

German Village Garten Club

Constitution and Bylaws

CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the German Village Garten Club.

Article II. Objectives

Section 1. The objectives of this club are to study, foster, and encourage garden beautification and plan use in any practical way in the German Village area.

Section 2. This organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Membership is open to anyone interested in the objectives of the German Village Garten Club.

Section 2. Anyone wishing to join the club should provide the Membership Chairperson with his/her name, address, and telephone number, along with payment of the annual dues.

Section 3. Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

Article IV. Officers and Trustees

Section 1. The Officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Media Coordinator, Recording Secretary, and Sergeant at Arms.

Section 2. The term of office for each officer is one year beginning June 1. Any individual who replaces an officer during the term shall serve out only the remainder thereof. No officer may serve more than five consecutive full terms in a particular office.

Section 3. A vacancy in an office during the term shall be filled by majority vote of the Board.

Section 4. The Board shall consist of the officers and three trustees, who are the three most recent past presidents. The terms of these three are so staggered that the immediate past president becomes a member at the end of his/her term as president and the term of the past president with the longest seniority in service on the Board ends.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be set throughout the year by vote of the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Annual Meeting is the May meeting, the day for which shall be appointed by the Board. At the meeting, the officers for the following year shall be elected.

Article VI. Finances

Section 1. Each member shall pay annual dues. Annual dues are set by the Board and are payable by June 30 of each year.

Section 2. The treasurer may use funds for necessary club expense up to a maximum of \$100. Any Club expense over \$100 must be approved by the Board.

Section 3. Separate funds for special purposes may be established by vote of the members.

Section 4. Upon dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or

local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article VII. Amendments

Section 1. The Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided the proposed amendment has been approved by the board and has been submitted to a previous meeting of the members.

BYLAWS

Article I. Conducting Club Business

Section 1. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Reading and disposition of minutes
3. Treasurer's report
4. Reports of committees
5. Admission of new members
6. Unfinished business
7. Reading of communications
8. New business
9. Remarks of interest to the Club
10. Adjournment

Section 2. Voting for officers shall be on a slate presented by the Nominating Committee, and from the floor, at the May meeting.

Section 3. All motions and resolutions shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

Article II. Committees

Section 1. The standing committees shall be Membership, Refreshments, GartenMarkt, Frank Fetch Park, Third Street Planters, Communications, and Budget. The President shall appoint all other such committees, which are necessary for the work of the Club.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the following members: the immediate Past President, one active member of long standing appointed by the Executive Board, and one other member appointed by the current President. The Executive Board may choose to ask the current President to serve as ex-officio member of the Nominating Committee. Members of the Nominating Committee are not excluded from consideration for nomination.

Article III. Duties

Section 1. The duties of the Board members shall be those usually incumbent upon the Board members in similar organizations.

Article IV. Amendments

Section 1. The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting, provided the proposed amendments have been approved by the Board and have been submitted to a previous meeting of the members.