



GVS Board of Trustees: January 13th, 2024, Meeting Agenda

Scheurer Room 6PM – German Village Meeting Haus

See the GVS Website for Zoom Instructions

BOT: Anthony Meyer, Anne McGee, Nelson Genshaft, Cynthia Watson, Tim Bibler, Robert Caplan, Michael Cornelis, Jessica Flemming, Andrea Ford, Michael Gallagher, Scott Glaser, Jonathan Hoag, Jeff Lamb, James Nichols, Helen Speiser, Lindsey Turner

Call to Order

Anthony Meyer

Public Participation (2 min limit)

TBD

Staff Reports

Communication/Membership

Rachel Lewellen (Written Report)

Historic Preservation/Civic Relations

Crystal Coon (Written Report)

Officer Reports

Presidents Report

Anthony Meyer

Vice President Report

Anne McGee

Secretary Report

Cynthia Watson

*Motion to approve Dec 9th, 2024, GVS Board Meeting Minutes

Treasurer Report

Nelson Genshaft

Committee Reports

ADVOCACY| Parking

Tim Bibler (Oral Report)

GVBC

Cynthia Watson (Oral Report)

GVS Art Committee

Jordanne Renner (written report)

Visitor Center

Barbara Young (written report)

Technology Committee

Jeff Lamb (written report)

Building Maintenance Committee

David Schooler, Jim Nichols, John

Brownley (written report)

PROST!

Danielle Borgerding & Hannah

Hundley (written report)

OLD BUSINESS

- Conflict of Interest Forms

NEW BUSINESS

Rachel Lewellen
Communication & Membership Engagement Manager Staff Report
January 13, 2025 (BoT Meeting)

Communication

- **Neighbor 4 Neighbor:** Continuously editing and enhancing the weekly e-newsletter.
- **Members2Members:** GVBC monthly meeting reminder and communication –
- **Social media:** Created and posted Village Lights campaign and GivingTuesday Campaign.
- **Website:** Update events on site
- **BOT Reports:** provided a template for committee chairs to share monthly updates with BOT –online form version and Doc – print and prepare packet

Membership Development

Member-Only Activities for 2024:

- **GVS 65th Birthday Party- Jan. 10th** – Event overview: continuing with soup cook-off element and adding an auction for naming rights of the elevator. Volunteer awards will be presented: Village Valuable, Fred & Howard and Frank Fetch Award. Nominations will be requested in the next N4N (12/12). This year we will be adding the H&G Tour/PreTour Chairs will be revealing next year's Haus und Garten Theme.

Membership Operations:

- Ongoing transition to GrowthZone CRM, continue training to ensure comprehensive data integration and formatting – New membership portal “hub” access – currently 218 members have created log in
- New resident ‘Welcome Bags’ are now available for pick up at the Meeting Haus. Process involves a door hanger that will welcome and invite new residents to pick up the bag – currently, 16 GVBC members are participating with the addition of a welcome letter from GVS, membership info, and a flyer about the COA process. Starting with 50 bags – currently working with Vutech Ruff to get new addresses of homes they have sold. Neighbors have reached out to let share know about other changes on their block. Current list of new neighbors: 25

Membership Level Data as of 1/13/25

GVS:

Membership	11/6/24	12/9/24	1/13/25
Household	233	237	244
Individual	158	167	171
Mason	69	68	67
Builder	28	28	30
Archivist	19	19	19
Preservationist	6	6	6
Caretaker	1	1	2
Grand Total	514	526	539

GVBC: 1/13/25

Membership	Count of Membership
GVBC Membership - Level 1	42
GVBC Membership - Level 3	15
GVBC Membership - Level 2	14
Grand Total	71

GVBC: 12/9/24

Membership	Count of Membership
GVBC Membership - Level 1	40
GVBC Membership - Level 3	15
GVBC Membership - Level 2	14
Grand Total	69

Events

Additional Tasks:

Continuing to work with Crystal Coon to create two new free self-guided walking tours to be available in the Visitors Center and online.

Visitor Center Volunteer Coordination:

On boarding the new coordinator: Dan Pullen

Administration:

Filling in this role's duties – maintaining the German@ email, members thank you letters/cards, ordering all supplies.

Executive Director Tasks:

- Assist treasurer with bi-weekly income/expense processes
- Met with Debbie Donahey from OhioHealth regarding 2025 sponsorship

Crystal Coon
BOT Preservation Staff Report
January 2025

Tasks

- Ordered last 2024 Historic House Plaques
- Continued preservation of Special Collections
- Researched info on Historic Districts and signage
- Created Presentation for Winter Lecture Series
- Send Internship Offer Letter
- Continued to work on Archives Disaster Plan
- Wrote 3 N4N articles
- Completed Annual Evaluation
- Attended and Supported Village Lights
- Acted as HP expert and liaison regarding city street signage

Meetings

- GVC Hearing
- GVC Business Meeting
- GVS BOT meeting
- Meeting with Tim Bibler regarding parking signage
- Meeting with city regarding parking signage
- Meeting with Anthony Meyer and Bill Mains regarding grants
- Heritage Ohio HP Affinity Call
- Zoning and Variance Training
- Meetings w/ residents regarding COA application
- Meetings w/ residents regarding research of property files
- Several residents stopped in for questions

Assistance

Assisted dozens of people with various preservation issues (window replacement, roofing materials, fences, COA Application procedures, Citizens Access Portal Questions, et.). Assisted several people with research requests and archival information

GVC Update

The German Village Commission met Wednesday afternoon, December 4, 2024. The Commission approved 10 COA applications, continued 2 applications, and ratified 11 staff approvals.

In Person BOT: Scott, Jim, Mike, Ann, Anthony, Cynthia, Nelson, Jeff, Tim, Lindsey, Jess, Michael

Staff: Rachel and Crystal

Zoom: Robert, Helen

Meeting Called to Order - Anthony

Public Participation

John Clark – Fest Hall projector – not working due to delamination needs to be replaced, quote to come. Sounds is not great in general, carpet? Present 2-3 options/quotes. We have heard feedback about aesthetics. Add to agenda for board retreat. Mike to pass contact info to John for meeting room.

Communication/Membership – Written Report – no adds/questions

HP – Written Report – no adds/questions

President Report

- JC Speiser job description, approved by BOT EC, passed to ODC. JC will scan to present top candidates for interview (people will be determined later)
- Insurance – reviewed and save of \$1300, not needed i.e. golf carts, may have more to come
- Development – Meet with Helen and Andrea to begin prep on sponsor pamphlet.
- \$ came in for giving Tuesday, EOY deadline
- Crystal working with Anthony for grants, create calendar to stay on top and maybe get new
 - Build presentation to share in visitor center to share progress
- Ops – bought 3 squares for Village Lights to streamline

VP Report

- Board Retreat – working on topics and timing. Will release this week a poll for discussion items

Secretary Report - motion to approve minutes from last month

Mike moved, 2nd Jim N – passed

Treasurer Report – Nov below income, due to expense. Same for year. Giving Tuesday will help. \$5k was recovered from Chase fraudulent check

Mike 1st, Scott 2nd

Parking/Tim - Meeting with city on signage, hope to try to minimize for a historical area

HG/Pre Tour/Byron/Ed/Lucy – written report

ADA Update/Lisa – written report, some were completed but not to our satisfaction and city may redo.

Village Lights/Mike – Triple sales in beverage sales with tips and donations. Final numbers will come from Nelson. The list included ideas for next year's event! Mike will lead next year's event.

Feedback – street closure next year? 3rd street merchants are not in favor and need more volunteer to keep street clear in preparation. Also, next year vendor placement and content and how to curate more.

OLD BUSINESS – ODC - Conflict of interest form. Retreat timing in doodle pool, everyone should answer.

NEW BUSINESS – Jim - Street depressions being filled with blacktop. Gas line repairs are typically temporary. HP could investigate (Crystal and Tim). City budget of \$500M repair program has been suspended).

Mike - Need a city council GV advocate, lives in district 7 (includes short north, children's and south of GV)
This district is not a priority for this administration. Helen – how to foster relationships during the year, not just when we are upset

Motion to close – Anthony

Jim 1st, Scott 2nd

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Respondent

11 Anonymous

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Time to complete

1. Reporting Period: [Month, Year] *

December 2024

2. Committee Name: *

GVS Arts Committee

3. Committee Chair's Name: *

Jordanne

4. Last Meeting Date: *

2 November 2024

5. Next Meeting Date: *

mid Jan 2025

6. Attendees Names: *

Jordanne
Caitlin Laudeman
Courtney Druen
Sandy Kight
David Schooler
Marketa (their name name is escaping me)

7. Summary: (provide a brief overview of the committee's activities during the reporting period. Highlight and achievements, challenges, and goals met, or progress made)

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so sorry for the delay! A lot of moving parts since FotoFocus and I have finally come up for air.

Oct/Nov 2024 were awesomely busy and successful for the Arts Comm-- we had a brilliant FotoFocus Biennial Exhibition reception in October, hosting 45 VIP FotoFocus members to GVS. And on November 2nd, the Arts Comm had their inaugural Coffee Talk event- which was a rave success with 42 people in attendance! So much so of a success that folks asked if more will be happening, and how they can get involved. The biggest challenges for us is that neighbors aren't getting the info through GVS social media, nor N4N-- they are coming by personal invites from Arts Comm member---- we need to be able to send actual invites to the neighbors list at-large for more community engagement with members.

8. Activities and Initiatives: (Describe the activities undertaken by the committee during the month, i.e. meetings, events, projects, etc) *

see above.

9. Issues and Challenges: (Any issues or challenges encountered by the committee during the reporting period. Include any obstacles faced and how they were addressed or plans to address them in the future.) *

see above

10. Future Plans: Outline the committee's plans for the upcoming months. Highlight any upcoming events, projects, or goals that the committee will focus on. *

The present exhibition, Always An Apple will remain installed through the end of Jan2025.

Morris Jackson is the Feb/March exhibition

If we are successful with grant monies for exhibition costs, then we will bring famed artist Jimi Jones and his colossal, diverse, historical works to GVS for Apr/May and into June. Grant monies will pay for the moving of his works to/from his studio in Cincinnati, an artist honorarium for a Coffee Talk in SP25, and a per diem to have him attend the opening reception (if he so chooses).

June/July we have a new idea and play off of Treasures from the Archives where the Arts Comm invites local artists to illustrate/depict GV for this specific show- which will be up for the legacy event, HG Tour.

August/Sept is our juried exhibition- there will be a small entry fee again so we can offer an artist award-- so hopefully this will go more smoothly in 2025 since OTB isn't a thing.

If awarded a very large grant from Ohio Humanities, the plan is to bring super famous artist, story-teller, historian Henry Horenstein to GVS for a series of community events/engagement. If this happens, Henry's works will stay installed until Village Lights, possibly longer---

If the Committee has more support from GVS during Village Lights, we would like to have more fine artist vendors selling upstairs... since the market outside is more crafts. But! If we can get Henry to GVS, it would also be amazing to keep his works up through Jan 2026.

11. Submitted by: *

Jordanne Renner- so sorry for the delay! A lot of moving parts since FotoFocus and I have finally come up for air.

12. Date: *

11 December 2024

DECEMBER 2024 - German Village Visitor's Center Statistics

Day of the Month	Closed, Holiday or Snow	J Clark - GV Stories BTB	Candle \$24	Coffee 1/2 lb bag \$18	1/2 lb bag \$40	Sweatshirt \$15	T-Shirt \$15	Visitors - Neighborhood	Visitors - Pick up Packages	Visitors - Packages Delivered	Phone calls for info.	Looking for GVS Staff	Yoga	Other	Packages Delivered to GVS
1	CLOSED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	MONDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	11	4	0	0	0	0	30
3	TUESDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	3	6	2	3	10	0	0	4
4	WEDNESDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	12
5	THURSDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	6	3	3	9	0	9	17
6	FRIDAY	\$0.00	\$92.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.06	\$0.00	2	3	5	0	0	0	29	8
7	SATURDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	8	4	3	4	1	0	17	6
8	CLOSED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	MONDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	5	2	3	5	0	0	10
10	TUESDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	9	5	9	1	0	0	0	18
11	WEDNESDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	5	10	19	0	3	0	0	9
12	THURSDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	1	10	6	4	1	0	0	11
13	FRIDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	9	2	4	0	0	0	0	3
14	SATURDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	9	2	3	0	0	0	0	4
15	CLOSED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	MONDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2	9	4	3	3	0	0	15
17	TUESDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2	3	4	2	1	0	0	9
18	WEDNESDAY	\$21.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	1	6	5	0	1	0	0	5
19	THURSDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	30	6	4	0	1	0	0	15
20	FRIDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	7	10	1	2	0	0	8
21	SATURDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	12	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	CLOSED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	MONDAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
24	CLOSED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	CLOSED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	CLOSED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	CLOSED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	CLOSED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	CLOSED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	CLOSED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	CLOSED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	\$21.50	\$92.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.06	\$13.06	93	110	88	24	39	0	55	189

THE VOLUNTEERS DISTRIBUTED THE LUMINARIAS FOR VILLAGE LIGHTS THIS MONTH

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Respondent

12 Anonymous

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Time to complete

1. Reporting Period:: [Month, Year] *

January 2025

2. Committee Name: *

Technology

3. Committee Chair's Name: *

Jeff R. Lamb

4. Last Meeting Date: *

N/A

5. Next Meeting Date: *

TBD

6. Attendees Names: *

N/A

7. Summary: (provide a brief overview of the committee's activities during the reporting period. Highlight and achievements, challenges, and goals met, or progress made)

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We are seeking to form a dynamic group of individuals with various technology skills to support GVS various needs.

8. Activities and Initiatives: (Describe the activities undertaken by the committee during the month, i.e. meetings, events, projects, etc) *

Various outreach to desired committee members.
Drafted recruiting email.

11. Submitted by: *

Jeff R. Lamb

12. Date: *

January 10, 2025

We have received 3 proposals for replacement of the front windows of the Visitor's Center.

Columbus Door Sales – Proposal to replace the existing windows with a Series 521 heavy-duty sectional aluminum, garage type, overhead folding glass door with Solarban 70 XL tempered glass panels -for lack of a better description. This would require removal of the exiting stone foundation of the building to allow level flow from the parking platz into the Visitor's Center when the overhead door is raised to the ceiling of the Visitor's Center. Replacement of the existing chandelier in the VC would be required to make way for the raised overhead door and tracks to support the door in the Visitor's Center.

Cost from Columbus Door Sales is projected to be \$13,929.00. Without question this would require approval by the German Village Commission, likely to be a lengthy process between the GV Commission and the City of Columbus.

Our committee is not in favor of this proposal for many reasons. Inappropriate visual alteration to our current building exterior for one and very serious concern about seasonal temperature control in the Visitor's Center when the door is both open in summer and closed in winter. It is likely that ultimately supplemental heating and cooling will be required in the Visitor's Center once this door is installed. Also, I have serious concerns about water leakage between the Parking Platz and floor of the VC, once they are made level for foot traffic flow between the Platz and the VC.

Crystal Coon, agrees with our committee that this garage door concept would introduce far too many problems into this project that we need to be concerned with.

Muncie D'Elia Development with Pella Windows – This is a simple proposal for replacement of the exiting 8-windows (4-sets of double hung windows) – Pella Reserve, Traditional 2-wide double hung Exterior Aluminum Clad, interior wood material. These windows are currently in use in GV and have been approved by the GV Commission and City of Columbus.

Cost of this project from Muncie D'Elia/Pella Columbus is \$13,348.18.

CJE Construction/Marvin Windows - This proposal is very similar to the Muncie /Pella proposal but CJE added 4-windows (2-sets) to their proposal, one set of 2 small windows on the south wall (high up) of the Visitor's Center and the 2-windows above the front double main entry doors of the building. My intention was not to include these windows on this proposal, but to include these windows in our next proposal when we will propose to replace all of the windows on the south and east walls of the building. These being the windows of the Fest Hall and the windows of the Executive Offices and kitchen on the main floor of the building. – a big project.

Cost from CJE/Marvin is \$21,855.31 for the 12-windows. I do not have a breakdown of the 8 Visitor Center Windows and the 4-side windows. I have made that request of CJE. Will advise.

Note: Muncie Delia (Faye & Julie) have been decades long supporters of the GVS. CJE has become a financial supporter of Haus und Garten in the last year and has given a lecture on roof repair/replacement for historic structures for our members at the Meeting Haus in recent months.

Prost! January will be at AOH on 1/23 from 6-9 pm.

If anyone is interested in hosting an upcoming month please let me know!

Best,
Hannah

Hannah Hundley

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