

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
April 9, 2019

Present: John Barr, Brittany Gibson, Jim Penikas, Kurt Miller, Josh Miller, Joshua Zimmerman, Nelson Genshaft, Marie Logothetis, Terri Dalenta, Robin Strohm

Staff and guests: Delilah Lopez, German Village Society executive director; Nancy Kotting, GVS Historic Preservation Advocate

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m. by President Joshua Zimmerman.

Public Participation

President Joshua Zimmerman welcomed Nancy Kotting to the meeting and explained that he's asked her to attend the beginning of each board meetings to share both high-level as well as pressing historic preservation updates directly with the board. Nancy focused on sidewalks in this update, and reminded members that the maintenance of sidewalks legally lies with property owners. She shared that starting in 2015, GVS surveyed members about what role they wanted the Society to play in sidewalks and researched how other districts maintain their sidewalks. Since establishing it in 2017, the Society's sidewalk-reimbursement program that contributes cash toward the sidewalk repairs or upgrades done by property owners who apply has disbursed \$8,600 in 2017 and \$3,100 in 2018. So far this year, the program has received one application. Nancy is researching how the city can improve both the Society's approach as well as property owner's experience, and Society interns are surveying all streets' sidewalks, curbs and street surface to rate their condition and safety for pedestrians. Nancy will reach out to property owners of those sidewalks rated in the worst condition and invite them to apply to the sidewalk-reimbursement program. If nothing is done within a to-be-determined period of time, she'll fine a code violation with the city. Nancy told board members to be on the lookout for results from the survey.

Reports of the Officers

In his President's Report, Joshua recognized Darci Congrove, former Society board member and ongoing TEA 43206 event host and Fund for Historic Preservation chair, for recently being honored as a YWCA Women of Achievement recipient. The Society had two full tables there in support of Darci, including five board members. Joshua thanked Darci for her tireless efforts, not only in German Village, but also in Columbus.

Joshua also recapped the first quarterly board mixer of the year, which coincided with the Art Committee's show opening. The event had great turnout and showcased beautiful artwork, in addition to giving board members a chance to meet and mingle with members.

Joshua shared that Dennis Brandon will be stepping away from the Society board at the conclusion of the evening's meeting. Although Dennis' term ends in September, he's taken on some

new responsibilities outside of the Society that cause him to need to step away sooner. Dennis shared that he recently became board president for The Ohio State University's Knowlton School of Architecture, in addition to his horseback and mounted hunting pursuits and a related charity. Joshua thanked Dennis for his service and noted that he always appreciated his unique perspective and quick wit.

Given the board vacancy, the Organizational Development Committee has recommended Eric Vanderson to fill Dennis' seat, which Joshua is appointing him to. Eric will be joining the board meeting next month. Joshua cited Eric and his wife Megan's contribution to Haus und Garten Tour as both featured homeowners and PreTour dinner hosts and Eric's volunteering on the Civic Relations Committee as some of the many reasons he's an asset to the Village. Eric is a Columbus native and graduate of both Carnegie Mellon's Engineering School and Ohio State's MBA Program. Prior to moving back to Columbus, Eric lived in Portland, Oregon, and upstate New York for nearly a decade, leading strategy deployment efforts and key process improvement initiatives to enhance operational performance at several technology companies. He is currently employed by Hikma Pharmaceuticals as the director of R&D Project Management.

Joshua also shared a few high-level notes about the schedule for this year's Haus und Garten Tour, including that Saturday's PreTour will start with touring homes followed by cocktail hour. After cocktail hour, the area will be transformed into "Affare: Tastes from Around the Bricks." The event will be a great option for those who want to support the fundraising weekend, but don't want to have a seat at the PreTour dinners, which will operate as they always have. Also, after many years away from the German Village Society, Plank's will host the official afterparty and offering drink specials for this pay-as-you-go portion of the night. Joshua added that patron tickets are on sale now, and the rest of the tickets will be rolling out over the next few weeks. He encouraged board members and all members to start talking up the event with neighbors, friends and employers - and especially "Affare," which will be a great time and networking opportunity.

Haus und Garten Tour chair Marie Logothetis added that there are currently 12 stops planned for the Tour and approximately 350 confirmed PreTour dinner seats. Public ticket sales for all PreTour events begin April 26.

Joshua also announced that Safety Committee chair Michele Whitaker will be moving out of state and therefore stepping out of her role. Society member John Miller has accepted the role beginning in June; in the interim, advocacy pillar liaison Josh Miller will fill in.

In his Vice President's Report, Jim Penikas shared that he plans to put on an across-the-board orientation for board members before this year's election and will then hold orientation for new board members as they begin terms in years following. At the moment, he's working on organizing the DropBox folder that all board members should have access to but that, he's found, hold files that need some updating. He plans to create a checklist of which documents board members should be familiar with and who they should set up meetings with. Additionally, he asked all board members to review and sign off on and return the 2019 board members responsibility agreement.

Secretary Brittany Gibson presented the minutes of the March 12, 2019, meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019, GVS board meeting. [Gibson, Dalenta]

Motion approved.

In his Treasurer's Report, John shared that the Finance Committee is reviewing the annual audit and plans to present it for approval at the May board meeting. For the 2019 budget so far, the organization is behind on revenue, but multiple major invoices are still outstanding, and events season is just around the corner. John added that the Society does have contingent funds if we need to dip into them.

Committee Reports

Joshua 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.

Historic Preservation Committee chair Robin Strohm shared that the group's March 26 meeting was productive. The committee meets on the day of the German Village Commission business meeting, with means Nancy can share anything she noted in that meeting as major and coming down the pike. The group is excited about this synergy. The committee also discussed that the former GreenSpot Committee's efforts are now part of its purview and reviewed a draft of a developmental response review protocol that that organization can follow when new developments are considering joining the neighborhood. The committee plans to revise this protocol and then bring it to the board for review. Robin added that the committee is focusing on making sure the Duncan Standards are a key part of what is being considered when the Commission is reviewing applications for variances. Their next meeting will be April 30 at 6 p.m.

Civic Relations co-chair Nelson Genshaft brought up the topic of his committee, noting that it had been dormant for a little while now and adding that he knows Society members are looking for it to be revived. He added that some of what the Civic Relations Committee used to oversee, like some historic-preservation-related work, Urban Infrastructure Renewal Fund allocation and what was once a hopeful goal to overhaul Third Street in conjunction with the city, is work that has either been de-prioritized or taken over by another committee. He added that a meeting is set for April 30 and asked that those around the table help them think about a direction for the committee to pursue. Historically, a lot of what Civic Relations has handled has been interfacing with governmental groups, but members of the staff have been handling that more recently. Kurt noted that there might be some overlap between what both the Long Range Planning Committee and Historic Preservation Committees are focusing in on, in addition to what the Civic Relations Committee might tackle, and urged as much collaboration as possible to avoid overlap. It was decided that the chairs of these three committees should attend each other's meetings for the foreseeable future while they all get restarted. Delilah added that while staff members have taken on meeting with City Council members, other city, county and state agencies need to be looked for their potential to work with the Society and to simply better understand what the Society is all about. She added that advocating is about relationships, and not just reacting; especially knowing that part of the Society's mission is education and awareness.

Jim gave a quick oral update on behalf of the Organizational Development Committee, which is always looking for candidates to join the board or otherwise get involved. He shared a few reminders in advance of this year's election process: in June, the Committee will announce its slate of preferred candidates for any open seats; in the two weeks following, any other candidates are welcome to submit an application that includes 10 signatures from German Village

Society members. Elections are held in August, and newly elected members take their seats in September. Board members are elected to three-year terms and limited to two consecutive terms.

Staff Reports

Delilah Lopez shared that the PRIDE-parade task force is up and running with Nick Weitzel as its chair. Their main objective is to march in Columbus PRIDE Parade on June 15 to represent Columbus' original "gayborhood" by enhancing last year's float and creating a T-shirt. They've also extended that work to look at how to promote German Village more in the days leading up to the parade, including coordinating with the Group Tours committee to potentially create a special schedule for that week; renaming the current tour that highlights contributions of LGBTQ people in the Village; potentially highlighting business owners in the area who identify as LGBTQ; and planning a kick-off happy hour.

Delilah added that on the communications-plan front, Geben team members held their first discovery session with a few Society board members and staff this past week, and that all board members will meet with them eventually, as will many focus groups. She added that she met with Warhol & Wall St. to start a quick-turnaround video to promote this year's Haus und Garten Tour.

Delilah also reviewed the staff's gameplan and goal-setting around development initiatives. On the Meeting Haus rentals and group tours front, staff will be seeking increased marketing opportunities and, potentially, partners for experiential tours to be conducted as a pilot. In addition, staff will focus this year on retaining 70% of our supporting members and getting them to say yes to higher gifting levels. Nelson urged Delilah to make sure communication about benefits are made especially clear since that's sometimes missed. They'll look to increase event income via improved partnerships as well as recognizing and leveraging more in-kind support. On the grants-income front, Nancy is working on creating a process as well as creating a database of what's available that the Society might qualify for. Staff is also focused on the sidewalk-incentive program and the Brickline, while Delilah is re-evaluating the SLATE campaign and meeting with those donors who've already committed. Dennis clarified that SLATE donations have always been considered any multi-year donation pledge and that while the amount given is important, the biggest value is in gaining another member who sees the value in committing to donate every year.

Josh brought up that he'd been wondering if some of the many Village Lights "haus parties" that are organized independently by neighbors could be monetized. Delilah suggested he check in with Jeff Lowe, Greg Gamier and Chelsey Craig about that idea.

Old/New Business

New business: none.

Volunteer highlights: Joshua gave tribute to Madeline Hicks, a consummate German Village Society volunteer who passed away recently. Madeline was a consistent volunteer in the Visitors

Center for years and took on PreTour hostess duties for five decades. Joshua and the rest of the board sent their condolences to Madeline's family - including her sister, Dorothy, who is a regular Visitors Center volunteer as well. We so appreciate and admire Madeline's dedication to the Society.

Nelson mentioned that the new brick sidewalk in front of St. Mary Church is looking great and suggested that board and staff keep the Church's work on this effort in mind in the future, if there's an opportunity to give them any sort of award or commendation letter. Marie mentioned that the church will be a stop on this year's Haus und Garten Tour.

Safety: none.

Having wrapped up the agenda, Joshua suggested the board end the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

MOTION: Adjourn the April 9, 2019, meeting of the German Village Board of Trustees.
[Dalenta, Penikas]

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Gibson, Secretary

Attest: Joshua Zimmerman, President

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
March 12, 2019

Present: John Barr, Brittany Gibson, Jim Penikas, Kurt Miller, Josh Miller, Joshua Zimmerman, Nelson Genshaft, Marie Logothetis, Terri Dalenta, Susan Sutherland, Robin Strohm

Staff and guests: Heather Whaling, Geben Communication president; Yohannan Terrell, Warhol & WALL ST. CEO; Delilah Lopez, German Village Society executive director; Nancy Kotting, GVS Historic Preservation Advocate; Natalia Roca, GVS member

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m. by President Joshua Zimmerman.

Public Participation

President Joshua Zimmerman asked Delilah Lopez to introduce the background on a GVS communication plan as well as introduce our first guest. Delilah explained that, through her discussions with board members, GVS members and others in Columbus as well as at the direction of Joshua, it's clear that the organization has a need for an updated branding and communication plan. After meeting with many firms that can help with everything from surveying to strategy to branding and vides, Geben Communication and Warhol & WALL ST.'s proposals rose to the top in both how they'd fit with what we need and how the costs would fit with our budget. Delilah introduced Heather Whaling, president and founder of Geben. Heather explained that she lives in German Village and started the business from her home nine years ago. Geben specializes in looking at audience strategies and improving communications as a whole. For GVS, they propose a wide-reaching discovery session - including 10 sit-down sessions and an email survey - followed by the firm's own audit of everything GVS puts out into the public. They'd first deliver insights from these surveys and audits, then create a messaging framework by both broad and specific audiences, as well as sample language. In most instances, this work could be completed in six to 12 weeks.

Natalia Roca asked from the audience whether this work is more focused on communications or branding. Heather explained that it would be more of a communications strategy effort that will touch on branding. The board members thanked Heather for attending.

Joshua welcomed Nancy Kotting to the meeting and explained that he's asked her to attend the beginning of each board meetings to share both high-level as well as pressing historic preservation updates directly with the board. Nancy started by asking board members why GVS was founded. A few answers were suggested, and Nancy summarized that social, economic and generally proactive advocacy were behind the initial creation of GVS 59 years ago, given the devastated condition of the neighborhood. Now, it's considered the premier historic district in Ohio. She added that historic preservation advocacy is at the core of the Society's mission, given that seemingly minor decisions by Commission add up. She clarified that historic district commissions - in this case, the German Village Commission, which is made up of city-appointed commissioners - interpret guidelines. In the past, the Society was called on to help write those

guidelines, and has recently offered to help rewrite them. Nancy explained that advocacy in German Village often takes two forms: reactive and proactive. Reactive advocacy often emerges in the form of community-wide efforts in response to threats. Proactive advocacy takes place when GVS staff and volunteers develop things like educational programs and reach out to stakeholders like City Council members and state representatives. When asked for suggestions, Nelson Genshaft requested that next month's update from Nancy focus around sidewalks.

Returning to the communications plan and strategy, Delilah introduced Yohannan Terrell, Warhol & WALL ST.'s CEO. Yohannan explained that his firm started about seven years ago and specializes in understanding audiences and has worked with other neighborhoods and other projects with a historic mindset before. His proposal for GVS is to start with the info gathered about our members and audience and create a branding package - logo, taglines, slogans, a Haus und Garten Tour video - that can, in many cases, be used for decades. The Warhol team has experience working on projects in combination with Geben, and Yohannan estimated that all of their resources would be available a few months after they begin the work. Joshua thanked Yohannan for sharing this info at the meeting.

Board members discussed the communication proposals. Joshua explained that he thinks the time is right to get our communication plan since he's heard a lot of feedback from neighbors that it's time to take a look at our communications plan. He added that if there were to be a motion, he would abstain from voting on it since Heather is someone he's known for a long time - but added that in interviewing multiple firms, he thinks they're a great fit for the work. John Barr added that it would make sense to pay for this work out of the Good of the Neighborhood fund, which is an unrestricted account that holds any revenue remaining at the end of each year. Its current balance is \$132,000. Looking at the proposals, board members totaled the two firm's contracts to \$28,000 and that those costs are fixed - as in, they won't increase unless we adjust the scope.

MOTION: to hire the firms of Warhol & WALL ST. and Geben Communication, with the budget not to exceed \$28,000 and to be drawn from The Good of the Neighborhood Fund.
[Penikas, Dalenta]

Motion approved, with Joshua abstaining.

Reports of the Officers

In his President's Report, Joshua shared that he, Delilah and Nancy recently met with City of Columbus officials to discuss the GV Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (UIRF) funding status. They were informed that the City would be funding enhancements to Livingston Avenue, from Pearl Street to Grant Avenue, using \$449,612 in German Village UIRF dollars. This is the total amount remaining of the \$1,056,665 originally allocated to German Village in the 5-year UIRF funding cycle that ends December 2019.

The City of Columbus waived its own policy requirement that the Board of Trustees vote to approve and sign off on every allocation, which hasn't happened in this case. The city is applying a portion of this funding to sidewalk enhancements, including the installation of brick sidewalks on privately owned parcels. This is in direct conflict with its own UIRF policy. It also runs counter to GVS' intention to use UIRF monies only on project that benefit the public, and the cost of sidewalk repairs legally fall to the property owners. Joshua added that the staff and

all board members he's spoken with were hoping for brick sidewalks and sandstone curbs along at least the south side of Livingston, they oppose the work being funded this way.

Delilah added that in their meeting, she stressed to the city officials that we have a responsibility to our stakeholders to communicate transparently about things like this, which is made difficult by the fact that we've gotten conflicting information about policies and processes. She added that staff members and advocacy-pillar volunteers will continue to stay close to the city about this and push for clarity.

She reminded board members that GVS benefits from so many passionate and alert members who notify staff and board members about things like city or utility projects that don't comply with our neighborhood's historic fabric. Recently, for example, a neighbor noticed a curb being installed by the city at Jackson and Sixth streets was in violation and contacted the GVS office. Nancy got a quick answer from the city, which put the project on hold pending further discussion.

Nelson asked how board members should answer neighbors who think they should also get a brick sidewalk installed by the city at no cost, like those on Livingston; Delilah said all questions about the project should be directed to Michael Liggett at 614.645.7861 or MTLiggett@columbus.gov.

Joshua introduced the schedule for new, quarterly board "mixers" as a way to get to know more members and other neighbors, adding that it's something we've been wanting to put on for a while: April 7 from 2-4 p.m. at the Meeting Haus; July 30 from 5-9 p.m. at The Kitchen; and Nov. 17 from 2-4 p.m. at the Meeting Haus, with an additional mixer to be scheduled in September. He asked board members to save the date and to incite anyone and everyone to plan to attend.

Finally, Joshua explained that with the work of the GreenSpot Committee completed, no potential chairs having stepped up in the past few months and the city-related filings able to be handled by GVS staff, it made sense to deem the committee officially dissolved. However, especially since sustainability has already been identified by the Historic Preservation Committee as a focus going forward, Joshua expressed the added need for them to keep their sights on this effort. Joshua thanked the GreenSpot Committee chairs and members for getting this important component started.

Jim Penikas had no Vice President's Report.

Secretary Brittany Gibson presented the minutes of the February 12, 2019, meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the February 12, 2019, GVS board meeting. [Gibson, Dalenta]

Motion approved.

In his Treasurer's Report, John shared that the budget looks to be behind on about \$20,000 in revenue and about \$40,000 behind in sending out invoices to vendors, so once that income is processed, everything should be balanced.

Committee Reports

Joshua 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.

Chelsey Craig, GVS business relations & events manager, and Jeff Lowe, German Village Business Community chair, shared an Art Crawl update. Chelsey explained that Art Crawl has evolved and grown from a biennial neighborhood event to an annual one hosted by and for the German Village Business Community. Since the conclusion of last year's event, the planning committee has transitioned to a new chair, Jessica Jones, who's excited about the event. The planning committee has since decided not to host a 2019 event and to use the year off to adapt and grow Art Crawl as well as allow its new leader to get up to speed. Jeff explained that he and his husband, Greg Gamier, were glad to have been longtime Art Crawl chairs but that they agree with the decision. He explained that without the planned Art Crawl income, GVBC's budget is projected to see a deficit of \$3,100, but he expects that will be easily made up before the end of the year. Chelsey added that in their initial meetings with key sponsors, the response has been a mixture of disappointment as well as excitement that it can be even better. Chelsey, Greg and Jeff will continue to notify homeowners along the event "route" as well as artists and volunteers.

Staff Reports

Delilah Lopez shared that the Development Committee goal-setting discussion that was on the agenda will instead be addressed at April's board meeting.

She reviewed the latest with the apartment project (Cedar Square) proposed for Livingston Avenue, which most recently was in front of the German Village Commission for a conceptual review. Several aspects of the concept don't meet the German Village guidelines, which Nancy spoke about in her public testimony at the Commission meeting - as did about a dozen neighbors, many of whom reached out to Society staff and volunteers in advance of the Commission meeting and used the Meeting Haus to meet up and discuss their gameplan. Delilah emphasized that, as always, the Society's position isn't anti-development but is pro-guidelines. Delilah said that it seemed the Commissioners wouldn't be ready to approve the development if it were before them for a vote and that they mentioned multiple components that "miss the mark." Delilah said we look forward to having a development there that does fit with our historic fabric and integrity and thanked GVS members and other neighbors for writing letters to the Commission and speaking at the meeting, since we know this does make a difference. Jim said he was in attendance at the GVC meeting and is interested to see if the developer will come back next month since the commissioners gave them so much pushback. Delilah added that while it isn't the Historic Preservation Advocate's role to approach developers, they can reach out to her for recommendations and guidance; this particular group has not. Robin Strohm, chair of the Historic Preservation Committee, asked if the developer talked at all about going around the GVC process by approaching the Board of Zoning Adjustment or some other city entity; Delilah said that didn't come up, but that GVS staff, board members and community members should reach out and/or monitor the agenda of City Council and other avenues. Robin added that she was glad so many people were there.

Delilah shared that as work progresses on GVS's strategic plan for 2020, she's now in need of board members to volunteer to help during community-input workshops. She'll soon be meeting again with Cheryl Lebens, a volunteer from the neighborhood who has extensive professional experience with strategic plans, to think about how the community workshops will work. Delilah added that a focus on the strategic plan will be a portion of almost every board meeting for the rest of 2019, in addition to several mini-retreats planned. Several board members agreed to volunteer for the workshops. Delilah also polled the group as to which groups would be most important for us to survey. Many suggestions were discussed, including committee chairs and their members, new (past five years) members, regular package-pickup-service users, repeat Haus Und Garten Tour haus captains, landlords, GVBC members and more. The intention is to reach out to both members and non-members and to gather information via in-person conversations and digital surveys.

Old/New Business

New business: none.

Volunteer highlights: Delilah thanked Mary Wilson for helping GVS staff members examine the electronic filing system currently in use, including DropBox — not all of which is matching staff's needs. Mary then took a look at possible replacement options and suggested a few to Delilah, which she ran by GVS's tech provider. As a result of all this, the staff will be switching this spring to using G Suite, which is free for nonprofits and offers unlimited space. Delilah and the board thanked Mary for her time spent helping find an improved solution for this very key aspect of daily life at the Meeting Haus. Delilah added that when this transition takes place, the staff could use the assistance of additional volunteers who are familiar with both GVS and electronic filing systems.

Safety: none.

Having wrapped up the agenda, Joshua suggested the board end the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

MOTION: Adjourn the March 12, 2018, meeting of the German Village Board of Trustees. [Zimmerman, Penikas]

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Gibson, Secretary

Attest: Joshua Zimmerman, President

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY

TREASURER'S REPORT

APRIL 9, 2019 BOARD MEETING

FINANCIAL STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 2019

CASH BALANCES AS OF MARCH 31, 2019:

OPERATIONS: CHECKING \$ 16,997

CONTINGENCY \$ 88,527

DESIGNATED FUNDS: TOTAL \$ 367,755

SIGNIFICANT BALANCES: GERMAN VILLAGE BUSINESS COMMUNITY \$ 71,083

FUND FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION \$ 116,585

FRIENDS OF SCHILLER \$ 25,209

FOR THE GOOD OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD \$ 125,680

INVESTMENTS: TOTAL \$ 678,137

BRENT WARNER MAINTENANCE FUND \$ 199,224

MEETING HOUSE REPLACEMENT RESERVE \$232,246

ALBERTA STEVENS HUNTINGTON GARDEN FUND \$ 246,667

OPERATING BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS (CASH BASIS):

MARCH REVENUE \$27,618 VS BUDGET OF \$37,873 (EXCLUDING \$8,000 OF IN-KIND DONATIONS WHICH ARE NON -CASH) DIFFERENCES PRIMARILY RELATE TO SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING WHICH THE STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING ON GETTING INVOICES OUT.

MARCH EXPENSES WERE \$40,746 VS BUDGET OF \$54,451 (EXCLUDING IN-KIND OF 8,000 WHICH IS NON CASH) . EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE ON A CASH BASIS IS \$10,022.

WE ARE ENTERING "EVENT SEASON" SO REVENUES SHOULD PICK UP IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS.

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 March 31, 2019

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Bank Accounts - Operations	
Operations Chase Checking - 6039	16,997.46
Operations Chase Contingency - 4693	88,527.78
Operations Huntington Savings	0.00
Total Bank Accounts - Operations	\$ 105,525.24
Board Designated Bank Accounts	
Board Designated Checking - 1362	
Council of Historic Neighborhoods	1,538.87
For the Good of the Neighborhood	125,680.38
Frank Fetch Park/Maintenance	50.00
Fund for Historic Preservation	116,585.34
German Village Business Community	71,083.26
Highfield Garden	1,731.09
Huntington Garden/Maintenance	3,348.33
Schiller Bloomin Fund	2,255.05
Schiller Friends of Schiller Fund	25,209.41
Schiller Park Enhancements	4,423.40
Schiller Park/Arboretum Fund	3,863.02
Schiller Park/Bench/Trash Can Fund	3,094.40
Southside Stay	3,992.24
Village Singers	4,900.33
Total Board Designated Checking - 1362	\$ 367,755.12
Board Designated Funds	
Meeting Haus Maint/Replacement	
Meeting Haus Maint/Replacement Gain/Loss	46,487.74
Meeting Haus Maint/Replacement Principal	185,758.35
Total Meeting Haus Maint/Replacement	\$ 232,246.09
Village Singers Fund - 14126	
Village Singers Fund - 14126	14,046.34
Warner Maintenance - 0330	
Warner Maintenance - 0330 Gain/Loss	37,185.52
Warner Maintenance - 0330 Principal	162,038.48
Total Warner Maintenance - 0330	\$ 199,224.00
Total Board Designated Funds	\$ 445,516.43
Total Board Designated Bank Accounts	\$ 813,271.55
Permanently Restricted Fund Accounts	
Huntington Garden Endowment	
Huntington Garden Endowment Gain/Loss	47,997.13
Huntington Garden Endowment Principal	198,670.51
Total Huntington Garden Endowment	\$ 246,667.64
Total Permanently Restricted Fund Accounts	\$ 246,667.64
Petty Cash	
Petty Cash	100.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 1,165,564.43
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable-General	
Accounts Receivable-General	0.00
Pledge Receivable Multi-Year (A/R)	
Pledge Receivable Multi-Year (A/R)	0.00
Discount for Present Value	-12,045.66
Total Pledge Receivable Multi-Year (A/R)	-\$ 12,045.66
Total Accounts Receivable	-\$ 12,045.66
Other Current Assets	
Credit Card Receivables	
Credit Card Receivables	525.00
Designated Funds GVS Receivable	
Designated Funds GVS Receivable	0.00
Inventory	
Inventory	3,415.30
prepaid Expenses	
prepaid Expenses	0.00
Undeposited Funds	
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 3,940.30
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,157,459.07
Fixed Assets	

German Village Society

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2019

	Total
Building 588 South Third Street	
Cost	759,990.66
Depreciation	-679,416.63
Land	40,000.00
Total Building 588 South Third Street	\$ 120,574.03
Intangible Assets	
Website Development	
Cost	29,200.00
Depreciation	-17,520.00
Total Website Development	\$ 11,680.00
Total Intangible Assets	\$ 11,680.00
Leasehold Improvements	0.00
Depreciation	-85,423.43
Original Cost	191,948.98
Total Leasehold Improvements	\$ 106,525.55
Office Equipment/Furniture/Paintings	
Cost	241,938.23
Depreciation	-237,886.31
Total Office Equipment/Furniture/Paintings	\$ 4,051.92
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 242,831.50
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,400,290.57
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue	0.01
Deferred Revenue-Property Taxes	0.00
Designated Funds GVBC Payable	0.00
Designated Funds GVS Payable	0.00
Other Current Liabilities	0.00
Prepaid GVBC Membership Dues	0.00
Prepaid GVS Advertising Fees	0.00
Prepaid GVS Membership Dues	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 0.01
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 0.01
Total Liabilities	\$ 0.01
Equity	
Designated Earnings	
Non Restricted	0.00
Permanently restricted fund	192,823.00
Restricted	764,543.85
Temporarily Restricted	9,000.00
Total Designated Earnings	\$ 966,366.85
Retained Earnings	408,510.15
Net Income	25,413.56
Total Equity	\$ 1,400,290.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,400,290.57

**German Village Society
Designated Funds**

January - March, 2019

	For the Good of the Neighborhood	Fund for Historic Preservation	Total German Village Business Community	Highfield Gardens	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	Warner Fund	Total Designated Programs
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Income																
Admission/Event Income			0.00								85.00					85.00
Advertising Income			320.68													320.68
Contributions	3,000.00		0.00			200.00		200.00			2,000.00		1,200.00			6,600.00
Grants			0.00													0.00
In-Kind Donations			0.00													0.00
Interest Income			0.00		521.47		483.38								416.60	1,421.45
Membership Dues -GVBC			7,011.42													7,011.42
Merchandise Income		500.00	150.00								40.00					690.00
Miscellaneous Income			0.00											755.00		755.00
Rental Income			0.00													0.00
Sponsorship			1,725.00													1,725.00
Total Income	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 9,207.10	\$ 0.00	\$ 521.47	\$ 200.00	\$ 483.38	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,125.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 755.00	\$ 416.60	\$ 18,608.55
Gross Profit	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 9,207.10	\$ 0.00	\$ 521.47	\$ 200.00	\$ 483.38	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,125.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 755.00	\$ 416.60	\$ 18,608.55
Expenses																
Advertising			14,162.45													14,162.45
Bank/Credit Card Fees		15.10	-228.25		198.08		186.32								159.87	331.12
Computer Related Costs			0.00										20.17			20.17
Consulting Fees		2,045.00	0.00										150.00	1,125.00		3,320.00
Equipment Rental			2,088.19								6.75					2,094.94
Food/Beverages			0.00													0.00
Gifts & Awards			0.00													0.00
In-Kind Expense			0.00													0.00
License/Fees/Permits			0.00													0.00
Miscellaneous Expense			0.00			140.10										140.10
Payroll Taxes			669.36													669.36
Postage			0.00													0.00
Printing/Signage		1,086.09	1,699.01								18.87			44.98		2,848.95
Projects from Strategic Plan	6,500.00	1,750.00	0.00													8,250.00
Property & D/O Insurance			0.00													0.00
Repairs & Maintenance			0.00								520.00					520.00
Salaries/Wages			8,749.98													8,749.98
Security			0.00													0.00
Supplies			0.00											623.48		623.48
Total Expenses	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,896.19	\$ 27,140.74	\$ 0.00	\$ 198.08	\$ 140.10	\$ 186.32	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 545.62	\$ 0.00	\$ 170.17	\$ 1,793.46	\$ 159.87	\$ 41,730.55
Net Operating Income	-\$ 3,500.00	-\$ 4,396.19	-\$ 17,933.64	\$ 0.00	\$ 323.39	\$ 59.90	\$ 297.06	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,579.38	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,029.83	-\$ 1,038.46	\$ 256.73	-\$ 23,122.00
Other Income																
Transfers out		-3,962.69	0.00			-591.02		-20.00			-1,173.23		-210.00	-477.60		-6,434.54
Total Other Income	\$ 0.00	-\$ 3,962.69	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 591.02	\$ 0.00	-\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 1,173.23	\$ 0.00	-\$ 210.00	-\$ 477.60	\$ 0.00	-\$ 6,434.54
Other Expenses																
Deferred Gain/Loss Investments			0.00		-17,223.97		-16,595.06								-14,150.00	-47,969.03
Total Other Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 17,223.97	\$ 0.00	-\$ 16,595.06	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 14,150.00	-\$ 47,969.03
Net Other Income	\$ 0.00	-\$ 3,962.69	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 17,223.97	-\$ 591.02	\$ 16,595.06	-\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 1,173.23	\$ 0.00	-\$ 210.00	-\$ 477.60	\$ 14,150.00	\$ 41,534.49
Net Income	-\$ 3,500.00	-\$ 8,358.88	-\$ 17,933.64	\$ 0.00	\$ 17,547.36	-\$ 531.12	\$ 16,892.12	\$ 180.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 406.15	\$ 0.00	\$ 819.83	-\$ 1,516.06	\$ 14,406.73	\$ 18,412.49

German Village Society
2019 GVS Operations Previous Month Comparison
Mar-19

	Mar 2019				Total				Notes
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget	
Income									
Admission/Event Income	325.00	600.00	-275.00	54.17%	325.00	149,300.00	-148,975.00	0.22%	
Advertising Income	2,250.00	9,500.00	-7,250.00	23.68%	4,054.32	53,550.00	-49,495.68	7.57%	
Contributions	4,649.17	5,000.00	-350.83	92.98%	16,297.15	19,500.00	-3,202.85	83.58%	
Grants	10.00		10.00		20,520.00	0.00	20,520.00		
In-Kind Donations		8,000.00	-8,000.00	0.00%	0.00	128,000.00	-128,000.00	0.00%	
Interest Income	3.49	3.73	-0.24	93.57%	10.59	45.00	-34.41	23.53%	
Membership Dues - GVS	10,619.79	12,000.00	-1,380.21	88.50%	46,725.54	115,000.00	-68,274.46	40.63%	
Membership Dues -GVBC	981.07	1,650.00	-668.93	59.46%	1,818.21	10,500.00	-8,681.79	17.32%	
Merchandise Income		20.00	-20.00	0.00%	25.00	1,125.00	-1,100.00	2.22%	
Miscellaneous Income	82.46	0.00	82.46		397.32	575.00	-177.68	69.10%	
Rental Income	482.00	2,000.00	-1,518.00	24.10%	2,876.00	25,000.00	-22,124.00	11.50%	
SLATE Income	6,666.66	2,000.00	4,666.66	333.33%	15,999.98	61,500.00	-45,500.02	26.02%	
Sponsorship	1,250.00	5,000.00	-3,750.00	25.00%	4,503.00	75,000.00	-70,497.00	6.00%	
Tour Income	299.00	100.00	199.00	299.00%	299.00	4,500.00	-4,201.00	6.64%	
Total Income	\$ 27,618.64	\$ 45,873.73	-\$ 18,255.09	60.21%	\$ 113,851.11	\$ 643,595.00	-\$ 529,743.89	17.69%	
Gross Profit	\$ 27,618.64	\$ 45,873.73	-\$ 18,255.09	60.21%	\$ 113,851.11	\$ 643,595.00	-\$ 529,743.89	17.69%	
Expenses									
Accounting Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	100.00%	4,500.00	18,000.00	-13,500.00	25.00%	
Advertising		500.00	-500.00	0.00%	785.00	3,500.00	-2,715.00	22.43%	
Audit Fees		3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.00%	0.00	7,800.00	-7,800.00	0.00%	
Bank/Credit Card Fees	430.02	800.00	-369.98	53.75%	738.42	10,000.00	-9,261.58	7.38%	
Computer Related Costs	1,851.49	1,750.00	101.49	105.80%	4,925.66	21,400.00	-16,474.34	23.02%	
Consulting Fees		5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.00%	0.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00	0.00%	
Dues & Memberships	2,750.00	0.00	2,750.00		6,181.42	1,600.00	4,581.42	386.34%	
Equipment Rental	952.57	250.00	702.57	381.03%	2,394.14	17,500.00	-15,105.86	13.68%	
Food/Beverages	478.00	500.00	-22.00	95.60%	2,099.02	10,500.00	-8,400.98	19.99%	
Gifts & Awards	617.00	1,000.00	-383.00	61.70%	742.57	5,750.00	-5,007.43	12.91%	
In-Kind Expense		8,000.00	-8,000.00	0.00%	0.00	128,000.00	-128,000.00	0.00%	
License/Fees/Permits	60.00	50.00	10.00	120.00%	60.00	2,900.00	-2,840.00	2.07%	
Meeting Haus Cleaning	764.60	750.00	14.60	101.95%	2,254.20	11,750.00	-9,495.80	19.18%	
Meeting Haus Groundskeeping	261.00	100.00	161.00	261.00%	704.00	1,000.00	-296.00	70.40%	
Miscellaneous Expense	1,800.00	1,000.00	800.00	180.00%	1,918.69	8,000.00	-6,081.31	23.98%	
Payroll Processing	159.72	145.00	14.72	110.15%	621.41	1,900.00	-1,278.59	32.71%	
Payroll Taxes	1,391.93	1,706.42	-314.49	81.57%	5,515.33	20,609.68	-15,094.35	26.76%	
Postage		700.00	-700.00	0.00%	879.00	5,000.00	-4,121.00	17.58%	
Printing/Signage	695.00	100.00	595.00	695.00%	1,384.00	15,000.00	-13,616.00	9.23%	
Projects from Strategic Plan		2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.00%	0.00	27,000.00	-27,000.00	0.00%	
Property & D/O Insurance	7,650.17	10,000.00	-2,349.83	76.50%	10,285.17	12,500.00	-2,214.83	82.28%	
Repairs & Maintenance	495.09	2,000.00	-1,504.91	24.75%	5,120.18	12,000.00	-6,879.82	42.67%	
Salaries/Wages	17,412.88	19,249.17	-1,836.29	90.46%	48,062.41	245,586.68	-197,524.27	19.57%	
Security		0.00	0.00		0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.00%	
Storage		0.00	0.00		0.00	1,020.00	-1,020.00	0.00%	
Supplies	200.07	250.00	-49.93	80.03%	1,274.47	8,000.00	-6,725.53	15.93%	
Transportation/Towing		350.00	-350.00	0.00%	0.00	3,750.00	-3,750.00	0.00%	
Utilities	1,277.09	1,250.00	27.09	102.17%	3,384.12	15,000.00	-11,615.88	22.56%	
Total Expenses	\$ 40,746.63	\$ 62,450.59	-\$ 21,703.96	65.25%	\$ 103,829.21	\$ 643,566.36	-\$ 539,737.15	16.13%	
Net Operating Income	-\$ 13,127.99	-\$ 16,576.86	\$ 3,448.87	79.19%	\$ 10,021.90	\$ 28.64	\$ 9,993.26	34992.67%	
Other Income									
Transfers In	6,434.54	0.00	6,434.54		6,434.54	7,895.00	-1,460.46	81.50%	
Total Other Income	\$ 6,434.54	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,434.54		\$ 6,434.54	\$ 7,895.00	-\$ 1,460.46	81.50%	
Other Expenses									
Depreciation	3,151.79	3,350.00	-198.21	94.08%	9,455.37	40,000.00	-30,544.63	23.64%	
Total Other Expenses	\$ 3,151.79	\$ 3,350.00	-\$ 198.21	94.08%	\$ 9,455.37	\$ 40,000.00	-\$ 30,544.63	23.64%	
Net Other Income	\$ 3,282.75	-\$ 3,350.00	\$ 6,632.75	-97.99%	-\$ 3,020.83	-\$ 32,105.00	\$ 29,084.17	9.41%	
Net Income	-\$ 9,845.24	-\$ 19,926.86	\$ 10,081.62	49.41%	\$ 7,001.07	-\$ 32,076.36	\$ 39,077.43	-21.83%	

Parking Committee Report
March 19, 2019
Tim Bibler
Chair

The Committee discussed expanding the scope of the Parking Committee to include traffic. Some of the traffic items impacting German Village are:

- 1.) The entire nature of the Livingston Corridor as well as Third and Fourth and I-70 access will soon be changing radically.
- 2.) With the downtown population and workforce increasing and the success of Merion Village and Hungarian Village as well as the redevelopment of Parsons Ave. and South High St., it is apparent that more and more non-residents are shortcutting through the German Village.
- 3.) Parking and Traffic issues are often interrelated.
- 4.) Some current traffic issues are: a) High speeds on Third St., b) drivers failing to stop for crosswalks, c) the need to add crosswalks on Thurman (people crossing to go the Schiller Park).

It was decided to have the Chair of the Parking Committee ask to be placed on the next GVS Board meeting to make this request to expand the scope of the Committee to include traffic.

The Committee also discussed the City's Strategic Parking Plan for German Village and surrounding area and expressed the importance for people to attend any public meetings regarding this Plan. The tentative public meeting is scheduled May 1st 6:00 – 8:00 PM. An announcement will be made with more details when the City provides additional information.

The Committee discussed the current proposed Livingston Avenue development and the adverse impact it would have on parking in German Village. Members of the committee will continue to advocate that all developments shall meet at least the minimum number of parking spaces required by City Code.

Parks, Public Spaces, and Community Events

Minutes of the March 7, 2019 Meeting

Members Present: Carol Mullinax, Frank Wickham, Jim Chakeres, Katharine Moore, Ann Lilly, Chelsea Craig, Craig Seeds

Committee Chairwoman Carol Mullinax called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

Ann Lilly moved that the Minutes of the February 2019 meeting be accepted into the record; Frank Wickham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ACTORS' THEATRE

Ms. Mullinax reported that the auditions for the 2019 Actors' Theatre season were a big success and that the directors are currently engaged in a cut throat game of rock, paper, scissors to determine how the actors are cast.

This year Actors' season will be starting early with *Beowulf (and the Bard)*, in collaboration with MadLab Theatre. The production, which will be the world premiere of the tongue-in-cheek comedy, is a funny, satiric, family-friendly take on the oldest English epic of all, Beowulf. It will be performed at MadLab and will run for two long weekends starting April 11th.

The Season Opening Gala will be held in the park on Friday, May 24, with dinner and a performance of *Romeo and Juliet*.

GERMAN VILLAGE GARTEN CLUB

Mr. Chakeres said the German Village Garten Club has gone back to the drawing board (literally) on the Frank Fetch Park pergola project. The City of Columbus has requested a design to fit within the required 5 foot set back. The City will provide a survey of the site from which the Club can work.

Plans for GartenMarkt are well underway. Jazz and Juleps will be held on May 10, and will feature music by Honey and Blue. The sale will be open to the public on Saturday, May 11.

On Monday, March 18 at 7:00pm, Dianne Kadonaga of Sunny Glen Garden will present "The Bees Knees for Native Bees."

The German Village Garten Club is hosting a Celebration of Life for Past President Mickey Hamilton on Saturday, March 9 following the 2:00 pm services at Maeder-Quint-Tiberi Funeral Home

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH and SCHOOL

Frank Wickham had more wonderful news to share on the St. Mary renovation: the first mass in the renovated church will be celebrated on Palm Sunday. From paint colors to lighting design, the details of the project have been overseen by Father Lutz, and the outcomes are, according to Mr. Wickham, spectacular!

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY

Chelsea Craig reported that all hands are on deck to produce an outstanding 60th anniversary Haus und Garten Tour on June 29 and 30. The Society will again sponsor a float in the Gay Pride Parade; this year's creation will feature the Umbrella Girl.

Minutes for German Village Art Committee meeting 3/25/19

In attendance: Betsy DeFusco, Sandy Kight, Chelsey Craig, Jeff Stahler, Ed Sadar, and Ed Elberfeld.

The committee discussed preparations for our first opening on April 7, of the “Bricks and Brushes” show, headed up by Jeff and Joe Lombardo. Jeff said it will be a good show, he has seen a lot of the pieces done by Joe’s students. The group exhibiting will take care of taking the money, etc. Chelsey said food and drinks will be ready. Jimmy John’s! The GV Board will be in attendance at this opening.

Chelsey said we have a new piano in the fest hall and we are looking for someone to play it at the opening. There is no money to pay the pianist for this opening but Chelsey is working on getting sponsors for the future so we can have a pianist play for the openings.

Chelsey said we (the committee) will have name tags for the openings. She will bring them to the first opening and we will keep them in the back.

Betsy agreed to contact John Clark and tell him the schedule for this year and see if he can still get it in the magazine.

We all agreed it’s time to start thinking of 2020 and shows to have next year. We discussed German Village Art League and decided it would be good to tell them we need to jury their show. They really want to show but there is such diverse work that there is no unifying theme. We discussed how we need to stress quality when putting on our exhibits. Everyone was encouraged to come with ideas next time for 2020. Next meeting scheduled for May 20.

Betsy DeFusco

FRIENDS OF SCHILLER PARK

Katharine Moore reported that The Friends of Schiller Park are exploring picnic tables. The Friends of Schiller replaced most, but not all, of the concrete tables almost 20 years ago. Some of the upgraded tables are in fair condition, and there are still concrete tables to upgrade.

GV 9

Reporting via email from Bangladesh, Mike Cornelis said the team's 2019 schedule is completed and will be posted on the group's FB sometime this month. In addition, the group is working with Wayne Owens on some possible sponsorship opportunities for the season schedule printing.

GV9's next scheduled event is March 28 in Cincinnati where they have been once again honored to have been invited to march in the Cincinnati Reds opening day parade.

HIGHFIELD GARDEN

Ann Lilly said the garden is patiently awaiting spring.

FUN COMMITTEE/BUNCH

Still reporting from Bangladesh, Mr. Cornelis said the group's annual bowling party was held Thursday Feb 7 at the ACC from 5:30 to 9 pm. This event is open to all German Villagers and Society committees and is being coordinated with the GVS, Prost, and Village Connections to name a few.

RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

There was a brief discussion about Bert Stevens' efforts to contract a company to reduce the number of geese at Schiller pond. Ms. Craig said Delilah Lopez was attending a demonstration at the same time the PPSCE committee was meeting. Ms. Moore reiterated that the Friends of Schiller Park had decided the issue of wildlife management was beyond the scope of the committee's responsibilities and resources. Craig Seeds said the department's budget was unchanged, and they would not be funding any goose reduction programs. The Schiller pond will be serviced for algae control throughout the season.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Mullinax asked for any New Business and the group discussed the suggestion recorded in the German Village Society's Board minutes that the Society organize fundraising concerts in Schiller Park. Ms. Craig explained that the idea was simply an outcome of a brainstorming session, and nothing the Society planned to act on. Members discussed the history of limiting fundraising activities in Frank Fetch Park and Schiller Park to events that raise money specifically for park maintenance and enhancements. The Third Sunday Concerts in Frank Fetch Park are produced by the Garten Club as a free program for the community. There was unanimous support for maintaining the informal fundraising policy, and for being mindful of each other's "signature events." Ms. Mullinax also raised concern about how concerts may impact Actors' Theatre's productions in the park.

With no further business to come before the members, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.



Love, love Me Do

May 18th 7pm and May 19th 3pm, 2019, at the Meeting Haus
Admission \$10

Tickets at Visitor Center, From any Village Singes and at The Door.

This will be the last Program for Village Singers under the direction of Nick Klein.

Nick has been accepted as an Honorarium Student at the University of Washington, Seattle.

His passion and patience has raised our performance standard and we will miss him greatly.

Our 2019 Patrons Drive toward Village Singers Endowment Fund continues thru April

\$ 100 contribution ensures naming in our printed program, website and four tickets to either performance.

The donated piano will be repaired and tuned April 29th and ready for our performances.

Wayne

German Village Society Committee Report

Committee: Guided Tours Michelle Mazeke

- Tour season started early this year with 2 tours in March, total proceeds \$168.
- Tour material revisions in progress.
- OnceThere, tour booking website updated with 2019 schedule.
- Tour Guide Happy Hour held at Wunderbar.

German Village Society Committee Report

Committee: ODC

Meeting date(s): March 18

Attendees names:

Jeanne Likins
Jim Penikas
Susan Sutherland
Nancy Turner

Next Meeting: April 22

Highlights/Discussion:

We are continuing our work to identify and to engage folks at all levels and areas of GVS. We are also refining a spreadsheet to follow who has been contact regarding GVS leadership involvement.

Our immediate concern is to identify potential candidates to fill Board openings both as they occur and for the slate which we will propose to the Board for their approval in June.

Plans and Assignments:

Board members can help identify individuals whom you believe should be in the leadership pipeline. Please let any one of us on the committee know who you have in mind.

Do you have issues or concerns that require consideration by the Board or staff for possible response or action with timeline included? (Could include the need for time/support from GVS staff or volunteers, or the need for financial resources)

Any ideas/concerns about safety:

Any ideas/concerns about sidewalks:

Outstanding volunteers:

Any other things you would like to share with the board?

April Board Report

Nancy Kotting

Preservation Committee

(See submitted report from Committee chair Robin Strohm)

Public Policy

I have a meeting scheduled with Council Member Favor April 10 and Council Member Doran for April 12, 2019.

Grants

The Village Lights Grant application to the City of Columbus has been submitted; we did not receive the OSU Grant requested to fund the study of designation impacts over time to be conducted in conjunction with The Kirwin Institute. We will continue to identify funding sources for this study.

Columbia Gas

We have received the work routes for 2019. These have been published on our web site. They have been highlighted several times on social media platforms and have been included in Neighbors for Neighbors the past three weeks. We have leafletted all 250+ addresses on the first route and the 150+/- on the second route with a letter from GVS. Columbia Gas will be conducting an informational community meeting April 10 at 6:00 pm here at the Meeting Haus for residents interested in learning more about the project.

Commission Interface

April GVC applications were published on our web site shortly following the business meeting and emailed 986 recipients Friday prior to the April 2 Commission meeting. I did not speak on any application related issues.

Tech support

I have fielded 5-6 technical support inquiries per day this past month. Several have required site visits, while others are executed via email or phone call.

Signage Program

Historic House Plaques

We are encouraging orders! We have perfected our research protocol and have tightened up the turnaround time on orders.

Brickline

We are finalizing the content and images for the second route: 3rd St. from Livingston to Schiller Park. Copy has been submitted to MKSK and we are awaiting the proposal to manufacture the next

installation, a total of 15 signs. I have been working to secure the necessary real estate easements for each of the 15 locations, which is a multi-step process.

We have signed a contract to complete the content for the Mohawk route. Work on site selection for this route and content production will begin immediately. Content is being developed for the third route, along Mohawk, and we are working toward an April 15 deadline on this content.

Interns

I am having the interns conduct a district wide survey of sidewalk, curb and street conditions. Our last survey was done two years ago and we are in need of an update. Once we have identified the sidewalks posing the most risk, I will reach out to property owners individually to encourage participation in our incentive program.

Tours

See Jena Wilsons Report

UIRF

No updates

Events

Caretakers of a Legacy is scheduled for May 8th at 6:00 PM here in the Fest Hall. Plaques have arrived, awardees have been notified and we are gearing up for a very special event. We are still looking for a caterer if anyone has suggestions.

-Nancy Kotting

Jena Wilson, Development & Marketing Coordinator

Membership Development

Memberships renewals last month hit over 100 renewals! We sent out a membership mailing at the beginning of March that included memberships that have lapsed since December of 2018. Make sure that you're up to date by emailing me (jwilson@germanvillage.com) for inquiries about your membership—or any questions about GVS you might have.

Marketing

Social media statistics have been on the rise the beginning of the year. I've updated the social media audit and because events season is starting to pick up, we are seeing more engagement and response to our social media, specifically Facebook and Twitter.

Visitors Center

See Bonnie's Report on the Visitors Center. Packages have also been picking up this month with spring fever. Please make sure that packages are being picked up in a timely manner. Additionally, we have had an increase in packages being delivered to the Meeting Haus that do not have names on the label. Please make sure that your packages have your name in addition to our address when it's delivered.

Building Management

We have had several rental inquiries this week and rental agreements have started to come in. Also, we have seen a decrease in Meeting Haus alarms getting set off, so thank you to all who have taken extra care when opening and closing the Meeting Haus.

Please continue to contact me if you have questions about building rentals and reserving Meeting Haus rooms for committee events.

Be sure to check out the Bricks & Brushes art exhibit upstairs in the Fest Hall until May 25th.