

**German Village Society Board of Trustees
March 11, 2024, Meeting Agenda**

Schuerer Room 6 pm - German Village Meeting Haus
See GVS Website for Zoom-in instructions.

Called to order

Michael Cornelis, President

Public Participation

Executive Director's Report (written report)

Sean Kessler

Staff Reports:

Comm. and Membership Engagement (written report)

Rachel Lewellen

Historic Preservation & Civic Relations Manager (written report)

Crystal Coon

Report of the Officers

Secretary's Report

Anne McGee, Secretary

Motion: Approve February 12, 2024, GVS Board Meeting Minutes

Treasure's Report (written report)

Anthony Meyer, Treasurer

Motion: Approve the March 2024 Treasurer's Report

Vice President's Report (written report)

Liz Newton, Vice President

GVS Long-Range Planning Discussions * 2/12/24 Meeting Summary

Committee Reports:

Preservation

Historic Preservation

Michael Gallagher

---Brick Sidewalks

Bill Mains

---Fund for Historic Preservation

Darci Congrove

Community & Quality of Life

Art Committee (written report)

Jordanne Renner

German Village Business Committee (no report)

Cynthia Watson

Visitors Center (written report)

Barbara Young

Village Singers (written report)

Wayne Owens

Parks and Public Spaces Committee

Katharine Moore (written report)

Independent PPSC groups

Actors Theatre of Columbus

Columbus Recreation & Parks (Schiller) Suzanne Schwartz

Connect 2 Protect

Dee Debenport

German Village Garten Club

Jane Forbes

Friends of Schiller Park

Katharine Moore

Grace Highfield Garden

Connie Swain

Huntington Gardens

Linda Friedman

GV9 Hobnobbers

Michael Cornelis

Fun Committee

Angela Petro

Prost!

Danielle Borgerding Zody

St. Mary's School

Frank Wickman

Village Connections

Donald Wiggins

Village Mom's

Brittany Gibson

Fund Development

Events

Maifest Legends & Legacys 5-2-2024 (oral report)
Pre Tour 2024 6-22-24 (oral report)
Haus & Garten Tour 6-23-24

Andrea Ford & Helen Speiser
Lindsey Turner & Ben Chapman
Carmen & Michael Wood

Membership (written report)

Jonathan Hoag

Governance

Facilities and Property (written report)

David Schooler &
Jim Nichols
Jess Fleming

Organizational Development (oral report)

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

Executive Director Report – March 2024

Operations

Working with Spartan IT on staff cybersecurity training as well as cleaning up and streamlining our online systems/storage.

The website is nearly complete and transition from old to new will happen in the coming days.

Staff and the Board Treasurer have been working with Accounting Solutions in search of better financial tracking and development software to fit our needs. Any changes that are made will be shared with the board and will fall within the approved 2024 budget. UPDATE: we are transitioning to RAMP software for expenses and are leaning towards Growth Zone (GZ) to replace Donor Perfect (DP). GZ will function in the ways that DP has in the past, but with added benefits like a member portal that will give members an easier way to see their transactions as well as provide a member directory.

Quality of Life

2024 Haus und Garten Tour house roster is complete and pre-tour dinner roster is nearly complete. Patron tickets on sale (internal push has begun). Anyone who has not been contacted that is interested in hosting a Pre-Tour dinner, contact the Meeting Haus and we can put you in touch with the correct people.

Maifest planning is coming along very well due to the hard work of the planning committee.

The February membership drive was in line with past years. Many members have increased their membership levels (membership committee will provide details).

Preservation Education

The HP Committee has been very helpful in presenting the priorities going forward and this was very helpful in the onboarding of the Crystal. She will be very involved with the committee going forward.

HP Month planning busy planning out the month of May with will include a kick-off Gala, educational opportunities, and Caretakers Awards.

Financial Stability

ED continues conversations with potential sponsors for all events. Rental income could be on the rise with many organizations interested in using the Fest Hall in 2024.

Rachel Lewellen

Communication | Membership Engagement Staff Report

March 11, 2024

Communication

Neighbor 4 Neighbor - continue to create and edit the weekly e-newsletter:

2/15/24: <https://conta.cc/3ONcjPA>

2/22/24: <https://conta.cc/3uA34LN>

2/29/24: <https://conta.cc/3lppyC9>

3/7/24: <https://conta.cc/4a08eQ8>

Website: Continue to have weekly check-in meetings with Improving consultants as they migrate content from our existing website to the new Word Press-hosted site. They have run into a few issues, but they have found fixes, meeting on Tuesday to confirm that the new site is ready to go.

Donor Perfect: Continued data cleaning of constituents and gifts – continue to struggle with DP meeting our institutional needs. Exploring and researching alternatives to Donor Perfect software: Participating in demos with One Cause, Bloomerang, Blackbaud Altru and Growth Zone. Growth Zone is the software that seems to meet all our needs: cost comparable to DP, membership portal, events, calendar, Quickbooks, and capable of taking the place of Constant Contact. The timeline for rollout is 90 days for the new software.

Social media: Campaign for Feb Membership Drive, GVS Art Committee Opening Reception, Women's History Month, and GVS archives.

Membership Development

Membership Committee Meeting: March 6, 2024 – next meeting April 3, 2024 @ 5pm

Items to go on sale in VC March. GV branded coffee from a local roaster (Monocle Coffee Co), t-shirt & sweatshirt with art by Columbus artist, and signature candle with a partnership with Tiki Botanicals "Cottage Glow" and Beyond the Bricks book by John Clark. GVS members receive 10% off purchases.

Planning of Member-Only activities for 2024:

Spring Sporting event: Baseball game in May,

Bloodies & Bagels during H&G Tour

Movie on the Platz Wed. 7/24

Private museum tour (August)

Village Lights members-only pre-event.

New membership cards continue to go out to members. * Feb membership drive data shared in Chairs report

Events

H&G: Attending bi-weekly H&G meetings and marketing committee. Created and continue to maintain ticketing and sponsorship forms for Maifest and H&G PreTour Patrons. Volunteer signup form created and monitored for early signup. Met with designer for H&G collateral – logo, postcards, invitations, poster & program.

Crystal Coon
BOT Preservation Staff Report
March 2024

Tasks

- Migrated PastPerfect to usable computer
- Began preservation of Special Collections
- Wrote two articles for N4N
- Created a new exhibit for Visitor's Center
- Deaccessioned items from the collection
- Collected File histories for H&G Tour homes
- Attended German History research webinar
- Started a Historic Preservation FAQ sheet

Meetings

- 1 GVC monthly meeting
- 1 GVC monthly hearing
- 2 HP Event Planning meetings
- Historic Preservation Committee Meeting
- GVS BOT meeting
- Weekly staff meetings
- Jamie Goodman and Nicole Ursin – HPO
- Bill Mains – Sidewalk Incentive
- Brittany Gibson – H&G Tour
- Lisa Stein – Sidewalk Incentive
- Darci Congrove – Brickline
- Luka Papalko – Columbia Gas
- Michael Aaron – Rickenbacker Woods Foundation

Assistance

Assisted a few people with various preservation issues (window replacement, roof replacement, etc.)

GVC Update

The German Village Commission met Wednesday afternoon, March 6, 2024. Members approved 5 Certificates of Appropriateness with specific alterations, ratified staff-approved certificates, continued 3 applications, and recommended 1 variance.

German Village Society
Board of Trustees

Minutes of the Meeting of
February 12, 2024

Present: Liz Newton, Anne McGee, Anthony Meyer, Nelson Genshaft, Andrea Ford, Tim Bibler, Helen Speiser, Jonathon Hoag, Lindsey Turner,

Via Zoom: Jim Nichols, Mike Cornelis, Kathleen Kaufman

Absent: Cynthia Watson, Jess Fleming, Jeff Stavroff

Staff: Sean Kessler, Rachel Lewellen, Crystal Koon

Vice President Liz Newton called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Public Participation: John Clark raised 2 issues, the first concerning the location of gas meters. Owners with houses with gas meters on the front of their houses may have the ability to request the gas company to relocate meters to the side of the house. Asked when Columbia Gas would be coming out for relocations and noted in the past GVS had distributed door hangers raising awareness. Sean will reach out to the gas company liaison.

Next, the status of the old news rack in front of St. Mary's. St. Mary's would like to remove the racks and question raised about repurposing the maps located there.

Also a reminder of the pub quiz at the Hey Hey to fundraise for Friends of Schiller.

Executive Director Sean Kessler referred to his written report and introduced Crystal Koon, the new Historic Preservation Officer. Her email is ckoon@germanvillage.com

Secretary Anne McGee reported that a copy of the Minutes of

the January 9, 2024, meeting had been sent to the Board and asked for the approval of the minutes.

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2024,
meeting of the Board
of Trustees.

Motion approved.

Treasurer Anthony Meyer submitted updated December Financial documents to the Board and updated the January Treasurer's Report to reflect the updates. Meyer submitted the following motions for approval:

MOTION: To accept \$6K grant from the Columbus Foundation for the Sidewalk Grants.

Motion approved.

MOTION: To adopt the proposed GVS Gift Card Policy

Motion approved.

MOTION: To move the adjusted 2023 Net Income before Depreciation of \$6,051.11 including \$2,719.66 approved on January 8, and recent adjustments of \$3,331.45 from the Operating Fund to the Good of the Neighborhood Fund.

Motion approved.

MOTION: To approve corrections to and final January Treasurer Report and December Financial documents.

Motion approved.

MOTION: To approve February Treasurer Report and January Financial documents.

Motion approved.

Vice-President Liz Newton deferred to planning committee meeting to be held at the end of the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Historic Preservation: Michael Gallagher reported that the commission has received a number of conceptual applications pushing to add garages and carriage houses with baths and kitchens. He also reported that AEP destroyed a curb while erecting a power pole. He also mentioned that short term rentals are increasing and that it would be nice to know how many. He also shared the priority list for the committee which includes: working with the new HPO, focusing on the commission's review of things not in the guidelines and street quality (ie dips and bumps in the streets)

Written reports were submitted by the German Village Business Community, the Visitor Center and Parks and Public Spaces.

Parking Committee chair Tim Bibler reported that committee meetings are ongoing.

PreTour and Haus & Garten Committee Chair, Carmen Wood reported that they have secured a full list of houses. Keny Gallery will host a thank you event for all hosts. They have talked with Franklin Art Glass about adding them to the tour and will reach out to St Mary's. They are still seeking two more dinner locations.

Membership Committee chair Jonathon Hoag reported that the new member drive kick-off is going well, that the birthday party was a huge success and that membership cards are ready.

All present are encouraged to remain for strategic planning session.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm

German Village Society

Treasurer's Report

March 11, 2024, Board Meeting

Highlights from the February 2024 Financial Statements

Cash balances as of January 31, 2024

Operations Checking Accounts ensure smooth day-to-day operations, the Operations Checking Accounts maintain a combined balance of \$190,883.87. This sum is divided into an Operations Account of \$102,250.98 for regular expenses and an Operations Contingency Account of \$88,632.89 for unforeseen needs.

Board Designated Checking Accounts hold a combined balance of \$351,887.42. These accounts serve as repositories for funds allocated by the board for specific purposes, promoting various community initiatives. Here is a breakdown of the major balances:

Fund for Historic Preservation: \$172,773.20 - This account is a donor designated fund established generated through the 43206 TEA fundraiser. Funds are primarily designated to the Brick line project and focus on conserving and maintaining the historical integrity of our community.

German Village Business Community: \$69,863.15 - This account fuels initiatives that enhance and support the vibrancy of the German Village business district.

For the Good of the Neighborhood: \$82,506.55 - This account funds various programs and projects that benefit the overall well-being and progress of our neighborhood.

Sidewalk Repairs: \$23,800.00 – This account funds the brick sidewalk repair grant program.

By maintaining dedicated checking accounts for these initiatives, the board ensures transparency, accountability, and efficient management of the allocated funds.

Board Designated Investment Funds safeguard \$541,077.89 for the long-term benefit of our community. These funds, carefully invested by the board, ensure sustained support for crucial initiatives. Here is a glimpse into the 3 major funds:

Meeting Haus Replacement Reserve Fund: \$259,150.86 - This robust fund prepares for the future by accumulating resources for the eventual replacement or substantial renovation of the Meeting Haus, a cornerstone of our community activities.

Village Singers Fund: \$22,803.95 - This dedicated fund fosters a vibrant cultural scene by providing ongoing support to the cherished Village Singers choral group.

Brent Warner Maintenance Fund: \$259,123.08 - This fund honors the legacy of Brent Warner by securing the long-term financial stability and proper maintenance of his donated property, contributing to the community's well-being.

By establishing and managing these investment funds, the board demonstrates its commitment to responsible financial stewardship and ensures resources are available to meet crucial needs, both present and future.

Permanently Restricted Investment Funds safeguard \$299,835.53 for the long-term benefit of our community. These funds, established with the intent of perpetuity, generate sustainable income that supports crucial initiatives. Here is a glimpse into the major fund:

Alberta Stevens Huntington Garden Fund: \$299,835.53 - This generous donation established a permanent endowment that provides ongoing financial support for the maintenance, development, and educational programs of the beloved Alberta Stevens Huntington Garden, a cherished community treasure.

By establishing and managing these permanently restricted funds, the board ensures that resources are available to meet crucial needs in perpetuity, fostering a vibrant and sustainable community for generations to come.

Investment results for the long-term funds are as of January 31. Please note that the changes in market fluctuation lag one month on the internal GVS financial statements, as the Huntington reports are not available until the second week of the month. To provide financial statements for the monthly board meetings, we book the adjustments in the month following.

Annual Operating Budget

The 2024 cash basis operating budget has \$432,168 of income, which includes \$271,550 of special event revenue, \$106,000 of membership revenue (individual and business), and \$24,000 of contributions, along with smaller amounts for advertising and miscellaneous revenue. Total expenses are budgeted at \$431,900. The largest expense categories are payroll, utilities for the Meeting Haus, bookkeeping and audit fees, insurance, and computer related costs. The budgeted net operating income for 2024 is \$268.

The net operating income figure does not reflect interest income earned on GVS investment accounts, market increases in the value of investment assets, or depreciation expense, which is a non-cash charge.

February Operations Budget

For February, our cash-based operations saw income of \$28,450.09 and expenses of \$33,270.58, resulting in a net operating income of (\$4,820.49). This is significantly better than the budgeted net operating income of (\$15,348.50), generating a positive variance of \$10,528.01.

Key Drivers of the Variance:

- **Higher Contributions and Membership Dues:** We surpassed our budget expectations for Contributions and Membership Dues, contributing \$2,107.40 to the positive variance.

- Property & D/O Insurance: We incurred lower expenses, \$8,115.00 less than budget in February, working with the Executive Director to determine insurance payment due date and to process payment.

Overall, February's positive performance reflects strong operational efficiency and exceeding revenue goals.

Method of Accounting

Note that both accrual and cash basis reports are provided in the board packet. This written report reflects only cash basis reporting, which is a more useful management tool.

Events

GVS generates a sizable portion of its annual income through large-scale events. This year, we're excited to present both our signature fundraiser Haus und Garten Tour, and the Monster Bash. Additionally, we are expanding our fundraiser portfolio with two new endeavors – Maifest, a Historic Preservation event and the On the Bricks Arts and Music Festival. Please note the addition of the GVS Events Budget vs Actual file which has been newly added to the BOT financial packet. The addition of the file is to provide transparency and accountability to the key fundraising event budgets.

Thank you!

We genuinely appreciate the ongoing support from our members, sponsors and volunteers and are looking forward to seeing you at the German Village Society Meeting Haus, committee meetings and events.

Anthony Meyer, Treasurer 03/11/24

German Village Society Board of Trustees

FY24 GVS Long-Range Planning Committee Discussions

See page 2 for DRAFT Feb. 12 Meeting's Summary

Objectives:

To sustain regular Board dialogue about strategic topics and welcome the broadest participation possible

To lay the groundwork for the *September Board Retreat* at which we will set priorities for committees' work and inform the Executive Director's budget development for next fiscal year

FY24 Work Plan

The Long-range Planning Committee welcomes all board members and relies on the active participation and input of committee chairs, officers, and executive director.

Given the challenge of coordinating the schedule of many participants, the committee will "piggy-back" on the dates of the German Village Society (GVS) board meetings *once a quarter*, meeting immediately after the official board business is finished.

The GVS executive committee will strive to conclude official board business on those dates expeditiously to conserve as much time as possible for the planning discussions. The discussions will be structured to conclude no later than 8pm.

The discussions will be supported by read-ahead material sent in advance. The meeting agendas will highlight selected opportunities, threats, or capabilities and explore priorities and strategies in a 12-36 month timeframe that position GVS for success.

Dates for Planning Discussions:

- Monday, February 12, 2024 – following Board business meeting
- Monday, April 8, 2024 – following Board business meeting
- Monday, July 8, 2024 – following Board business meeting
- Sunday, September 8, 2024 -- BOARD RETREAT

Planning Committee Meetings

GVS Purpose: *To steward German Village's special urban, communal, historic way of life for the benefit of its residents, businesses, and visitors*

GVS Organizational Imperative: *To become resilient and financially sustainable*

DRAFT

Monday, February 12, 2024 Discussion: External Opportunities and Threats

Concluding Thoughts Upfront:

Near-term Actions: (1) Sharpen GVS value-propositions and key messages to attract members and donors, capitalizing on increased number of tourists and residents. (2) Engage diligently with City and City GV Commission on policies to ameliorate the impact of public and private development and short-term rentals, developing an action plan for consistent advocacy.

Essential Long-term Strategy: Develop a German Village "Master Development Plan" that excites donors for a capital campaign; synchronizes various ideas for capital and infrastructure improvement for the neighborhood while protecting its historic fabric; and provides a single song-sheet for GVS conversations with the City, developers, stakeholders, and adjacent southside neighborhoods about private-public partnerships.

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#### **Meeting Summary:**

The discussion's focus was on the *external* landscape — understanding circumstances that create opportunities and threats for our historic preservation and community life missions and for GVS as a nonprofit business. The meeting's objective was to generate ideas for near-term adaptations and longer-term strategies for GVS.

#### **Pre-read and supporting material:**

- February 2023 GVS Board Retreat summary
- Nationwide Children's Master Facilities Plan: <https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/about-us/future-of-pediatric-care/facilities-expansions#:~:text=Expanding%20Care&text=New%20facilities%20will%20include%20an,areas%20of%20leadership%20in%20pediatrics>.
- Columbus Interstate split: <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/about-us/traffic-advisories/district-6/ramp-up-update>
- Re-Attaching Historic Neighborhoods to Downtown Columbus: <https://www.youtube.com/@cbusmetroclub>
- VisionZero Columbus: [https://www.columbus.gov/uploadedFiles/Columbus/Departments/Public\\_Service/Vision\\_Zero/Vision%20Zero%20Columbus%20Action%20Plan%202023-2028.pdf](https://www.columbus.gov/uploadedFiles/Columbus/Departments/Public_Service/Vision_Zero/Vision%20Zero%20Columbus%20Action%20Plan%202023-2028.pdf)
- German Village Tree Inventory: [https://columbusrecparks.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/German-Village\\_Summary-Report\\_Final.pdf](https://columbusrecparks.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/German-Village_Summary-Report_Final.pdf)
- Amtrak: <https://www.morpc.org/news/amtrak-expansion-in-ohio-what-comes-next/>

- [https://columbusunderground.com/two-mile-bike-and-pedestrian-loop-planned-for-downtown-bw1/?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=urbanist](https://columbusunderground.com/two-mile-bike-and-pedestrian-loop-planned-for-downtown-bw1/?utm_source=email&utm_campaign=urbanist)
- 2022 Downtown Columbus Strategic Plan <https://columbusunderground.com/city-council-supports-downtown-plan-recommendations-bw1/>

On-going and emerging changes in/around Columbus have the potential to impact (favorably or unfavorably) German Village:

- Nationwide Children's Expansion has the potential for increased traffic density and 2-way traffic on Livingston, and also a threat of infill near Bendi and Boss.
- ODOT's split of Columbus interstates 70/71 creates new traffic patterns, relieving Livingston congestion with closure of direct exit/on- ramps.
- VisionZero Columbus focuses on pedestrian and cyclist safety and traffic-calming and -slowing measures, which are sorely needed on Whittier, 3<sup>rd</sup> St, and Grant.
- Columbus is focusing on Connectivity among neighborhoods:
  - Historic Neighborhood "Re-attachment" to Downtown outlined in CDDC 2022 *Downtown Strategic Plan* illustrates taller *Cap buildings* on northside of Livingston at 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets
  - State of Ohio's Development of "Cap" overpasses at Front and High Streets create Cap parks/green space.
  - COTA Transportation Corridor plan identifies 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - Columbus Downtown Development Corporation (CDDC) and City plan 2-mile Capitol Line bike and pedestrian path that will have a German Village "spur" at Livingston
- Private development accelerates during a time of shifting representation on City Preservation Commissions:
  - Developments in Merion Villages, Schumacher Place create load on sewer and electric
  - Whittier Peninsula development will increase traffic on Whittier through German Village
  - High Street site at former Copious will be residential tower with heights taller than German Village
- Expansion of St. Mary's School German Village will draw more long-term renters and potential for sponsors, donors and good-neighbor agreements/partnerships
- Columbus' population growth generally and the greater Connectivity throughout Columbus create expanded audiences to attract to German Village Society's mission and events
- German Village Tree Inventory & Columbus Master Plan creates opportunity to advocate to the city for wider city street tree lawns and to homeowners for planting more/better trees on their private property
- The increasing number of Short-term Rental properties requires more GVS engagement of the city about enforcement of licensure code, parking requirements, and absentee landlords.
- Overhead telephone, cable, and electric wires cause visual pollution and ugly tree-pruning, detracting from German Village appearance: an opportunity to advocate to the City and PUCO.
- Private Foundations' grant programs need to be explored.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

### **Monday, April 8, 2024 Planning Discussion following Board meeting:**

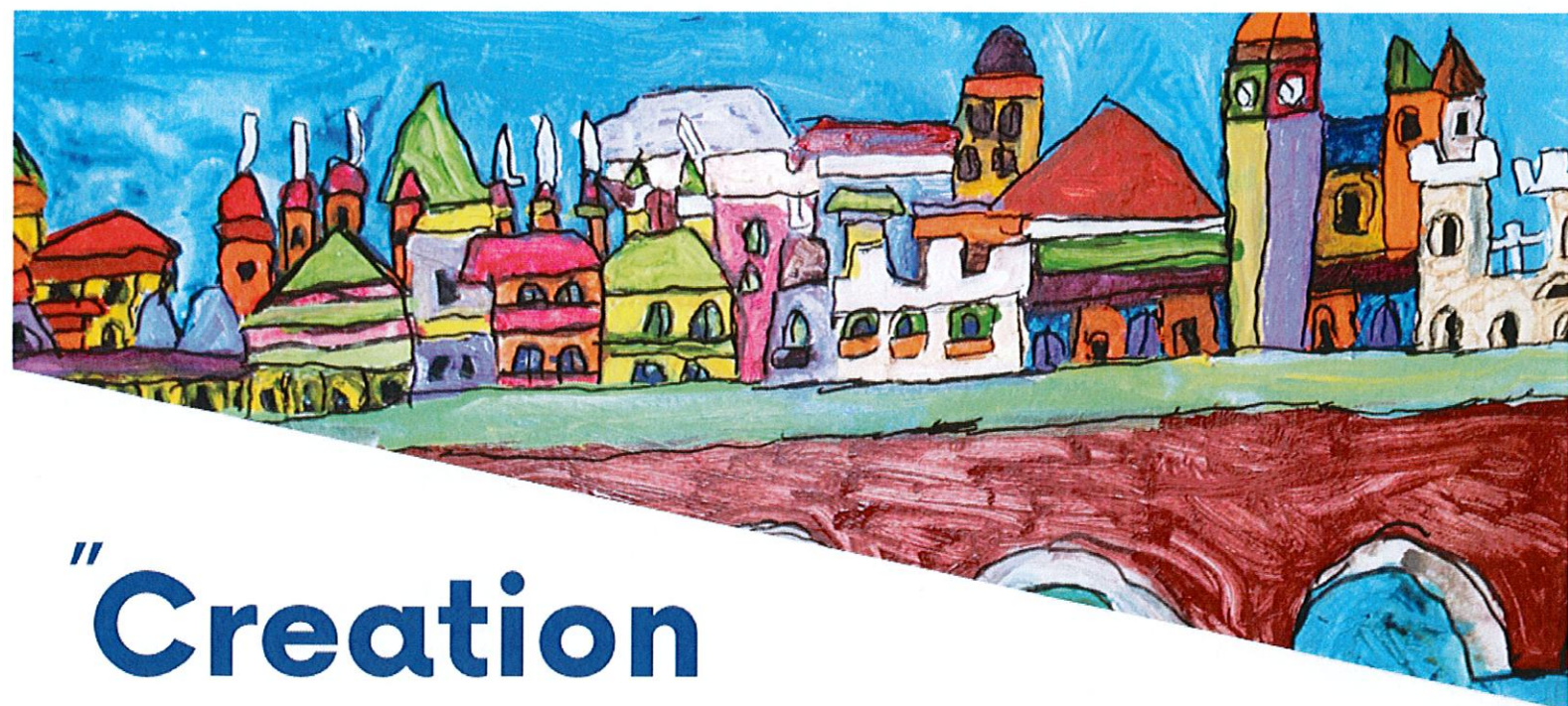
- Pre-read: to be provided
- 10-minutes: Summarize 3-5 risks associated with GVS' capabilities
- 50-minutes: Discuss the implications for GVS activity
- Recap near-term adaptations and longer-term strategies to refer to committees

### **Monday, July 8, 2024 Planning Discussion following Board meeting:**

- Pre-read: to be provided
- 10-minutes: Summarize Lessons-Learned to-date from this year's activities
- 50-minutes: Discuss the implications for GVS activity
- Recap near-term adaptations and longer-term strategies to refer to committees

### **BOARD OFFSITE: Sunday, September 8, 2024, 4-6pm:**

- Each committee chair presents 3 strategic priorities and derivative goals for next 12-18 months that will shape Executive Director's budget proposal.



# "Creation *with* Emotions"

A Goodwill Columbus Art Gallery & Studio  
art exhibit featuring 30+ pieces of original art

**On display from March 11<sup>th</sup> - April 25<sup>th</sup>**

German Village Society  
588 S 3rd St, Columbus, OH 43215



Character lives on.

# FEBRUARY 2024 - German Village Visitor's Center Statistics

| Day of the Month | Closed, Holiday or Snow | GVS Coloring Book \$5 | J Clark - GV Stories BTB \$22 | J Clark - Walk German Village \$5 | Visitors - Neighborhood | Visitors - Pick up Packages | Visitors - Packages Delivered | Phone calls for info. | Looking for GVS Staff | Yoga | Other | Packages Delivered to GVS | Packages Picked up by Members | Volunteer Hours<br>M-F = 7<br>Sat = 4<br>Sun = 3 |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1                | THURSDAY                | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 1                       | 3                           | 1                             | 4                     | 3                     | 0    | 2     | 3                         | 7                             | 7.5                                              |
| 2                | FRIDAY                  | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 1                       | 0                           | 6                             | 2                     | 3                     | 0    | 0     | 7                         | 0                             | 3.5                                              |
| 3                | SATURDAY                | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 11                      | 1                           | 0                             | 2                     | 0                     | 0    | 0     | 0                         | 0                             | 4.0                                              |
| 4                | SUNDAY - closed         | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 0                       | 0                           | 0                             | 0                     | 0                     | 0    | 0     | 0                         | 0                             | 0.0                                              |
| 5                | MONDAY                  | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 1                       | 4                           | 2                             | 0                     | 2                     | 0    | 0     | 2                         | 5                             | 10.5                                             |
| 6                | TUESDAY                 | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 5                       | 5                           | 3                             | 3                     | 3                     | 7    | 0     | 10                        | 2                             | 7.0                                              |
| 7                | WEDNESDAY               | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 1                       | 1                           | 3                             | 2                     | 0                     | 0    | 0     | 6                         | 6                             | 7.0                                              |
| 8                | THURSDAY                | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 0                       | 4                           | 4                             | 1                     | 1                     | 0    | 0     | 5                         | 7                             | 7.0                                              |
| 9                | FRIDAY                  | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 2                       | 3                           | 4                             | 1                     | 2                     | 0    | 0     | 4                         | 3                             | 7.0                                              |
| 10               | SATURDAY                | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 7                       | 4                           | 1                             | 0                     | 2                     | 0    | 0     | 2                         | 6                             | 4.0                                              |
| 11               | SUNDAY - closed         | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 0                       | 0                           | 0                             | 0                     | 0                     | 0    | 0     | 0                         | 0                             | 0.0                                              |
| 12               | MONDAY                  | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 6                       | 2                           | 2                             | 8                     | 10                    | 0    | 0     | 5                         | 5                             | 10.5                                             |
| 13               | TUESDAY                 | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 2                       | 3                           | 2                             | 4                     | 6                     | 7    | 0     | 3                         | 1                             | 7.0                                              |
| 14               | WEDNESDAY               | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 4                       | 3                           | 4                             | 2                     | 3                     | 0    | 0     | 6                         | 10                            | 7.0                                              |
| 15               | THURSDAY                | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 3                       | 4                           | 1                             | 0                     | 3                     | 0    | 0     | 2                         | 4                             | 7.0                                              |
| 16               | FRIDAY                  | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 10                      | 4                           | 5                             | 0                     | 0                     | 0    | 0     | 4                         | 0                             | 7.0                                              |
| 17               | SATURDAY                | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 0                       | 1                           | 1                             | 0                     | 0                     | 0    | 0     | 2                         | 1                             | 4.0                                              |
| 18               | SUNDAY - closed         | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 0                       | 0                           | 0                             | 0                     | 0                     | 0    | 0     | 0                         | 0                             | 0.0                                              |
| 19               | HOLIDAY                 | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 0                       | 0                           | 0                             | 0                     | 0                     | 0    | 0     | 0                         | 0                             | 0.0                                              |
| 20               | TUESDAY                 | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 6                       | 1                           | 4                             | 1                     | 1                     | 5    | 3     | 12                        | 1                             | 7.0                                              |
| 21               | WEDNESDAY               | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 2                       | 8                           | 2                             | 1                     | 0                     | 0    | 0     | 2                         | 12                            | 7.0                                              |
| 22               | THURSDAY                | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 4                       | 4                           | 5                             | 2                     | 1                     | 0    | 0     | 5                         | 7                             | 7.0                                              |
| 23               | FRIDAY                  | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 0                       | 3                           | 1                             | 0                     | 0                     | 0    | 2     | 0                         | 0                             | 7.0                                              |
| 24               | SATURDAY                | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 5                       | 3                           | 0                             | 0                     | 0                     | 0    | 1     | 7                         | 3                             | 4.0                                              |
| 25               | SUNDAY - closed         | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 0                       | 0                           | 0                             | 0                     | 0                     | 0    | 0     | 0                         | 0                             | 0.0                                              |
| 26               | MONDAY                  | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 6                       | 1                           | 1                             | 0                     | 1                     | 0    | 8     | 6                         | 1                             | 10.5                                             |
| 27               | TUESDAY                 | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 6                       | 5                           | 2                             | 3                     | 0                     | 0    | 1     | 3                         | 12                            | 7.0                                              |
| 28               | WEDNESDAY               | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 3                       | 0                           | 0                             | 0                     | 0                     | 0    | 6     | 4                         | 0                             | 7.0                                              |
| 29               | THURSDAY                | \$0.00                | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                            | 5                       | 5                           | 2                             | 7                     | 2                     | 0    | 0     | 4                         | 7                             | 0.0                                              |

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Village Singer March Report  
Wayne Owens

Village Singers in rehearsal for  
"Our Silver Season" Celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Performances Saturday, May 4 & Sunday, May 5  
2 pm Both Days

Parks, Public Spaces and Community Events Committee  
February 1, 2024

Members Present: Frank Wickham, Katharine Moore, Linda Friedman, Rachel Lewellen, Suzanne Schwartz, Dee Debenport, Laia Caplin, and Brittany Gibson

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Katharine.

November 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved (Suzanne moved, Rachel seconded)

Actors' Theater

No report

German Village Garten Club

No report

St. Mary Church and School

Frank reported St. Mary's School ribbon cutting is being held today from 1:00-2:00 p.m. (by invitation only) and a community open house is being held on Sunday, February 4 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. with RSVPs requested to insure enough refreshments. He also reported the Dominican Center is open and offering GED classes, the clinic is open by appointment only, a food pantry serving three parishes is open, a concert will be held on February 4, and the endowment fund has reached \$2,000,000.

German Village Society

Rachel introduced Crystal Coon, the Society's new historic preservation staff member. She also reported the month of February is focused on the annual membership drive, Actor's has an event of 2/4 at the Society, and the parking study will be reviewed by two focus groups at three meetings (Jan. – March).

Friends of Schiller Park

Katharine submitted a written highlighting a large scale pruning of the park by the City of Columbus Forestry Division, the decoration of the cottage and the receipt of letters to Santa, and, despite the cold, the first pub quiz at the Hey Hey Bar & Grill was a great success.

Arboretum Fund

No report

Highfield Garden

No report

German Village 9

No report

Fun Bunch

No report

### Huntington Garden

Linda reported plant selection for 2024 is basically complete with orders submitted.

### Village Connections

No report

### Connect 2 Project Block Watch

Dee submitted a written report highlighting three items: (1) Star House which serves 14-24 age homeless youth is moving to Reeb Avenue, (2) the Parsons Avenue Stakeholders group is very busy with a variety of activities underway/completed including 311 training, info sharing with residents and businesses on enforcements actions within the unhoused community, and connecting with the Community Shelter Board on possible street intervention specialists, and (3) Dee will be participating in the 13 week Citizen Police Academy.

### Columbus Recreation and Parks

Suzanne reported the Center is very busy with classes, the basketball league has games on Tuesday and Saturday, registration for summer camps starts in February, with eight camps unfortunately eliminated, the Girls Empowerment event is scheduled for 3/16 and the Easter egg hunt is scheduled for March 30.

### Village Moms

Brittany distributed their executive board meeting notes from January 10, highlighting past and upcoming events the Village Moms are participating in including virtual information tours in January for four schools, a Galantine's Day event at The Century on 2/13 with several vendors which they have connections with and a Mom's Night Out on 2/16.

### Old Business

### New Business

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

Submitted by Linda E. Friedman, March 6, 2024

**Parks, Public Spaces & Community Events Committee**  
**Village Moms report - March 2023**

Feb. 6 executive committee meeting notes

**Events**

\*recap\* February

- **1-14** - Valentine's Day kids' art display at Tiki Botanicals (Laia leading)
- **7** - Stewart Alternative Elementary virtual info session (Brittany leading)
- **12** - Columbus Montessori Education Center virtual info session (Alli leading)
- **13** - Galentine's Day event at The Century - open-house style - many vendors will be there that we have connections to, but Angela Porter will host a friendship-bracelet-making station and doing hair tinsel with proceeds to benefit Village Moms. Let's get the word out! (Alli leading)
- **16** - Southwind Motel // Moms' Night Out (Molly Albrecht leading)
- **19** - Columbus Academy virtual info session (Anna MacIntosh leading)
- **29** - Book Club (Jen Faria leading)

March

- **DATE TBD** - quarterly New Village Moms meetup
- **24** - Easter Parade in Schiller Park
  - Looking for additional candy/goodie "stops" along the route to be able to put this on; all neighbors who appreciate Village kids are welcome to pitch in – please reach out to [villagemomscbus@gmail.com](mailto:villagemomscbus@gmail.com) for more information

April

- **13** - Swaperoo at Germania Sport & Singing Society
  - Kids' used clothing, toy & gear sale with all items from village-area families and sales open to anyone.

May

- **TBD** - T-Ball (Alli leading)
  - 20 kids ages 3-6; 6 or so weeks; pay for T-shirts; sign up coaches before making the session happen

**Other notes**

We welcomed Karen Hines to the executive committee in February! She will begin leading on "secretary"-type duties soon. Thank you, Karen!

*About us: If you're a mom in Columbus' German Village/Schumacher Place/Merion Village area — yes, this village is for you! We're looking to meet each other, share suggestions and just generally make life in our area that much better for ourselves and our kids. It takes a Village Mom!*

Exec committee: Laia Caplin, Brittany Gibson, Karen Hines, Jamie Norckauer, Katie Strimbu, Alli Yoakam

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Commander Mabry has initiated a two week, round the clock, Quality of Life Improvement Project that will address the following:

1. **Concentrate on the Designated Area:**
  - a. Warrant Enforcement
  - b. Quality of life issues
  - c. Coordinate with outside entities
2. **Shift Coverage:**
  - a. Operational coverage will be 24 hours 7 days a week.
  - b. An emphasis will be on specific hours and days based on data.
3. **Resource Allocation:**
  - a. Reallocated additional officers in the area
  - b. Ensure high visibility
  - c. Bicycle Patrols
4. **Community Engagement:**
  - a. I am sharing this project with you and asking that you share it within the community.
  - b. I am asking for feedback back through your CLO.
5. **Outcomes and Objectives:**
  - a. We are tracking the crime data.
  - b. Aiming for lower crime in the designated area.
  - c. Addressing quality of life issues.
  - d. Reduce violent crime.

Officers have already recovered a gun in the first day of the project.

Area of operation:

- A. East Livingston Ave. to the North
- B. Frebis Ave. to the South
- C. Fairwood Ave. to the East
- D. Parsons Ave. to the West

Please see following page for map



German Village Society  
Membership Committee Report  
March 11, 2024

### **Membership Drive**

Annual February membership drive month had a successful push to gaining, upgrading and renewing memberships with the early 2024 membership income closely tracking 2023 and budget.

### **Member Events**

Maifest - Members will benefit from having early access and discounted tickets to the new signature event.

Clippers Baseball Game - Currently being planned with the Clippers Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:05 pm. Discounted tickets, and group seating for members interested in participating. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Bloodies & Bagels – Back again from 2023, Kick-off Haus und Garten tour day with complimentary bloodies & bagels hosted by Giancarlo and Tim

Movie on the Platz – BYOB & Chair! – Join neighbors for an evening on our favorite platz, Wednesday in July. Movie poll to come.

Columbus Museum of Art – Private tour of the museum targeted for August 2024

### **Next meeting**

April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:00 pm. Open to the public

### **Committee Members**

Anne McGee  
Giancarlo Miranda  
Jonathan Hoag  
Norm Hall  
Rachel Lewellen  
Tim Morbitzer  
Tommy Lyons

Building Committee Report  
March 2024  
David Schooler

Ref: Repair of water damage to Men's Room ceiling. Appropriate materials have been secured to complete the job. Hopeful that the work (volunteer) will be completed by the end of March.

Defer to Sean regarding leak in the Visitor's Center ceiling and repair to water damage to the interior wall of the stair well up to the Fest Hall Lobby.

Ceiling lighting has been replaced in the Fest Hall with LED pure white bulbs, paid for by the Art Committee.