVS, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to be part of this organization for seven years. It has been a gift.

Operational Stability

We had another flood in the Schuerer Room on Aug. 10 during heavy rains. It happened in May 2017, too, but a volunteer came on Saturday morning and discovered the damage. This time, I had a chance to observe what was happening and saw that the concrete "vault" between our building and the house to the north was filling with water pouring off of both roofs. David Schooler was able to get up on the roof between bouts of rain on that Friday. He pulled some debris out of our gutters and then they worked. The next day, it flooded again so we had to get Jeff Ruff to help us, as he is the realtor for the home to the north. Those gutters were reconnected to the downspout – and now the room is dry. The ServPro charge was about \$2800 and was paid by Huntington from the Brent Warner Fund. Kudos to Jeff and David for helping us solve that!

Advocacy

I've heard several members offering high praise for Nancy Kotting and the board of trustees as we manage the conversation, advice and preparation for the Commission testimony on the large-scale apartment project on Livingston (the hotel is not on the September agenda). We hired Vorys Sater zoning attorney Jill Tangeman to take the group's questions about the process during the Aug. 29 prep meeting. Notes from her advice were in N4N the next day.

Civic Relations Chair Nelson Genshaft, trustees Marie Logothetis, Joshua Zimmerman and Susan Sutherland, and CR Committee member Eric Vanderson are making the rounds to all Council members with Nancy to share our concerns about the large-scale projects. When Jill was with us, she said the Council is VERY reluctant to overturn a Commission at this political moment in time. That's what Nancy and several of you are learning as we make our rounds with Council. Developers know that, and the appeal process if Council says no is cheap and easy. There's no courtroom portion, it's just exchanging briefs. So we will likely be able to tell if the developers intend to just quickly run the gauntlet of rejection to get to their "nos" so they can take this cheap litigation route to a decision. However, the decision at the court will be based on the Duncan standard – and that's the worksheets Nancy had neighbors use to build a case.

Trustees Dennis Brandon and Kurt Miller have been following up on the Livingston brick sidewalks as part of our UIRF discussion in August. I appreciate having the support of two architects who read a lot more plans and blueprints than I do!

Quality of Life

Post mortem conversations about our Pride float and Art Crawl changes are underway so we can improve on next year.

Preservation Education

Nancy and Trustee Joanne Kesten, along with a top-notch volunteer committee, are working on the guidelines, which will be headed yet this fall to a more comprehensive city-wide review of historic guidelines.

Financial Stability

We need to collect about \$20,000 in membership dues by Oct. 31, when we begin accruing those gifts to the following year. Chesley Craig and Jena Wilson are working on strategies.

Governance

The August elections were complete online. Exceedingly few people chose to vote. Each membership was affirmed before the vote was counted. Congratulations to the trustees returning, and welcome to our newest, Robin Strohm.

Enhance Communications

To maximize our spend on the new donor database, we have switched back to Constant Contact from MailChimp for all of our electronic newsletters. Constant Contact is included in the price of DonorPerfect. At the end of September, we will shut down MailChimp.

I first met Heidi Drake in 2013 when she walked into the Meeting Haus offices and offered her services in “cleaning closets, or filing, or whatever you need.”

It was winter and on our – at the time – staff of two, my colleague was out for an extended recuperation. Heidi had seen his health update in Neighbors4Neighbors, our weekly member newsletter, and thought I could probably use a hand staying on top of everything.

“I’ve lived here for 20 years – you can ask any member of your board whether I’m a nut, and then call me and let me know if you want my help,” is what I recall her saying.

Soon, she was organizing the supply closet, filing income and expenses paperwork, and helping Visitors Center volunteers find what they needed for success. She stayed on even after my colleague returned, and even after we hired a new historic preservation advocate.

On Tuesday (Sept. 11), Heidi performed her final duties running a German Village Society Board of Trustees meeting as president. She served in that role for two years, after having joined the board two years before that and serving as an officer.

Heidi is among the Villagers from whom I’ve learned the most. She is the leader everyone wants on their team.

When Heidi joined the board, she brought with her a significant career at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in administration. Heidi worked at Children’s as a vice president. She retired a second time after working as the Volunteer Director at the Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio. Both jobs helped Heidi understand the challenges that nonprofit organizations face. It also allowed her to practice the leadership she’s gifted to GVS.

Heidi’s officer project was to help me get our human relations house in order. Our employee handbook was badly out of date, we had no functioning job descriptions, and with ZERO background in HR practices under my own belt, Heidi patiently taught me how to be a better manager.

Patience and kindness might be Heidi’s key strengths. She has such a way with coaching that you almost don’t realize you’re being taught something, but rather walk away feeling you’ve discovered something and made your own important breakthrough. That’s a gift! And she has spent countless hours on the phone, in my office, or around her kitchen island helping me think through issues from preservation to volunteers to event details.

We call our yin-yang “peripheral brain,” each filling the other’s weakness and together better able to see the whole picture.

Heidi is headed to Granville where she and her husband, Larry, are building a home. She’s said repeatedly that Columbus isn’t that far away – and that’s good, because wherever I land next, I intend to recruit her as my very first volunteer. We’ll just wait and see if it’s for her filing skills or her rock-star smarts.

Minutes – August 2, 2018

Parks, Public Spaces, and Community Events Committee

Members Present: Chelsey Craig, Katharine Moore, Carol Mullinax, Linda Friedman, Jim Chakeres, Frank Wickham, and Craig Seeds.

In Sara McNealey's absence, Carol Mullinax called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

A move was made that the minutes of the July meeting be adopted. Linda Friedman moved, Katharine seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ACTORS' THEATRE

Carol Mullinax reported that, to date, the plays this summer have drawn 13,400 people to the park. While this projects to be lower than last year's numbers for the entire season, primarily due to the huge popularity of *Pride and Prejudice*, the numbers are very much in line with what we projected for the season

At this point, we are looking at what plays will be performed next year.

GERMAN VILLAGE GARTEN CLUB

Jim Chakares reported that the Club's Third Sunday concerts are going well. The musical groups have been very well received and are drawing large crowds. Due to the size limitations of the park, the Club is unable to market the programs widely due to concerns about attracting too many people. The Gardens by Candlelight Tour is coming up. This year, there are ten gardens on the tour, all located on the southern end of the village.

ST. MARY CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Frank Wickham reported that the Capital Campaign has been modified to include not only the repair of the church but also expansion of the school. The original parish building is being renovated to address the increasing school enrollment. The Specht Center will become classrooms for the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school is 300 plus and the Capital Campaign goal is now 7.5 million.

The repair and restoration of the church is on schedule and it is expected that it will be complete by Easter next year.

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY

Chelsey Craig reported that preparations are being finalized for the annual fundraising event, the 43206 Tea, which is being held on Saturday, August 16. This year's theme is Disco. Building out on the Tea this year, on Friday, August 17, the Society is holding a special event to recognize volunteers. All villagers are invited.

The Civic Relations Committee met the previous night to discuss recent building and expansion proposals affecting German Village. This is one in a whole series of meetings to discuss and form a response to this situation. All villagers are encouraged to take part in this effort.

Chelsey also reported that an effort is underway to identify a new executive director for the Society.

GV FARM

Connie Swain was unable to attend.

FRIENDS OF SCHILLER PARK

Katharine Moore reported that the annual fundraising event for Friends of Schiller, Kindred Sprits, would be held on September 21st at Chris King's house. She is continuing to work with the city on the safety of the fence surrounding the play area of the park. The fountain is currently off in the pond, but is scheduled to be repaired soon.

GERMAN VILLAGE NINE

Mike Cornelis was unable to attend, but reported via email that on Sunday July 15, the team played its annual game in Schiller Park against the Ohio Village Muffins. It was was a huge success, boasting the biggest crowd ever for the game, and won a very hard fought game. The GV9 will be back in action on Sunday, August 5, in Schiller Park, playing the Cincinnati Red Stockings Hall of Fame team.

HIGHFIELD GARDEN

Ann Lilly was unable to attend.

FUN COMMITTEE

Mike Cornelis also reported via email that the FUN committee had a successful June event during Sommerfest Germania. The rain did not dampen the spirits of the group and the team once again gained the victory in the ShotSki contest. [SEP] No event is planned for August. The next event will be in September at Oktoberfest for the Keg Tapping and opening celebration. [SEP]

HUNTINGTON GARDEN

Linda Friedman reminded everyone that the 25th Anniversary Celebration for Huntington Garden is being held on the upcoming Sunday. The music has been finalized and German Village bakers have promised 30 homemade cakes for the scheduled Cake Walk. Norm Hall's cake will be the top prize. Also on tap is a dog agility demonstration and pieces of a special anniversary cake will be distributed to attendees. Linda noted that the cost of the event was covered by donations.

RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

Craig Seeds reported that a contractor has been hired to help decrease the number of geese in public parks, including Schiller, and, although the contracted has been expanded, more will need to be done to address the problem.

The city is evaluating whether the fencing surrounding Schiller Park's playground should be repaired or replaced. Craig said that, depending on the choice made, another city department may need to handle it. Jim Chakares asked that should the fence need to be replaced if the city would be able to auction pieces of the fence off to interested parties. Craig and Katharine agreed to meet to discuss this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

At the previous meeting, the need for a clear consistent policy regarding the use trucks in the park for recreational events. Friends of Schiller, Actors' Theatre, Huntington Garden, and the GV Society are all potential stakeholders in this issue. Craig indicated that he will the bring person from his department who is a specialist in this area for a meeting following the next PPSCE meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

With no additional business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

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