GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
Oct. 10, 2017

Present: John Barr, Heidi Drake, Greg Gamier, Brittany Gibson, Susan Sutherland, Jim Penikas, Kurt Miller

Staff and Guests: Sarah Penikas, Monster Bash Committee; Shiloh Todorov; Marie Logothetis

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Heidi Drake.

Public Participation

Heidi Drake introduced Monster Bash co-chairs Sarah and Jim Penikas (also a newly elected board member) with an update about this weekend's event. As of today, 39 tickets are left of 375 total, so they expect a sellout crowd. The weather looks to be great, and they'll play into the 7:30 p.m. Ohio State kickoff with a viewing on the Platz. New this year, attendees can vote for their favorite house and costume via a website that night and can follow the route via a mobile map. Posters, postcards, a Saturday-morning appearance on 10TV and ThisWeek News articles are among the marketing pushes. Jim thanked Ryan and Heather Bone for creating the new voting and map website elements as well as a full-on refreshing of decorations and also thanked Sid and Janet Druen for hosting a pre-event mixer for hosts.

Kurt Miller updated the board on the task force the Long Range Planning Committee is pulling together to focus on visioning the future of and designing goals for the neighborhood and the Society. They'll starting by looking at where German Village fits into Columbus over the next 30-ish years. Shiloh added that she expects this will be a 6-9-month process, and the group currently includes Kurt, Jim, Darrell Van Ligten, Lisa Stein, Mary Wilson, Jay Casey and Jay Godfey. Kurt told the board he'd report back with updates, and the board thanked him for these efforts and agreed to the task force's general direction.

Reports of the President and Officers

Heidi updated the board on this past Friday's reception following the Columbia Gas settlement, which about 35-40 people attended. Generally, there have been some discussions in the neighborhood about whether our lawsuit made a difference in Columbia's approach; their agreement to default to rear or obscured locations is certainly different than their initial meter placements, since front facades will now be the very last choice. Heidi added that

Treasurer John Barr updated the board on the latest financials, noting that the Society is in a positive position, especially since Monster Bash is coming up soon. He also pointed out that the Good of the Neighborhood Fund currently sits at $76,000, which isn't earmarked for anything at this time.

John updated the board on our switch to Huntington managing all of our investments, which was approved in [NEED TO FIND MONTH], and clarified that the management fees might be a higher than what Chase was charging us. John and the finance committee will take a look and report back.

Committee Reports

Heidi noted that the Committees had submitted their reports in the Board packet and asked if there were any Committee activities with additional updates requiring Board discussion or approval.

Shiloh highlighted the Parking Committee report, which mentions that the group is attempting to work with the German Village Commission to take into account results from the OSU-lead parking study conducted last year. On a related note, she mentioned that she has yet to hear what business might inhabit the former Max & Erma's space on Third Street.

Susan Sutherland, representing the Organizational Development Committee, asked for any nominations for this year's officer roles. With none being made, she proposed that those in the current officer roles be renewed.

MOTION: To close nominations and elect the nominated candidates – Heidi Drake as president, Joshua Zimmerman as vice president, Brittany Gibson as secretary and John Barr as treasurer – for their respective offices for terms running October 2017 through September 2018. [Sutherland, Gamier]

Motion approved.

Staff Reports

Shiloh updated the board on the Meeting Haus Task Force, including that the request for proposals for the design work will be complete by the end of the w(and will be open for bids shortly thereafter) She doesn't hav a solid idea of costs to share yet, but she wants us to start thinking about where money for this project will come from – and she recommended we strongly consider starting with the Good of the Neighborhood Fund. Mari(a)2.8 (s)12.5 (k)0.5 (ed)5.3 ( )10.6 (wh)5.3 (eth)5.3 (e)10.8 (r)3.2 (th)5.2 (er)3.2 (

Volunteer highlights: the board expressed their thanks to several helpers highlighted by Katharine Moore in the Friends of Schiller report: Jan Clark, John Clark, Amanda Smoliniec, John Noble, Bob Jackson, Paul Soehnlen, David Gaumer, Werner Niehaus and Becky West.

Having wrapped up the agenda, Heidi suggested the board end the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

MOTION: Adjourn the October 10, 2017, meeting of the German Village Board of Trustees. [Drake, Gamier]

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Gibson, Secretary

Attest: Heidi Drake, President

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY

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September 5, 2017

Term Ending September, 2018

Joanne Kesten	partial term ends Sept. 2018 (replaced Bill Curlis)
Heidi Drake	first term (appointed Oct. 2014, replaced ???, ended Sept. 2015)
Greg Gamier	first term (appointed Oct. 2014, replaced Bill Case whose term ended Sept. 2015)
John Barr	first term (ends Sept. 2018)

Term Ending September, 2019

Dennis Brandon	second term (appointed Oct. 2013, replaced Mike Yarborough, ended 2016)
Brittany Gibson	second term (appointed Nov. 2013, replaced Mike Cornelius, ended Sept. 2016)
Susan Sutherland	second term (appointed Oct. 2013, replaced Stef Martt, ended Sept. 2016)
Josh Miller	first term ends Sept. 2019

Term Ending September, 2020

Anne Ring	first term (appointed March 2017, replaced Joe Kuzer, ended Sept. 2017, elected to first term)
Joshua Zimmerman	first term (appointed Oct. 2016, replaced Kelly Clark, ended Sept. 2017 elected to first term)
Jim Penikas	first term (elected August 2017 for first term)
Kurt Miller	first term (appointed August 2017 for term ending 2017, replaced Marie Logothetis)

Non-voting

Term Ending September, 2018

9.5.17 JML

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY

OTHER: OPERATING RESULTS FOR THE YEAR TO DATE REMAIN STRONG WITH

German Village Society Committee Report

Committee: Historic Preservation

Meeting date(s):Informal conversations

Attendees names: Next Meeting: TBD

Nancy Kotting
Joanne Kesten

Highlights/Discussion:
Joanne and Nancy have had several conversations over the past several weeks to discuss the re-formulate the committee.

9/21/17 meeting had no attendees.

Plans and Assignments

Do you have issues or concerns that require consideration by the Board or staff for possible response or action? If so, please spell out timeline. (Could include the need for time/support from GVS staff or volunteers or the need for financial resources, for example.)

Ideas or concerns about safety:

Ideas or concerns about sidewalks:

Outstanding volunteers of note:

Anything else you would like to share with the board?

Fund for Historic Preservation
Board Report– October 2017

House Plaques

Visitor Center

The original comprehensive sign project included three components: house plaques, storytelling and wayfinding. A portion of the wayfinding project will include GV boundary signs. With the I-70/71 construction impact still in process, we have decided to hold on the wayfinding portion until there is more clarity as to how Livingston Avenue and various access points to GV will be altered. Meanwhile, we will move forward with using funds from the Fund for HP toward the long-anticipated Visitor Center upgrade. The recent completion of the project to archive all of the GVS document collection gives us a treasure trove of information from which to work on a unified approach to storytelling inside the Visitor Center and along the interpretive trail.

Ongoing Funding

Mark your calendars for the 8th annual TEA43206 event on August 18, 2018. (Wow, that's a lot of 8's)! This is the event that fuels the efforts outlined above, and which provides the matching funds for GVS to secure grant funding to augment the resources. The community support has been tremendous to date and it is immensely exciting to see this project start to take shape in our physical environment.

Thanks to the teams at Benjamin Ricky, MKSK, and to Nancy Kotting and Shiloh for their work in helping to bring this project to fruition!

Darci Congrove , 10/5/17

Minutes of the
Parks, Public Spaces, and Community Events Meeting
September 7, 2017

Members Present: Ann Lilly, Connie Swain, Jim Chakeres, Lindy Michael, Linda Friedman, Katharine Moore, and Frank Wickham.

In President Sara McNealy's absence, Ann Lilly chaired the meeting and called the group to order at 9:00 am.

Katharine Moore moved that the minutes of the August 3, 2017 meeting be adopted into the record, Jim Chakeres seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Actors' Theatre

Carol Mullinax was unable to attend, but submitted a written report about the terrific 2017 season Actors' Theatre of Columbus enjoyed.

German Village Garten Club

Jim Chakeres reported that as fall approaches things will be put to bed and the Third Street boxes for December are being planned. He updated the group on a number of GVGC projects and programs including:

- Mum sale underway; orders placed by September 10 can be picked up in Frank Fetch Park on September 16
- Hummingbird program on September 18 at the membership meeting
- Fetch Park Fall Fest on Saturday, October 8 from 1:00 – 4:00. Family programming and free pumpkins.
- Holiday party on December 11 at the Meeting Haus

St. Mary Church & School

Frank Wickham explained that the “silent phase” of the Capital Campaign is underway. A series of local fundraisers sponsored by area restaurants have been a success; The Old Mohawk, Schmidt’s and Plank’s have featured specials and made contributions to the campaign to repair the church. There will be a Food Truck Festival on September 15. Hard hat tours are available to interested parties. The German Village Society will host a neighborhood reception to update residents and provide details on the project. St. Mary School launched the new school year with almost 300 students.

German Village Society

Chelsey Craig submitted a written report that highlighted the success of this year’s 43206 TEA, thanked Katharine Moore for the August Schiller Park program at the Meeting Haus, and encouraged everyone to plan for Monster Bash on October 14.

Friends of Schiller

Connie Swainsaid it was an extremely successful year for the Farm and that all of the plots had been buttoned up.

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

From: Katharine Moore, Friends of Schiller Park

Date: October 5, 2017

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Bob Jackson	Provided a talk about the German-area Regiment that fought in the Mexican War for the Landmark's Tour
Paul Soehnlen	Provided a talk about the Grace Highfield Garden for the Landmark's Tour
David Gaumer	Provided a talk about the Huntington Garden for the Landmark's Tour
Werner Niehaus	Provided a talk about the history of the Columbus Maennerchor in Schiller Park (He is President of the Board)
Becky West	Becky West, Executive Director of Columbus Landmarks Foundation offered to collaborate on the tour in celebration of Schiller Park's milestone anniversary.

LAND GRANT
BREWING COMPANY
BEER TASTING
FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 20
7:30
KINDRED SPIRITS
Featuring a selection of championship quality craft
beers brewed by Land-Grant Brewing Company.
full bar, assorted appetizers, silent auction with
rare opportunities and a cigar garden.
At the home of Chris King and Rob Hunter
356 E. Sycamore Street
German Village
$85 Tickets
available online at www.GermanVillage.com
or from a Host Committee member

Monumental milestone: Schiller Park celebrates rich history of 150 years

Posted Sep 11, 2017 at 6:05 PMUpdated Sep 11, 2017 at 7:45 PM

Schiller Park is more than just a recreational space to German Village residents.

It is a place of history and lore, where volunteers spend countless hours manicuring various gardens.

It is a dog-walking destination, somewhere to relax, picnic, shoot hoops and catch up with neighbors.

The source of enduring pride for the neighborhood turns 150 years old this year -- a historical milestone that marks a colorful past.

“So many things have happened in the park,” said John Clark, a local historian and author.

Early history

Schiller Park is the city’s second oldest park. The first was Goodale Park. The 23.5-acre Schiller Park was purchased in April 1867 for $15,000 by the city. It was known simply as City Park for nearly 40 years, Clark said.

It was part of a bigger piece of real estate called Stewart’s Grove, whose owners allowed people to gather on the land for public purposes.

It was the site of the Ohio State Fair, from 1864-65, and was a pooling stop for volunteer soldiers serving in the Mexican-American War before they were deployed to other destinations. The Columbus Oktoberfest was held at the park from 1967-71.

Francis Stewart, who owned a portion of the property that would become Schiller Park, sold some of the acreage to Columbus.

Essentially, the park was in the middle of nowhere, far south at the time for denizens of downtown and other areas of the city, Clark said. At one point, it was surrounded by a fence so cows could not escape. It also was the site of a short-lived zoo.

Several houses had been built on the property over the years, but the one remaining is the caretaker's cottage, built in the 1930s. It is now the headquarters of Actors' Theatre of Columbus, which performs in the park's amphitheater.

Over the years, houses were built around the park, which is now bounded by Reinhard Avenue, Jaeger Street, Deshler Avenue and City Park Avenue.

Diplomats visit

In 1871, Amelia May Parsons and Prince Alexander Ernst zu Lynar of Prussia were married in Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown. Afterward they both planted a tree for peace in Schiller Park. The Franco-Prussian War ended that same year.

Lynar wasn't the only diplomat to have visited the park. Former President Barack Obama spoke there during his re-election campaign in 2012.

Name change

The park was named after Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller (1759-1805), a German poet, playwright and philosopher.

The 2,640-pound statue of von Schiller, crafted in Germany, was dedicated, surely as a nod to the large German population on the South Side, on July 4, 1891. It officially was named Schiller Park in 1905.

During World War I, however, anti-German sentiment in Columbus and the United States ran high. The park was renamed Washington Park, after George Washington. The park became the site of the burning of German books, Clark said. But in 1930, it became Schiller again.

Urban paradise

German Village Society Long -Range Planning 2070 Vision Planning1l51.4 (1l51.aio)n Sooverlay on its ultra

not -modern facades? How will people get here? Work here? Play here?

Your job as a member of the 20 70 Vision Task Force is to help us look well out into the future – unbound from what we HAVE been or what we HAVE done – and help us imagine our role in the world of tomorrow's tomorrow.

The task force should be guided by, but not boxed into, the pillars of the 2015 -19 GVS strategic plan, which are: governance, historic preservation education, advocacy, quality of life and development/fundraising.

The five tenets the task force is asked to examine are as follows:

Placemaking

Placemaking seeks to build upon and enrich the uniqu e sense of place present within the rich textures of the cultural, social, and built environments of the German Village neighborhood. Placemaking inspires people to collectively reimagine and reinvent public spaces as the heart of every community, strengt hening the connection between people and the places they share ultimately supporting the community's ongoing evolution.

Expert Reference: Project for Public Places
https://www.pps.org/refe rence/what_is_placemaking/

Maintaining Relevance

Maintaining Relevance seeks to build upon and continue the long history of neighborhood preservation, community engagement, and strategic guidance that has defined the German Village neighborhood, making it a nationally recognized historic neighborhood. Maintaining Relevance speaks to the village's desire to utilize momentum and experience to propel the German Village neighborhood into the future, a future in which a new found interest in our cities and urb an neighborhoods provide exciting potentials.

Expert Reference: The German Village Society
https://germanvillage.com/about/history/

Influencing

Connecting

Connecting seeks to bring together members of German Village, Columbus, and the outside world both physically, socially, and culturally to enrich the quality of life of residents and visitors alike. Connecting inspires creative solutions to methods of movement, connection, and interaction to ensure that ease of access is maintained for all members of German Village and the greater Columbus community.

Expert Reference: MORPC Transportation
http://www.morpc.org/transportation/index

Expert Reference: COTA Next Gen
http://www.cota.com/Projects/NextGen.aspx

Futuring Outlook

Futuring Outlook seeks to recognize trends or forecasts and position the German Village Society in a productive position to be proactive and engaged with future urban development rather than reactionary and defensive to potential cultural, social, economic, or built environment influences. Futuring Outlook inspires a continued striving to think beyond the timeline of contemporary programming and current strategic planning to identify future impacts on the neighborhood and develop a lens to understand and consider German Village Society reception to these influences.

Expert Reference: Columbus Insight 2050
http://getinsight2050.org/

Expert Reference: Columbus ULI - Columbus 2050 Creating Blueprints for Change
http://www.morpc.org/pdf/ULI_Columbus2050.pdf

Expert Reference: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
http://www.morpc.org/index

Expectations:

- The task force will meet for not longer than 9 months, completing its report to the GVS

Quickly on the heels of the second meeting (within 10 days), the task for will meet to finalize creation of committees an d populate them. This meeting will also set the timeline for most of the rest of the task force's work together.

Tour Training Sessions: 3
Tour Guides Trained: 5

Avg Standing Tour Size:
YTD Tours Requests: 102
YTD Tours Completed(9/30): 76
YTD Tours Cancelled (9/30): 15
YTD Tour Guests: 1243
Avg Tour Size: 16
Coach: 12 requests; 6 completed, 4 in progress, 2 cancelled.
Explore Beyond The Door: 22 requests; 14 completed, 4 in progress, 4 cancelled.
Golf Cart: 1 request, 1 completed.
Hurry Up Tour: 4 requests, 4 completed.
Scavenger Hunt: 10 requests; 6 completed, 2 in progress, 2 cancelled.
Standard Walking: 44 requests; 27 completed, 8 in progress, 9 cancelled.
Summer Standing Tours: 9 scheduled; 8 completed. 1 cancelled due to weather.

German Village Society Committee Report

Committee: Development

Meeting date(s):10/03/17

Attendees names:

Next Meeting: TBD

Dennis Brandon
Heidi Drake
Joshua Zimmerman
Greg Gamier
Brittany Gibson
Darci Congrove
Jeanne Likins
Shiloh Todorov
Mark Weiss

Highlights/Discussion:

The meeting at G. Michaels was called to acknowledge andd-.7 (w).1 (t)2.1 (

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Ideas or concerns about sidewalks:

Outstanding volunteers of note:

Anything else you would like to share with the board?

German Village Society Committee Report

Committee: Monster Bash

Meeting date(s): 9/7, 9/20, 10/5

Attendees names: Jim & Sarah Penikas, Nancy Knotting, Ryan & Heather Bone, Kim Cowie, John Barry, Natalie Brehm, Beth Burson, Marceline Dyer

Next Meeting: N/A – event is this Saturday!

Highlights/Discussion: We are a Sah1 T-0 0.e.51 sf 07544.t

German Village Society Committee Report

Committee: Organizational Development Committee

Meeting date(s): Sept. 26

Attendees names:
Joanne Kesten, Jeanne Likins (Chair), Susan Sutherland, Nancy Turner

Next Meeting: Oct. 31

Highlights/Discussion:

- Discussed and confirmed the 2018 GVS Officers slate
- Trustee Roster with Terms, revised 9.5.17
- GVS Bylaws updated with last three changes, 10.1.17
- Beta evaluation of the GVS Leaders Resource Dropbox by three folks underway until Thanksgiving before finalizing this major project. There are over 200 files presently included. This is an effort to go more digital and to provide easy access to a wealth of information to improve GVS leader knowledge.
- Discussed potential candidates for two open seats, one three year appointment to replace Anne Ring when she moves to VA and a one year, non-voting, must live in GV footprint for ten years or more position replacing Darci Congrove who just rotated off the board
- Discussed ideas to expand the GVS Leadership Pipeline and assigned several people to talk with two prospects by Oct. 31 meeting Agreed to reach out to GVS Trustees and all GVS leaders for ideas on possible other leaders.
- Preliminary discussion about several bylaw provisions that are not are effective as would be helpful. Will have thorough examination

and discussion of GVS Constitution and GVS By

Executive Director Report – October 2017

We have an agreement with Columbia Gas of Ohio! Here is the agreement language on file with PUCO if you haven't yet seen it: https://dis.puc.state.oh.us/TiffToPDf/A1001001A17I29B25502G00887.pdf

There are hundreds of people to thank in this community who signed petitions, joined the complaint, made calls, held out on the meter move, and more; but I want to specifically recognize the board's leadership in seeing the preservation threat and moving to act while keeping an eye on the budget and supporting the staff in countless ways. You are the preservation visionaries making Frank Fetch proud!

Preservation Education

Now the real work begins on Columbia Gas's project, educating residents about the national preservation standard as it related to placing the meter on the rear façade of properties as well as working with any who may like to have their sidewalk improved by Columbia Gas's funds during the gas line project. It is upon not just current staff and residents, but future staff, boards and property owners to make constant reference to the agreement and continue to vigilantly implement it alongside Columbia.

The German Village Commission was asked to approve the first 12 installations of the interpretive trail funded by Tea 43206, Ohio Humanities Council and United Way Neighborhood Partnership Grants. Assuming success, the first foundried example will be attached to the Meet