



Scheurer Room 6 PM – German Village Meeting Haus (See the GVS Website for Zoom Instructions)

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Call to Order
Public Participation

Anthony Meyer
TBD

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*Motion to approve May Minutes	
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Committee Reports

- Meeting House Master Plan	
o Visitor Center	
o Building Committee	
▪ Roof	
▪ Security	
▪ Scheurer Room	
▪ Windows	
- Haus and Garten Pre and Tour	Jen Clark/Lucy Whittier(oral)
- Membership	Jess Fleming (oral)
- GVBC	Robert Caplin (written)
- Sidewalks	Tyler Mason (written)
- HPAC	M Gallagher (written)
- ODC	James Nichols (oral)
- Village Engagement Committee	Katharine Moore (written)

OLD BUSINESS - GVGC Gnome Partnership

NEW BUSINESS

- **Bequest Policy**



German Village Society
Executive Director's Report
June 4, 2026

I. Organizational Development and Operations

- a. **Hiring** – Jack Doran has been onboarded as the Architectural Preservation Specialist and is working case-by-case with residents along with forming key connections with Commissioners and HPO staff. Jack is preparing FAQs and educational documents to help Villagers save time and money in the process – especially noting resident problems using the City's permit portal. Kristy Ramey has accepted the Advocacy Coordinator role and will begin in earnest in July 2026.
- b. **CRM** – Received CRM proposal from Bloomerang, which would not only perform membership database functions but also volunteering and event ticketing. Trustee Glaser is very happy with GiveButter (a free ticketing platform) and its ability to save the Society thousands in processing fee costs by aggressively encouraging ticket buyers to cover the fees. I've contacted another platform, NeonONE, to setup a similar demo process and quote proposal.

II. Tourism:

- a. 454 visitors across 170 groups in ~5 months
- b. 30% from Ohio → followed by Michigan and Pennsylvania
- c. 10% international visitors → France (9), China (6), Belgium (5), S Korea (4)
- d. 19% discovered GVS through tourism-related research while 17% came due to word of mouth!
- e. 26% stopped in because they were visiting family and friends in the area. 20% came in because they were on a Midwest road trip.

Report Summary

May was a month of steady progress across communications, membership engagement, volunteer coordination, and event preparation for a very active summer season.

On communications, *Neighbors 4 Neighbors* continued to perform strongly, with May editions reaching over 25K emails delivered and maintaining solid engagement rates. 2% click rate, 51% open rate.

Membership engagement remained stable. Research for a new CSM system continues. With a new Membership Chair, Jess Fleming, we held our first committee meeting on Monday, May 18th. The next meeting is scheduled for June 15th.

May continued to focus on event preparation. For *Haus und Garten Tour*, finalizing the permits with the City for PreTour and Sunday, the program has been sent to Grange, and we are awaiting completion. Sent all Dinner Assignments to paid attendees.

I attended the Village Engagement Committee meeting on June 4..

Please welcome our new High School Student Intern, Slane Morbitzer, who will begin on Tuesday, June 8th. He will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Tuesdays & Thursday 9 am – 12 pm.

Behind the scenes, administrative work continued, including income and expense tracking, invoice processing through GrowthZone, membership renewal reminders, and ongoing data cleanup to improve accuracy and system integrity.

Communication

Neighbor 4 Neighbor (N4N): Edited and provided content for May- June newsletters.

Members2Members:

GVBC monthly meeting reminders and communications.

Social Media:

Active Ads for HGT: Instagram + Facebook 20K+ views (since June 1)

Website & BoT Reports:

Ongoing updates: Events; prepared board packets, email, and printed reports.

Operations:

GrowthZone: 354 members have created logins (2/9/26 #348)

New Resident Welcome Bags: Delivery of the Welcome Door Hangers is currently paused; the membership committee will begin to engage with this initiative again.

III. Development Benchmarks

- a. Village Valuables (unbudgeted event)
 - i. Sold 19 chairs for \$770.
 - ii. 61 Residents participated in the live site map with yard signs, raising over \$1200. Sold 100 drinks (water, soda, alcohol) raising \$550. 4 vendors contributed \$350.00. **Net income was \$1,252.00**
- b. Sending out thank you packets and tickets to the HGT Sponsors and Advertisers along with focusing on fundraising for Oktoberfest, Monster Bash, and Village Lights.
- c. Post HGT, I'll be working through the formal stages of donor development and meeting for coffee with Frank Fetch Circle Participants.
- d. Related to development, I've been closely tracking and retracking membership data across levels and activation types with the relaunched membership committee.

IV. Outreach / Engagement

- a. ADA Ramps Update – A meeting is being planned for June. The City Engineer stated on May 31st that work has not been scheduled yet due to the contractor's availability.
- b. City's HP Modernization – A second records request to the City revealed that no consultant had been selected as of May 27th, six weeks past the City's deadline. A third records request will be placed later this month.
- c. Utilities Meeting with Councilmember Wyche
 - i. Shared the Lead Line Replacement Program map in N4N.
 - ii. No local jurisdiction on vegetation trimming within 15 feet of a transmission point / line due to State and Federal regs as described in N4N.
 - iii. Cord/line management on utility poles needs to be managed per pole.
 - iv. New GVS Advocacy Coordinator can help map the flow of scaled work, similar to the South Side Area Commission.

Membership Levels:

GVS Membership:

Membership Type	2/9/26	4/14/26	5/12/26	6/9/26
Household	213	213	217	211
Individual	179	181	178	182
Mason	57	57	58	59
Builder	28	26	26	25
Archivist	13	14	14	14
Preservationist	5	4	3	3
Caretaker	2	3	3	3
Honorary Member	1	1	1	1
Grand Total	498	499	500	498

GVBC Membership:

Membership	Count of Membership
GVBC Membership - Level 1	51
GVBC Membership - Level 2	18
GVBC Membership - Level 3	15
Courtesy	9
Grand Total	93

Additional Tasks:

- Visitor Center Volunteers: Daily point of contact volunteers; interviewing and onboarding new volunteers.
- Coordinated rentals and use of Meeting Haus.
- Participated in new employee interviews
- New CRM/Volunteer demo – Bloomerang /Neon One
- Assisted members with COA questions as needed.
- Supervising Communications Intern
- Planning America 250 project with Ronan



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o Visitor Center
(written/oral)

Mary Ross

o *Motion Sullivan Builders Design Services

o Building Committee

Scott Glaser (written/oral)

▪ Roof

▪ Security

▪ Scheurer Room

+ Motions for Vote

- Events

o Maifest

Michael Gallagher (oral)

o H&G Pre-Tour/Tour

Jen Clark/Lucy Whittier (oral)

- GVBC

Robert Caplin (oral/written)

- Sidewalks

Tyler Mason (written)

- Tech

Jeff Lamp (written)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- **Succession Planning**
- **Legal Hotline**

Meeting Notes

- **Call to order - Anthony**
- **Welcome to Jen Clark - New GVS Board Trustee**
- **No Public Participation**
- **No changes to agenda**
- **ED Report - Courtney**
 - **New staff member joined today! Jack Doran**
- **Communication and Membership - Rachel**
 - **Committee reforming - Jess will lead**
 - **2 new interns starting**
- **HP - Courtney**
 - **New intern starting**
 - **Courtney to work on a proposal for Scanner**
- **Presidents Report - Anthony**
 - **Funds being raised and identifying spends at the same time**
- **VP Report - N/A**
- **Secretary Report - Cynthia**
 - **Motion to approve April minutes - 2nd Michael, Motion Passed**
- **Treasurer Report - Scott**
 - **Operating results - Increase to budget**
 - **Maifest - beat budget**
 - **Village Valuables - new revenue for platz sales is incremental**
 - **HGT - Ahead of budget and LY at this point**
 - **Motion to approve April budget - Jim 2nd, Motion passed**
- **Meeting House Master Plan - Scott and Mary**
 - **Roof - Owners agreement in flight, Muth will be contractor of choice, timing is July**
 - **Motion to approve roof plan - total up to \$50K, Jim 2nd. Passed!!!!**
 - **Visitor Center - We have \$95k committed**
 - **Sullivan Builders Design Service - Mary Motion for approve \$9,750, Jim 2nd. Motion passed!!!!**
 - **CD Mature - Motion to move \$ from maturing CD to funds. Michael 2nd. Motion passed**
 - **Security - 3 bids reviewed. Alarm One will install and monitor**
 - **Exterior and Interior cameras, real time viability, panels, App access, archival, 1 year warranty.**
 - **Motion to approve \$28k - Mary 2nd, Motion passed**
 - **Scott will follow up on monthly fee and check on audio availability**
 - **COA's will need to be requested, timing is TBD - to end by End 2026**

- Ops procedure need to be developed and any configurable
- Scheurer Room updates
 - Private Contributions have been made for carpet and chairs and boxes for pillars
 - Carpet – June 1st and 2nd
 - Chairs – Encova donation
 - Motion for building fund to buy new tables up to \$4K - 2nd Jess, Motion passed
 - Windows – stay tuned for recommendations
- Maifest – Michael
 - 185 attendees, 141 paid tickets, and the sponsorship was huge!
- HGT and Pre Tour – Jen and Lucy
 - Program in flight, Portraits in progress, Promo Video on social
 - Volunteers needed for in houses!
 - 6/10 Appreciation event
 - Pre Tour – 14 dinners , 241 seats available. 41 are comp seats. Only 33 seats open at \$225 (increase over LY). Cocktail party – planning underway!
- GVBC – working with membership task force on integration. Mailing approved to recruit. Working on creating an external communication for local expansion

New Business – Anthony

- Succession Planning - Events, BOT, EC. Start to reach out if you have interest and continue to recruit!
- Legal Hotline - Working with our insurance policy, free legal advice. Courtney has access and will work on needs. 1st up is Employee handbook
- Robert Landmarks Update - 157 Thurman added to most endangered list, Chris Hune is new ED of Landmarks
- Garden Club Gnome – Neighborhood placement 3’-5’ June-Dec placement then auctioned off for GVGC in Dec. 22 gnomes being offered to parks and businesses. \$1500-\$3000 cost.
 - Need to discuss proper communications across the board for next steps - Anthony
 - Motion moved and 2nd. Initial vote (with limited information) was not passed

Motion to adjourn Scott. 2nd Cynthia. Motion passed

Revenues – YTD May

	2025 YTD Actual	2026 YTD Budget	2026 YTD Actual	'26 Var to LY	'26 Var to Budget
<i>GVS Membership Dues</i>	\$76,163	\$75,000	\$58,239	(\$17,924)	(\$16,761)
<i>GVBC Membership Dues</i>	<u>\$4,075</u>	<u>\$3,800</u>	<u>\$3,225</u>	<u>(\$850)</u>	<u>(\$575)</u>
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$80,238	\$78,800	\$61,464	(\$18,774)	(\$17,336)
<i>Sponsorships</i>	\$49,802	\$47,000	\$47,600	(\$2,202)	\$600
<i>Admissions & Tickets Sales</i>	\$90,803	\$95,500	\$95,855	\$5,052	\$355
<i>Advertising</i>	<u>\$6,125</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>	<u>\$4,550</u>	<u>(\$1,575)</u>	<u>(\$2,950)</u>
ADMISSION & EVENTS	\$146,730	\$150,000	\$148,005	\$1,275	(\$1,995)
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$27,644	\$40,500	\$24,864	(\$2,779)	(\$15,636)
IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS	\$9,809	\$11,500	\$21,479	\$11,670	\$9,979
<i>Rental Income</i>	\$2,283	\$2,800	\$2,100	(\$183)	(\$700)
<i>Tour Income</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Merchandise Sales</i>	\$2,289	\$2,250	\$1,480	(\$809)	(\$770)
<i>Other Income & Interest</i>	<u>\$1</u>	<u>\$1,250</u>	<u>\$3,561</u>	<u>\$3,560</u>	<u>\$2,311</u>
OTHER INCOME	\$4,574	\$6,300	\$7,141	\$2,567	\$841
TOTAL REVENUES	\$268,995	\$287,100	\$262,954	(\$6,041)	(\$24,146)

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Need to resolve geography issues in how TY and LY/Budget items are coded by line.
 - LY Contributions includes \$8K of MaiFest silent auction proceeds, TY is booked into event revenues.
 - LY also included \$7K of Nov 2024 Giving Tuesday gifts that didn't book until Jan 2025.
 - TY Contributions doesn't yet include \$5K that will be coded to Operating from Jim Daly gift.
- Sponsorship commitments are running well ahead of LY between MaiFest and HGT, but timing is off (LY VuTech lead HGT sponsorship was already in, TY expected in June, for example).
- See detailed recaps covering MaiFest and HGT activity to date.
- Other Income is largely GVS proceeds from art sales.

NOTE: The January 2025 deposit of a \$10,000 rental check from the 2024 GV Farmer's Market Platz rental has been adjusted out of the LY numbers for better comparability.

Headlines

- **YTD net operating income is +\$44K against a +\$68K budget.**
 - Total revenues of \$263K vs. \$287K budget and \$268K last year (gap to budget bridged on next page).
 - Total expenses of \$219K vs. budget of \$219K and \$170K last year.
 - Tons of transaction activity over the last 6 weeks – needs full review of coding (by account and operating vs. non-operating).
- **Event season is in full swing.**
 - MaiFest generated a healthy increase to LY and budget.
 - HGT momentum is strong on Sponsorships and Pre-Tour sales. Cocktail Party and Sunday Tour tickets are the bulk of what remains to generate.
 - Village Valuables generated a small, unbudgeted net income – hindsights to inform strategy for 2027.
- **Our asset base of ~\$1.79M is up \$144K to last year.**
 - Operating cash totals \$179K (excludes additional ~\$91K in CDs).
 - Total cash, including designated/restricted funds, is \$1.43M.
- **Other headlines:**
 - \$47K Historic Preservation CD liquidated to cash in May and split between VC Fund (\$20K) and Fund for Historic Preservation (\$27K)
 - \$82K to be transferred from Meeting Haus Maintenance investment account this week to fund roof (\$50K), security (\$28K), and Sheurer Room (\$4K) investments approved at May meeting.
 - For consideration tonight: (1) annual transfer of funds from Huntington Garden investment account to cash account, and (2) GVS draft policy on bequests – see pages 10-11.
 - 2025 IRS tax return extension submitted and approved. Year-end audit has been kicked off with Wells.

Summary P&L – YTD May

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OCCUPANCY EXPENSES	\$12,084	\$13,646	\$14,128	\$2,044	\$482
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$5,357	\$8,955	\$11,370	\$6,013	\$2,415
IN-KIND EXPENSES	\$9,809	\$11,500	\$21,479	\$11,670	\$9,979
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES	\$15,008	\$17,400	\$16,445	\$1,437	(\$955)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$169,573	\$219,112	\$218,953	\$49,380	(\$159)
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$99,421	\$67,988	\$44,001	(\$55,421)	(\$23,987)

NOTES ON MATERIAL VARIANCES

- Revenues show -\$24K to budget:
 - \$10K HGT sponsorship timing.
 - \$5K pending contribution transfer back from FGN fund.
 - ~\$10K in Memberships & Contributions timing shift to Q4.
- Membership Dues are behind budget and LY, in part due to past practice of holding Q4 membership contributions as prepaids for the following year. Should be a partial offset during Q4, but full year would still project out behind budget based on current trajectory.
- Event revenues show pretty flat to budget and LY, but MaiFest + HGT commitments are +\$15K to LY (Lead HGT payment timing is later than LY by one month).
- Salaries & Benefits are up to LY against 11 weeks with no ED last year + our new (budgeted) PT employee. But we're below budget due to remaining openings.
- In-Kind revenue and expenses are +\$12K to LY and +\$10K to budget (more accurate tracking + increase in valuation of MaiFest venue).

Balance Sheet Summary

- Operating cash totals \$179K as of May 31 against \$176K last year at 5/31. Total cash, including board designated and permanently-restricted funds, is \$1.43M, up \$192K to last year. Total assets of \$1.79M are +\$144K to LY.
- Finance and Executive Committees have reviewed a new policy regarding accounting for bequests – it is being brought to the full Board for consideration tonight.
- As previously approved, a Historic Preservation CD (~\$47K) was liquidated last month at maturity. \$20K was added to the VC Renovation Fund and the remained to the Fund for Historic Preservation. In June, sufficient funds will be liquidated from the Meeting Haus Maintenance Fund’s investment account at Huntington to support the security upgrades , roof replacement costs, and Scheurer Room tables approved by the Board in May.

	Y/E 2024	May 2025	Y/E 2025	May 2026		Y/E 2024	May 2025	Y/E 2025	May 2026
Cash: Operations Chkg + Petty Cash	\$75,701	\$175,758	\$103,860	\$178,872					
Cash - Board Designated Checking	\$192,200	\$178,675	\$183,296	\$248,763	→				
<i>Meeting Haus Maintenance/Replacement</i>	\$280,044	\$261,738	\$302,732	\$278,137					
<i>Village Singers Fund</i>	\$23,395	\$23,395	\$22,098	\$21,598					
<i>Warner Maintenance Fund</i>	\$288,863	\$283,234	\$324,690	\$338,539					
Cash - Other Board Designated	\$592,303	\$568,367	\$649,519	\$638,274					
Cash: Total Board Designated	\$784,502	\$747,043	\$832,816	\$887,038					
Cash: Huntington Garden (Perm Restricted)	\$317,248	\$311,862	\$345,360	\$360,337					
TOTAL CASH	\$1,177,451	\$1,234,662	\$1,282,036	\$1,426,248					
Accounts Receivable	\$600	\$869	\$5,500	\$9,669					
Chase CD's - Historic Preservation	\$146,485	\$146,485	\$150,416	\$102,975					
Chase CD's - Operations	\$89,069	\$89,069	\$91,426	\$91,801					
Gift Cards	\$3,184	\$6,411	\$65	\$65					
Prepaid Expenses & Other	\$1,548	\$0	\$2,829	\$1,799					
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	\$240,886	\$242,834	\$250,236	\$206,310					
Building & Land	\$835,785	\$835,785	\$835,785	\$835,785					
Leasehold Improvements	\$210,759	\$227,369	\$227,369	\$235,249					
Furniture & Equipment	\$255,939	\$255,939	\$255,939	\$255,939					
Accumulated Depreciation	(\$1,160,450)	(\$1,168,733)	(\$1,175,839)	(\$1,184,122)					
Net Intangible Assets	\$15,535	\$15,535	\$12,140	\$12,140					
FIXED ASSETS	\$157,567	\$165,894	\$155,393	\$154,990					
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,575,905	\$1,643,390	\$1,687,665	\$1,787,547					
Art Committee	\$1,282	(\$810)	\$1,215	\$1,085					
Boogie for the Bricks	\$0	\$0	\$7,135	\$1					
Council of Historic Neighborhoods	\$1,539	\$1,539	\$1,539	\$1,539					
For the Good of the Neighborhood	\$67,507	\$67,507	\$57,467	\$61,559					
Frank Fetch Park/Maintenance	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50					
Fund for Historic Preservation	\$26,149	\$25,212	\$23,880	\$50,689					
German Village Business Community	\$69,404	\$64,066	\$62,831	\$69,113					
Huntington Garden/Maintenance	(\$257)	(\$1,844)	\$758	(\$1,360)					
Sidewalk Repairs	\$17,243	\$13,843	\$15,443	\$13,043					
Southside Stay	\$8,830	\$8,556	\$8,056	\$7,805					
Village Singers	\$453	\$557	\$1,397	\$807					
Visitors Center Renovation	\$0	\$0	\$3,525	\$44,433					
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0					
Accounts Payable	\$3,906	\$9,713	\$2,385	\$3,897					
Credit Card Liability	\$1,297	\$1,991	\$5,246	\$7,188					
Prepaid Dues	\$10,068	\$0	\$0	\$0					
Other Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0					
CURRENT & OTHER LIABILITIES	\$15,270	\$11,704	\$7,631	\$11,085					
Unrestricted/Temp Restricted Earnings	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000					
Restricted Earnings	\$957,242	\$957,242	\$957,242	\$957,242					
Retained Earnings	\$556,626	\$594,392	\$593,613	\$713,793					
Net Income	\$37,766	\$71,052	\$120,180	\$96,427					
EQUITY	\$1,560,634	\$1,631,687	\$1,680,035	\$1,776,462					
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$1,575,905	\$1,643,390	\$1,687,665	\$1,787,547					

ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Expenses – YTD May

NOTES

- Total expenses right on budget. Increase to LY driven by salaries and in-kind.
- Salaries remain under budget due to openings only recently filled, but they're well up to LY due to open ED role most of LY Q1 + additional positions budgeted this year.
- IT expenses are up modestly YTD due to Spartan rate increase.
- Audit & Accounting fees are up to LY due to timing of audit payment. Bank fees are down to LY as we're benefitting from GiveButter platform's ability for donors to cover fees.
- Cleaning save vs. budget/LY is real – LY Q1 included payment for Nov/Dec of the prior year.
- Repair & Maintenance is timing + some increase – driven by Otis Elevator and Alarm One. Security is up to budget due to VV contractor.
- Printing & Postage is up to budget and LY due to the new/annual Sponsorship Booklet + increase in MaiFest investment.
- LY/budgeted equipment rental included 50% downpayment for HGT Pre-Tour tent.
- Misc expense includes partial expenses for Sheurer Room refresh and timing difference vs. LY/budget on MaiFest 50/50 payout.

	2025 YTD Actual	2026 YTD Budget	2026 YTD Actual	'26 Var to LY	'26 Var to Budget
Salaries & Bonus	\$69,146	\$98,540	\$90,896	\$21,750	(\$7,644)
Payroll Taxes	\$5,180	\$7,323	\$6,886	\$1,706	(\$437)
Benefits	\$10,594	\$14,643	\$13,217	\$2,623	(\$1,426)
Training & Dev't	<u>\$192</u>	<u>\$850</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$58</u>	<u>(\$600)</u>
TOTAL SALARIES & RELATED	\$85,111	\$121,356	\$111,249	\$26,138	(\$10,107)
Hardware/Software	\$11,125	\$11,415	\$10,895	(\$231)	(\$520)
Internet	\$655	\$710	\$713	\$58	\$3
Maintenance	<u>\$3,515</u>	<u>\$3,665</u>	<u>\$4,680</u>	<u>\$1,165</u>	<u>\$1,015</u>
IT EXPENSES	\$15,295	\$15,790	\$16,287	\$992	\$497
Acc'g & Audit Fees	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$18,150	\$3,150	\$1,150
Bank & Payroll Fees	\$7,957	\$8,290	\$5,142	(\$2,816)	(\$3,148)
Insurance Expense	\$3,592	\$4,800	\$4,031	\$439	(\$769)
Licenses, Fees, & Permits	<u>\$359</u>	<u>\$375</u>	<u>\$671</u>	<u>\$312</u>	<u>\$296</u>
FINANCIAL EXPENSES	\$26,908	\$30,465	\$27,994	\$1,085	(\$2,471)
Cleaning	\$5,205	\$4,958	\$3,781	(\$1,424)	(\$1,177)
Landscaping	\$663	\$833	\$523	(\$139)	(\$310)
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,866	\$2,200	\$3,835	\$1,969	\$1,635
Utilities	\$4,350	\$4,900	\$4,475	\$125	(\$425)
Security & Storage	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$755</u>	<u>\$1,514</u>	<u>\$1,514</u>	<u>\$759</u>
OCCUPANCY EXPENSES	\$12,084	\$13,646	\$14,128	\$2,044	\$482
Printing & Postage	\$770	\$3,805	\$5,083	\$4,313	\$1,278
Supplies	\$677	\$1,950	\$993	\$316	(\$957)
Advertising	\$0	\$0	\$897	\$897	\$897
Dues & Memberships	\$1,320	\$1,100	\$2,318	\$998	\$1,218
Gifts & Awards	<u>\$2,590</u>	<u>\$2,100</u>	<u>\$2,079</u>	<u>(\$511)</u>	<u>(\$21)</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$5,357	\$8,955	\$11,370	\$6,013	\$2,415
IN-KIND EXPENSES	\$9,809	\$11,500	\$21,479	\$11,670	\$9,979
Food & Beverage, Sponsor Dini	\$8,411	\$8,700	\$6,810	(\$1,601)	(\$1,890)
Equipment Rental	\$4,432	\$4,500	\$1,147	(\$3,285)	(\$3,353)
Transportation/Towing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Misc / Legal Expense	<u>\$2,165</u>	<u>\$4,200</u>	<u>\$8,488</u>	<u>\$6,323</u>	<u>\$4,288</u>
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES	\$15,008	\$17,400	\$16,445	\$1,437	(\$955)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$169,573	\$219,112	\$218,953	\$49,380	(\$159)

MaiFest Snapshot

	MaiFest					
	Actual 2025	Budget 2026	YTD 2026 per QB	Projected 2026	Proj Var to Budget	Proj Var to LY
Admission/Event Income	\$11,310	\$16,500	\$23,780	\$13,385	(\$3,115)	\$2,075
Advertising Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Contributions	\$9,687	\$9,000	\$0	\$11,990	\$2,990	\$2,304
In-Kind Donations	\$6,390	\$6,500	\$21,213	\$21,213	\$14,713	\$14,823
Sponsorship	<u>\$22,000</u>	<u>\$22,000</u>	<u>\$26,400</u>	<u>\$30,650</u>	<u>\$8,650</u>	<u>\$8,650</u>
Total Income	\$49,387	\$54,000	\$71,393	\$77,238	\$23,238	\$27,851
Subcontractor	\$0	\$0	\$306	\$306	\$306	\$306
Dues & Memberships	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment Rental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Food/Beverages	\$6,040	\$6,500	\$4,706	\$5,599	(\$901)	(\$441)
Gifts & Awards	\$500	\$1,500	\$281	\$281	(\$1,219)	(\$219)
In-Kind Expense	\$6,390	\$6,500	\$21,213	\$21,213	\$14,713	\$14,823
Miscellaneous Expense	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,300	\$2,400	\$1,400	\$1,400
Printing/Signage	\$317	\$500	\$1,280	\$1,298	\$798	\$981
Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18
Total Expenses	\$14,247	\$16,000	\$29,103	\$31,115	\$15,115	\$16,868
Net Operating Income	\$35,140	\$38,000	\$42,290	\$46,124	\$8,124	\$10,984

HGT Progress

	Actual 2025	Budget 2026	To Date 2026 (Commits)	To Date 2026 (QB)	To Date 2025 (QB)
Admission/Event Income	\$150,841	\$150,000	\$77,480	\$69,740	\$73,723
Advertising Income	\$6,600	\$7,500	\$10,200	\$2,000	\$6,600
Contributions	\$3,069	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
In-Kind Donations	\$26,368	\$22,000	\$12,100	\$0	\$1,222
Sponsorship	<u>\$40,652</u>	<u>\$46,000</u>	<u>\$54,600</u>	<u>\$19,500</u>	<u>\$26,077</u>
Total Income	\$227,530	\$225,500	\$154,380	\$91,240	\$107,622

GVBC Chair Report:

Membership Task Force

- * Work continues with the GVS Membership Task Force to better align GVBC and GVS membership structures.
- * The goal remains a simpler, unified membership experience while reinforcing that GVBC is part of the German Village Society and its preservation mission.
- * I'll continue representing GVBC on the task force and will share updates as decisions are finalized.

GVBC Membership Mailer

- * GVS leadership has approved moving forward with the physical membership mailing.
- * Neal has all of the printed components needed to assemble the mailers, including the updated map and membership letter. He can provide a status update, but the mailers should be ready for distribution shortly.
- * This mailing represents the first coordinated outreach effort to both GVS members and local businesses and is intended to introduce the new map while encouraging business membership and engagement.

Map Distribution & Tourism

- * Beyond distributing maps within German Village, I'd like GVBC to begin thinking more broadly about tourism outreach.
- * One idea discussed at recent meetings is developing a visitor guide that expands beyond the map. This could include neighborhood history, preservation messaging, featured businesses, events, dining, shopping, and other visitor information for distribution through hotels, visitor centers, Experience Columbus, and other tourism partners outside the Village.
- * The updated map provides a strong foundation, and this could become the next step in promoting German Village while supporting our member businesses.

Business Directory & Website

- * GVS is supportive of strengthening GVBC's presence on the German Village website, including an improved online business directory as part of the broader website refresh.

Robert Caplin

Finance Committee – May 21st Meeting

- YTD financials, including event updates on MaiFest + Haus & Garten Tour
- Staff / hiring updates
- Building investments update:
 - Roof (follow up)
 - Security upgrades (follow up)
- Bequests policy + clarification of purpose and approach to *For the Good of the Neighborhood* designated fund.

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Policy on Bequests

SUPPORTING NOTES

- Board discretion and action still reign supreme – this policy can be situationally superseded if the Board deems appropriate based on individual circumstance.
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The Advocacy Committee continues organizing work into focused initiative areas including Parking & Safety, Infrastructure & Utilities, ADA Accessibility, and At-Risk / Deteriorating Properties.

Parking & Guest Pass Concerns

A resident survey is being prepared regarding guest parking pass appeals and the City's current approval process.

ADA Ramp Program

Committee members provided updates regarding ongoing ADA ramp installations and plans for an 'Accessibility in Action' monitoring effort.

Utilities & Infrastructure

Recent discussions with utility providers highlighted ongoing concerns regarding trench restoration, utility coordination, and oversight of work occurring within the public right-of-way.

Tree Plan & Streetscape Coordination

Meetings are underway with City arborists to explore a district-wide tree and streetscape strategy.

Water Main Project

The City is preparing for a significant water infrastructure project in the Schumacher Place area expected to last approximately 18 months.

Code Enforcement & Monitoring

Discussion continued regarding deteriorating properties, unresolved violations, and limitations within the current enforcement process.

Neighborhood Clean-Up

A neighborhood clean-up is scheduled for May 2 at 9:00 AM beginning at the Meeting Haus.

General Observations

The April HPAC meeting reflected a productive and constructive dialogue regarding Cedar Square, with discussion shifting from fundamental design objections toward infrastructure and operational concerns. HPAC continues to expand its role in preservation advocacy, infrastructure coordination, accessibility, and neighborhood process improvements.

Sidewalk Incentive Program – Board of Trustees Update (June 2026)

Completed Projects & Financial Summary

YTD Activity: Three sidewalk projects have been successfully completed in calendar year 2026, most recently a brick-to-brick restoration at 768 S. 5th Street.

Grant Awards: A total of \$2,400 in grants has been awarded year-to-date.

Program Balance: The fund maintains a healthy remaining balance of \$13,043.

Pipeline & Active Projects

There are currently four additional applications approved within the last 12 months.

Of these pending projects, at least one is actively under construction.

Marketing & Outreach

To maintain program momentum, we are launching a targeted outreach effort via the upcoming Haus und Garten Tour program, featuring a prominent half-page promotional feature to drive new applications.

Tyler Mason

Visitor Center

6-9-26

- Held meetings with the Sullivan Builder's design team to review and refine the preliminary design decisions, finishes, millwork, layout and other project features requiring direction in order to apply for GV Commission review. Once everything is approved we can advance to the next phase of development which is coming up with the project cost.
- Met with the VC Timeline team (Darci Congrove, John Clark, Robert Caplin, Mary Connolly Ross) to identify significant periods, events and themes from German Village history that could be organized into meaningful blocks of information. Discussions explored how these historical elements could be woven into a cohesive narrative that connects the Village's origins, preservation milestones, community achievements and evolution into the vibrant community it is today.

German Village Society

Historic Preservation & Advocacy Committee (HPAC)

May 2026 Board Report

Historic Preservation

Cedar Square Redevelopment Update

Representatives from Mirshad Development presented a substantially revised proposal for Cedar Square ahead of the upcoming German Village Commission hearing.

Major revisions included reduction from four stories to three stories, reduction in unit count from 98 to 51 units, increased parking allocation, a recessed upper floor, expanded landscaping, and stronger architectural alignment with German Village character.

Discussion reflected a notably more positive tone than prior presentations. Remaining concerns focused primarily on infrastructure issues including Blenkner Alley width and safety, utility poles, loading and trash operations, traffic circulation, and emergency access.

Developers expressed willingness to continue discussions with the City regarding infrastructure coordination and potential improvements.

German Village Commission

No major preservation items were identified on the upcoming GVC agenda outside of Cedar Square.

Brickline Phase II

Brickline outreach and approvals continue progressing. Additional approvals were secured, including Katzinger's.

COA Process Education

The planned educational discussion with Karen McCoy and Cynthia Hunt regarding the COA process was deferred to the next HPAC meeting.

Advocacy

Advocacy Structure & Task Forces

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German Village Engagement Committee

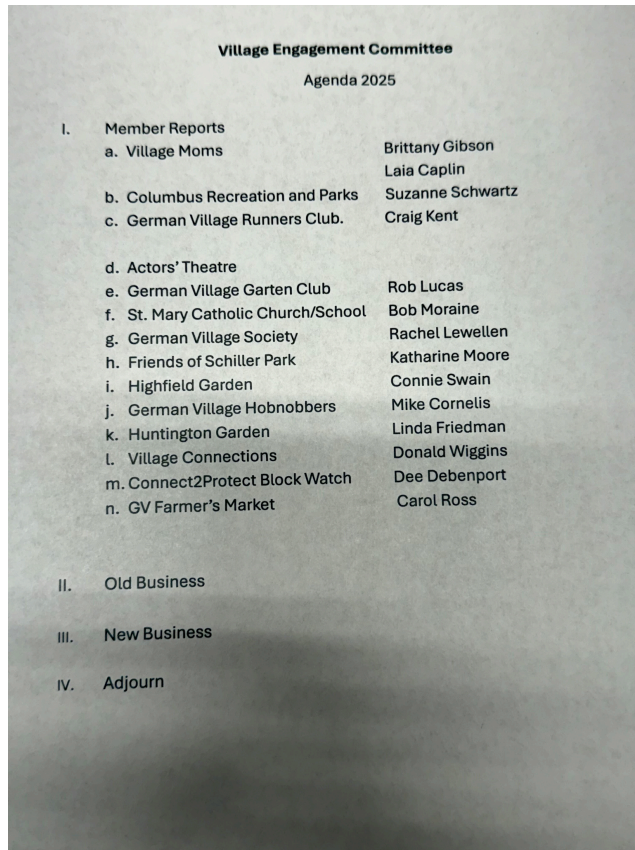
June 6, 2026

Minutes of the Meeting

Members: Brittany Gibson, Laia Caplin, Suzanne Schwartz, Craig Kent, Rob Lucas, Bob Moraine, Rachel Lewellen, Katharine Moore, Connie Swain, Mike Cornelis, Linda Friedman, Donald Wiggins, Dee Debenport, Carol Ross, Beth Josephsen

Meeting called to order at 9:15 am

Agenda:



- We are canceling the July meeting
- August will be held

Village Moms (Brittany Gibson and Laia Caplin)

Attendance, no

- n/a

Columbus Recreation and Parks (Suzanne Schwartz)

Attendance, no

- n/a

German Village Running Club (Craig Kent)

Attendance, yes

- Upcoming events:
 - June 7- Columbus 10K cheering
 - June 8- Fleet Feet, Adidas, Mr. Pickle, No Proof and Ritual
 - June 9- 9:VRC Pride Run
 - June 10- Mount to Coast
 - June 13- Juneteenth Run/Walk
 - June 14- 614 Run Clubs
 - June 15- Esther Run at Antiques on High
 - June 18- GVRCW+ Pride Run

Actor's Theatre of Columbus (Beth Josephsen)

Attendance, yes

- Season has started!
 - Taming the Shrew is on right now!
 - May 21- June 14
 - Schiller Park, Thursday to Sunday at 8pm
 - Review was amazing!!!!
 - Peter and the Starcatcher
 - June 18-July 12
- June 18- Jeni's Short North, noon-3pm
- Summer camps are starting!
- Book Club, Sunday August 26
 - *And Then There Were None*
- Reinstated a membership program, well received!
 - First Friday before the performance event
 - VIP members get an invite to an event at Barcelona
- Gala
 - Looking to bring it back at the end of the season
 - Possible murder mystery

German Village Garten Club (Rob Lucas)

Attendance, no

- n/a

St. Mary's Catholic Church/School (Bob Moraine)

Attendance, yes

- All of the buildings, except for church, flooded with 2+ feet of sewage
 - 100s of thousands of dollars of damage
 - Major construction this summer

- Basement classrooms are completely damaged
 - City has acknowledged that it is fault of city
- Festival potentially affected

German Village Society (Rachel Lewellen)

Attendance, yes

- Haus and Garten, June 27-28, planning is well on its way!
 - 10 houses
 - All the steps are in order
- 2 new hires
 - Jack Doran- Architecture Preservation Specialist
 - Christy- Advocacy
 - New intern starting next week!

Friends of Schiller Park (Katharine Moore)

Attendance, yes

- Umbrella Girl restoration is still ongoing
- Flowers are blooming and looking amazing!
- Picnic tables will be powerwashed.
- Schiller Park island is still awaiting fund release from the city.
 - Bells are sagging and not stable at this moment.

Highfield Garden (Connie Swain)

Attendance, no

- n/a

German Village Hobnobbers (Mike Cornelis)

Attendance, no

- n/a

Huntington Garden (Linda Friedman)

Attendance, no

- n/a

Village Connections (Donald Wiggins)

Attendance, no

- n/a

Connect2Protect Block Watch (Dee Debenport)

Attendance, no

- n/a

GV Farmer's Market (Carol Ross)

Attendance, no

- n/a

Old or New business?

- n/a

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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