GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
August 11, 2014

Present:	Tim Bibler, Dennis Brandon, Bill Case, Nick Cavalaris, Sarah Irvin Clark, Darci Congrove, Bill Curlis, Brittany Gibson, Chris Hune, Joe Kurzer, Jeanne Likins, Jeff McNealey, and Susan Sutherland.
Staff and Guests:	Terri Leist, Ann Lilly, Sara McNealey, Angela Mingo, Katharine Moore, Carol Mullinax, , Jim Nichols, Shiloh Todorov, Russ Arledge, Sarah Marsom, and Gary Seman.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Likins.

Public Participation

Angela Mingo, Nationwide Children's Hospital, provided an up-date to the Board on the recent Children's Hospital purchase of the land owned by the Columbus Board of Education at Grant and Livingston (Afrocentric School's football field and parking lot). A six-story out-patient education center is proposed for the area along with supporting parking and landscaping to tie the whole area from Parsons Avenue to Grant Avenue into the Hospital campus. Plans are not final and approvals (hospital, City, and ODOT) are pending and Ms. Mingo reported that she would return to the community to give us a further report. Earliest start date for the project is late 2015.

Sara McNealey, Chair of the Parks, Public Spaces, and Community Events Committee and committee members Ann Lilly, Katharine Moore, and Carol Mullinax gave the Board an up-date on the mission, programs, and activities of the PPSCE committee. In a very creative interactive presentation with the Board, they gave a full review of the committee's past successes and future achievements including their extensive organization chart of responsibilities [made a part hereof], self-supporting fundraising, and cooperative agreements with the City Recreation and Parks Department. Terri Leist, Deputy Director of the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department spoke of the strong cooperative working relationship the Committee and the Society, and expressed her thanks (and those of Director Alan McKnight) f

which had been discussed by the Board. She anticipates a first report back to the community in early Fall, 2014.

Executive Director Shiloh Todorov reported on all of the work going forward on the Great Placemakers program and that all of the committee and staff's efforts were now being focused on recruiting attendees. She asked each Board member to review their groups of associates and associations and to send her names, mailing lists, and contacts who could be solicited for participation.

Ms. Todorov reported on the work of the Strategic Planning Task Force and noted that the Task Force plan to meet with members of the Board individually was on-going and that questions on the scope and direction of the September retreat would be answered in those meetings. She also related some of the early results on issues important to our stakeholders and promised a very lively discussion on assessing what role the German Village Society can have on these issues.

Ms. Todorov also reported that the AV system in the Warner Fest Hall was 'ancient', unreliable, and broken and did not meet the needs of the Society and organizations wishing to use the space. She and Russ Arledge had studied those needs and costs and consulted with Wayne Owens and John Clark. In consultation with the Executive Committee she recommended replacement of the system. Early cost estimates range from $15,000 to $23,000. The Treasurer certified that the funds were available in the Warner Fund for such a purpose. Following discussion, the Treasurer offered a motion:

MOTION: That the Executive Director be authorized to spend an amount not to exceed $23,000 from the Warner Fund to replace and up-date the current AV system in the Warner Fest Hall. [Bibler, McNealey]

Motion approved.

Secretary Bill Curlis presented the Minutes of the meeting of July 14, 2014.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of the meeting of July 14, 2014. [Curlis, Hune]
Motion approved.

Mr. Curlis noted that an electronic vote of the Board of Trustees had been taken since the last meeting and that the Policy authorizing that action requires that the Board "confirm" that vote at its next meeting.

MOTION: To confirm the electronic vote on the Motion: That Joe Kurzer be placed in nomination to serve as a candidate for Trustee of the Board of Trustees of the German Village Society for a three-year term beginning on October 1, 2014 [July 19, 2014: Case, Likins]. [Case, Curlis]
Motion approved and Mr. Kurzer's name was placed in nomination.

Treasurer Tim Bibler presented the Treasurer's Report and asked for approval of the Treasurer's Report for May, 2014.

MOTION: Accept the Treasurer's Report for audit. [Bibler, McNealey]
Motion approved.

Bill Case asked Mr. Bibler if we were operating within our Budget and whether, at this point in mid-year, we were on target with expenses and income. Mr. Bibler assured the Board that we are well within our means, but that, that was possible because expenditures were significantly less than projected with income down from the growth levels we had projected by this time. Nonetheless, with the anticipated income for the remainder of the year and the great success of Haus und Garten we will end the year with an operating budget surplus in excess of $30,000.

Committee Reports

Written reports were provided to the Board from many committees and President Likins called upon Board members to give oral reports that required action or special notice.

Ms. Congrove reported on the financial success of the Haus und Garten weekend with a 28.32% increase over the 2013 event. H&G final net income was $140,403.00. The full report of the income and expenditures and a comparison from previous years is attached to this report.

Ms. Congrove went on to discuss the Tea43206 event to be held Saturday August 16th. Ms. Congrove reported that the event is expected to net $25,000 with $11,325 already committed. She encouraged any Board members who had not already purchased their tickets to do so quickly as there were only 25

Mr. Kurzer asked that N4N talk about ways the community can protect themselves from mail and package delivery thefts by using the Society's package delivery service.

The business of the August 11, 2014, meeting of the German Village Society Board of Trustees having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William L. Curlis, Secretary

Attest:

Jeanne Likins, President

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l Public Spaces Committee	Sara McNealey and Carol Mullinax	
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f the President		
Question: What are the most important aspects/ elements/goals of our comprehensive German Village signage initiative?	Jeanne Likins	
reat PlaceMakers	Shiloh Todorov	
trategic Planning Task Force Up-date	Shiloh Todorov	

Membership

The Development Committee did not have a regularly scheduled meeting in July. We are transitioning to probably quarterly face to face meetings and more ad hoc activity related to our traditional sources of revenue and discussions on potential strategies for creating additional sources of sustainable sources of funding for core activities. I will be working with Shiloh and selected Committee members to discuss this over the summer.

Haus und Garten Final Numbers 2014

The final Haus und Garten profit and loss detail statement is included with this report. Note that the P&L reflects in