

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA

November 10, 2020
6:00 p.m.

A Zoom Conference Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95591536670>

Meeting ID: 955 9153 6670

Call to Order

Chris Hune

Public Participation

Report of the Officers

Report of the President

Chris Hune

Up-date on transition

Appointment of Beth Burson as the 5-year Member of the BOT

Report of the Vice-President

Marie Logothetis

Up-date on Caretakers of a Legacy Awards Program

Report of the Secretary

Bill Curlis

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting,

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the October 13, 2020, meeting
of the Board of Trustees

Report of the Treasurer

Darci Congrove

Postponed to December 8, 2020

Approval of the Treasurer's Report for Audit

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's report for October, 2020
for audit.

An up-date on financial statements

A report to the Board by the Treasurer

An update on the Audit

A report to the Board and discussion of the 2021 Budget
(information only)

Active Issues Discussion

Communications and Engagements	Chris Hune
Cookie Caper Reimagined	Jill D’Antignac
Village Lights	
Village Singers	
Annual Meeting	Jessica Kapusta
An up-date on the Pizzuti development site visit SchumacherPlace.org to see the newest site rendering	Jay Godfrey
Seeking direction and guidance for the Long Range Planning Committee Strategic Planning survey	Kurt Miller

Reports of the Committees

<u>Preservation</u>	Marie Logothetis	
Historic Preservation	Cheryl Hacker	
	Jay Godfrey	
Fund for Historic Preservation	Darci Congrove	
<u>Advocacy</u>	Nelson Genshaft	
Parking	Tim Bibler	Yes
Civic Relations	Eric Vanderson	
Parks and Public Spaces	Carol Mullinax	Yes
FUN Committee	Mike Cornelis	
Friends of Schiller	Katharine Moore	Yes
Safety Committee	Bill Curlis	
<u>Community Quality of Life</u>	Greg Gamier	
GV Business Community	Jeff Lowe	
Long Range Planning	Kurt Miller	Yes
Art Committee	Betsy DeFusco	
Ambassadors	Eric Vanderson	
Village Singers	Wayne Owens	
Visitors’ Center	Bonnie Mitchell	
Group Tours	Michelle Mazeke	
GV Pride Committee	Greg Gamier	
<u>Development</u>	Chris Hune	
Development Committee	Chris Hune	
Events		
Haus und Garten	Chris Hune	
Date:		
Monster Bash	Natalie Brehm	
	Andrea Ford	

Date:
Tea 43206
Date:
Art Crawl
Date:
Village Lights
Date: December, 2020

Governance

Finance Committee
Organizational Development

Staff

Manager of Historic Preservation
Manager of Events and Engagement

Darci Congrove

Jessica Holland

Greg Gamier

Chris Hune
Darci Congrove
Tim Morbitzer

Andrew Dodson Yes
Sal Reedus

Old/New Business

Chris Hune

Adjournment

Chris Hune

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
October 13, 2020

Present: Tim Bibler, Darci Congrove, William Curlis, Greg Gamier, Nelson Genshaft, Jay Godfrey, Chris Hune, Jessica Kaputsa, Marie Logothetis, Anne McGee, Tim Morbitzer, Jim Penikas and Eric Vanderson.

Guests and Staff: Andrew Dodson, Michael Gallagher, Kurt Miller, Sal Reedus, and Delilah Lopez

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. as a Zoom conference call, by President Jim Penikas.

President Penikas noted that the first order of business was the election of officers of the German Village Society for terms ending on September 30, 2021. He called upon Organizational Development Committee Chair Tim Morbitzer to report on the nominations.

Mr. Morbitzer reported that his committee recommended the following individuals:

President	Chris Hune
Vice President	Marie Logothetis
Secretary	Bill Curlis
Treasurer	Darci Congrove

and their names were placed in nomination.

MOTION: that the nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for the election of the candidates named for their respective offices.
[Morbitzer, Penikas]

Motion adopted.

Newly elected President Chris Hune took the chair and thanked Jim Penikas for his service over the past year during very difficult times. President Hune also reported to the Board that she was seeking communication and engagement by and with the Board and that she wanted the Board meetings to be more than just committee reports.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Reports of the Officers

Secretary, William Curlis reported that the minutes of the September, 2020, meeting of the Board of Trustees had been e-mailed and asked for their approval.

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2020, meeting of the Board of Trustees. [Curlis, Genshaft]

Motion approved.

Treasurer Darci Congrove made extensive remarks as well as a written report updating the Board on the finances of the German Village Society.

Mr. Bibler asked questions about computer related line items in the budget and Ms. Congrove reported that she would send a break-down to the full Board.

Mr. Genshaft asked if, in light of the cut-back in staff, it was possible to write GVS checks in a more timely manner. Ms. Congrove noted that when we cut back on all expenses the bookkeeper was one of those whose hours were reduced and that checks were being written once a month.

Treasurer Congrove submitted her Treasurer's report for the month ending August 31, 2020, and asked the Board for its approval.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report for September, 2020 for audit.
[Congrove, Bibler]

Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Vice President Logothetis reported that she would have an up-date on the sidewalk campaign for the next meeting. She also noted that a date for the Caretakers Awards meeting had been made and would be announced soon along with the program.

Historic Preservation co-chair Jay Godfrey gave an extensive up-date on reorganizing the Historic Preservation Committee to include the Civic Relations and Parking committees in regular joint meetings to deal with issues like the Giant Eagle development.

Mr. Godfrey gave an extensive up-date on the status of the Pizzuti development on the site of the Giant Eagle and recommended that the BOT send a letter to interested parties noting German Village Society support of Schumacher Place's position and identifying specific concerns of the Historic Preservation committee to the density and parking issues generated by the development.

Following extensive discussion of the letter, the individuals and agencies to receive the letter, and who would sign the letter, the following motion was offered:

MOTION: to approve the letter as drafted [a copy of which is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof] and to authorize the President of the German Village Society to sign the letter on behalf of the Board of Trustees.
[Godfrey, Congrove]

Motion approved.

Further discussion ensued regarding the audience to receive this letter and communication to our Members and the community. President Hune said that she would make certain that the community was aware of our concerns, where the GVS is in the process, and what the next steps to be taken would be.

Parking Committee Chair Tim Bibler reported that the City is experimenting with 'parking tick marks' on streets in German Village to maximize parking space on the streets to make for a more efficient parking scheme. He noted that the parking designations would not be used on brick streets only asphalt covered streets. He asked the Board for support to this City experiment and offered the following motion:

MOTION: To support adding parking tick marks on Third Street and to recommend to the Division of Parking to add parking tick marks from East Livingston Avenue to East Kossuth Street. [Bibler, Godfrey]

Motion approved.

Civic Relations Committee chair Eric Vanderson noted that he was working with the Historic Preservation committee regarding the joint committee meetings.

Long Range Planning Committee chair Kurt Miller made an extensive report to the Board updating the months-long work the committee had been engaged in to give direction to the Board drafting a Strategic Plan. He detailed the process and information the committee had brought to drafting a Plan. His committee's next steps are to finalize up-dates to the Mission, Vision, and Values statements and to engage the community and our members in the process moving forward.

Executive Director Delilah Lopez reported that she was working on the 2021 Membership Directory and seeking the help of Board members in 'proofing' the preliminary draft.

Executive Director Lopez noted that Andrew was still working on details of the month-long Village Lights holiday celebration and would make an announcement of those details soon.

Manager of Events and Engagement Sal Redus reported to the Board on the 're-vamp' of the GVS web-site. The web-site work is not complete, but his goal is to make the site more accessible and to provide more information. 'Cleaner and clearer' are his goals. He then followed his remarks with an on-line site tour. He further asked the Board to review the changes and give him feed-back. The Board was very positive in its praise of the changes and the work of Mr. Redus.

Ms. Lopez reported that she was continuing to facilitate a Good-Neighbor Agreement between St. Mary's School and its neighbors.

Ms. Lopez further reported that Dustin Speakman was leaving the GVS at the end of the month. Because of the Covid issues there are no events planned for the immediate future and the position will not be filled. Mr. Speakman's duties are being distributed among the remaining staff. She noted that Mr. Speakman was working with the staff for a smooth transition on all of his projects.

President Hune thanked immediate past president Jim Penikas for his service as President of the Society in a very difficult year. She praised his thoughtful leadership and said that, "you have a thank you gift on your door step," from a grateful Board.

The business of the October 13, 2020, meeting of the German Village Society Board of Trustees having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Curlis, Secretary

Attest:

Chris Hune, President



Long Range Planning Committee October 1 & 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS and STAFF PRESENT:

- Jim Nichols, Janet Druen, Katie Fallon, Kurt Miller
- Delilah Lopez, Andrew Dodson

Continuing with the STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

The Long Range Planning Committee will work with the GVS Board of Trustees and Staff to develop the next GVS Strategic Plan for the next 3 years. LRPC to develop strategic planning process, community engagement process, and Strategic Plan document, while sharing progress along the way.

CURRENT MEETING MINUTES

10/1/2020: LRPC Meeting

1. Group continued to polish the Community Engagement Survey Questions.
 - The goal is to get at least 100-130 responses to the survey.
 - Survey responses can also be used as 'poll quotes' to inform the strategic plan.
 - Develop survey on 'Survey Monkey' and include character limits on open-ended questions.
 - Develop Code Book to evaluate open-ended answers.
 - Focus groups to be used. Interviews within each stakeholder section to be used.
 - Grass-roots surveying to take place near Stauf's, Schiller Park, and St. Mary's Farmer's Market.
2. Considering the following "headers" for the survey questions:
 - Relation to and thoughts on German Village as a neighborhood/ community.
 - Relation to and thoughts to sharpened GVS Mission, Vision and Values.
 - Thoughts on influences of the German Village neighborhood and in turn the GVS.
 - Thoughts on what the GVS could be doing as an institution to meet personal and community needs.
 - Big picture thoughts on personal and neighborhood 'what-ifs, ideals or dreams' for the neighborhood.
3. Surveys will direct how we remain relevant. Surveys will inform and clarify expectations how the GVS will continue to evolve and serve.

10/13/2020: Kurt provided SP Update to the Board of Trustees

- SP Outline Update distributed to the Board for their review and feedback.
- Some members noted that they liked the direction and the balance.
- Next steps to be Community Engagement via the online survey.



10/15/2020: LRPC Meeting

1. Group continued to polish the Community Engagement Survey Questions.
 - Survey will be built in Survey Monkey and distributed to the LRPC and Board for participation and feedback on the structure of the survey.
 - Once buy-in is received, the LRPC will engage various stakeholders to participate
 - Participation/ discussions will also take place as Focus Group via Zoom.
2. Reviewed the outline/ progress of the Final Strategic Plan Document
 - Use the Strategic Planning Outline as a structure with information to include.
 - Use the Create Columbus Community Experience Project document as a visual example to base the GSV Strategic Plan document.
 - Develop actionable projects that align with MVV as the deliverable

ONGOING: no updates this meeting

Demographics/Data Collection Summary:

- Katie working to compile the updated demographics from previous meetings.

Strategic Plan Outline and LRPC Work Plan/Schedule:

- Kurt to keep these documents up to date as needed as we continue development.

UPCOMING: to be discussed at upcoming meetings

Develop Code Book for analyzing survey results.

- Kurt to prepare draft document for group review and discussion.

Identify Objectives, Tasks, and KPIs (measures) for each Focus Area.

- Kurt to prepare draft document for group review and discussion.

OCTOBER ACTION ITEMS GOING FORWARD

1. Review the GVS Board Updates Discussion.
2. Review Final Edits of Survey Questions considering committee and Board input.
3. Create Survey Monkey survey to distribute to committee and Board for final adjustments for larger stakeholder engagement.
4. Finalize strategies for the Stakeholder List groups prioritized for the SP.
5. Start the Code Book development to analyze survey results.
6. Discuss continued Final SP Document progress/ Framework graphics.



NEXT LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

- The next LRPC meetings will move to bi-weekly at 6pm on Zoom to keep the momentum of the GVS Strategic Planning Process. **NOVEMBER MEETINGS: THURSDAYS ON THE 5TH & 19TH**

Join GVS LRPC Zoom Meetings:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5815184278?pwd=SEZ5THhOUYwUGhzU1NNZU91ZXZDdz09>

Meeting ID: 581 518 4278

Passcode: 3yRhGX

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AND/OR TO SEEK DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE FROM THE BOARD

1. Kurt, the chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, would like to remind Board members to participate in the online Strategic Planning Survey and send any feedback to Kurt on the survey by end of Monday, November 9th.
2. Once Board feedback is received and processed, the LRPC seeks approval from the Board to engage larger stakeholder groups with the Strategic Planning Survey.
3. The LRPC also requests that the Board of Trustees assist in promoting the Strategic Planning Survey and Process by encouraging neighbors, friends, and colleagues to participate. This is a great time to engage in the GVS Strategic Planning process! Any assistance is greatly appreciated with this effort as we connect with members, neighbors, and the community.

Parks, Public Spaces and Community Events Committee
October 1, 2020

Members Present: The meeting, via conference call, was attended by Carol Mullinax, Katharine Moore, Ann Lilly, Connie Swain, Jim Chakeres, Sal Reedus, Frank Wickham, and Linda Friedman.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Carol.

September 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved (Ann moved, Jim seconded).

Actors' Theater

Carol reported Shakespeare Underground is available on YouTube every Monday and Actors' continues to look for funding support.

German Village Garten Club

Jim reported the Club's Mum Sale went very well. The Club is currently planning the Holiday Greenery Sale; this year two pick up dates will be set, one for outside greenery and one for poinsettias and indoor greenery. The Club is also looking at plans for next year.

St. Mary Church and School

Frank reported (1) school is going well with no Covid cases to date; (2) construction on the old school building acquired from the City is going well with a 2021 opening still on schedule; (3) Masses are well attended and are being held in the gym, with a Latin mass being held at St. Leo's and a Hispanic mass being held at St. Mary's; (4) Two groups of religious orders are moving into the southside convent; (5) St. Mary's and the Society are working on a Good Neighbor Agreement but no details are available yet; and (6) the Farmers Market will continue through October. Katharine asked if there was any discussion about allowing a commercial nursery to set up on the school lawn in 2021; Jim said he had heard nothing.

German Village Society

Sal reported (1) the Good Neighbor Agreement is being worked on by Delilah and Andrea but also had not seen any details; (2) a virtual Village Lights with a house décor is being planned; and (3) the Volunteer Appreciation and Annual meeting(s) are being planned.

Friends of Schiller Park

Katharine reported (1) a walk through at the Park with several Recreation and Parks staff went well with (a) no tree damage resulting from the extended stay of the suspended sculptures, (b) the eye bolts and bell permanently attached to trees at the fairy garden were not to be added to (NOTE: the FOSP report re: this concern was forwarded to Bert Stevens), and (c) the Huntington Garden "wowed" the staff; (2) a memorial tree for Ned Merkle is planned for the park across from his home; (3) the five permanent sculptures will arrive in October requiring Commission approval before installation; (4) the contract for repair of the stone pillar at the Third Street entrance has been signed and repair plans for the bollard are underway; (5) the Certificate of Approval for the tot lot has been approved; (6) FOSP is co-sponsoring a blood drive with St. Mary's on October 17; (7) a bike tour company has scheduled a tour on October 10 that includes the park. NOTE: additional FOSP highlights are in Katharine's 9/30 report.

Arboretum Fund

Highfield Garden

Ann reported the Garden is doing well with new hosta varieties being considered for next spring.

German Village 9

Fun Bunch

Mike reported by email the Halloween pet parade has been cancelled and a virtual Secret Santa/Halloween photo op on Facebook is being discussed.

The Farm

Connie reported the farm's participation in 2020 was lower than expected and discussions for next year are underway.

Huntington Garden

Linda reported (a) putting the Garden to bed will start this Saturday, weather permitting with all work finished by the end of October; (b) the City is supposed to mulch the garden after the appropriate plants have been cleared; and the Garden benefitted greatly from the Master Gardener volunteers participation with many working beyond their required hours.

Columbus Recreation and Parks

Katharine reported Craig continues to work on everything despite a 50% reduction of landscaping crew staff and the issue of glyphosate usage in the park has not been resolved.

Old Business

New Business

Katherine reported she and Jim will be working on Street Tree Ad Hoc Committee.

Katharine and Connie discussed Pizzuti Company's proposed removal of the Giant Eagle property in order to construct a four story building with retail and residential space. Both Schumacher Place and German Village are opposed to the proposal and need the support of the community to fight the plan through letters and meeting attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Submitted by Linda E. Friedman on November 2, 2020

Historic Preservation & Outreach Manager Staff Report – November 2020

Summary

Historic Preservation

Schumacher Place Assistance

The Pizutti development is now in front of the South Side Area Commission. We helped facilitate project images, yard signs, and letters from the board over the past month, and at the most recent presentation, the design was significantly updated but there were still unanswered questions about scale, parking, traffic, etc. We are continuing to support Schumacher Place – a joint press release is being authored by a professional PR expert, additional signs are being procured, outreach to officials continues. Updates continue to be available at www.schumacherplace.org and we continue to promote in N4N.

Livingston Hotel

Still not on agendas, will continue to monitor.

Outreach

Caretakers of a Legacy Awards

The Caretakers working group is making tremendous progress led by Marie Logothetis. We are preparing to notify winners and begin production of video for the program.

Other

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LRP continues to make progress – we recently finished creation of a survey that is being tested for release and we have transitioned notes into a draft final document. Next steps include the survey and additional outreach and development of specific programs/tasks/KPIs for the plan.

Prepared for the Board of Trustees, German Village Society by Andrew Dodson

To: Members, Parks, Public Spaces, and Community Events Committee

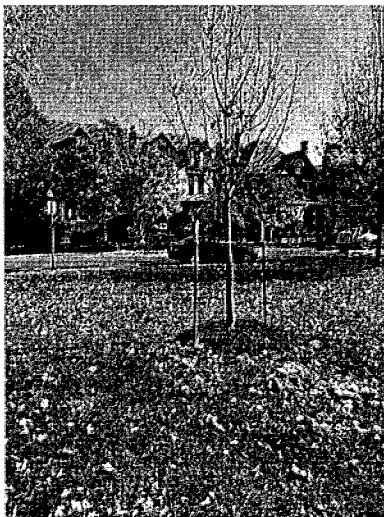
From: Katharine Moore, on behalf of the Friends of Schiller Park

Date: November 5, 2020

It has been a season of spectacular color and heavy use in Schiller Park!

The Recreation and Parks Department has been very responsive to maintenance needs – the stone pillar and the metal bollard at the Third Street entrance that were damaged in two different car accidents this summer are being repaired, and the asphalt on the north side of the bridge has been replaced with concrete – which looks good and will perform much better.

The Department no longer plants specific memorial trees as a rule. They instead offer donors the opportunity to make a gift to the tree fund, knowing a tree will be planted in *some* park. Understanding how important it was to us, an exception was made and a Sugar Maple was planted in memory of Ned Merkle last month. It is in a spot where Josie can see it from her window – and we all look forward to watching it grow. Ned must have taken 10,000 steps over that very spot on his dog walks, so we feel sure it will thrive.



The Tot Lot fence replacement was approved by the German Village Commission. It is our great fortune to be getting a wrought iron replacement that is very similar in design to the existing – but with a couple of engineering tweaks that make it impossible for a toddler to get their head stuck between the bars!

The Department of Recreation and Parks is coordinating a Christmas program for Community Center users who are in need. We are exploring the details of the Adopt A Center program.

Our Historic Schiller Park sign from the Ohio History Connection is in poor condition, repairs are estimated at \$2,000. Gulp!

And, we are in discussions about commissioning a staged-over-time holiday decorations plan, that would begin with the Caretaker's Cottage.

The travel ban from Poland remains in place, so sculpture exhibit is here for the foreseeable future.

Parking Committee Report
November 10, 2020

The Division of Parking Service agreed to do a Pilot program to determine if parking tick marks on Third Street created a more efficient parking lane. The parking tick marks were added in a test area on Third street, however the study as originally stated was not completed. For what reason I do not know. The City did not receive any negative comments regarding the parking tick marks. The Parking Committee is not aware of any negative comments, however positive comments supporting the parking tick marks have been expressed.

During the October GVS Board meeting a motion was passed to support adding the parking tick marks to Third Street and recommend to the Division of Parking, to add the parking tick marks from East Livingston Avenue to East Kossuth Street.

The Division of Parking Services was informed of the Board's motion and has committed to do the parking ticks on Third Street next Spring. The exact location of the parking ticks has not been determined; however, it is anticipated that they would be from East Livingston Avenue to East Kossuth Street.

Tim Bibler
Parking Committee Chair

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