

# FOUR HILLS VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6:30 pm February 9, 2017

### Canyon Club

- I. **Call to Order** 6:30 pm Meeting called to order by President Paul Fiest. Jim Church apologized for not being able to attend and Mary Paull for having to be late due to another commitment. Quorum is met and verified, attendance recorded.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Paul Feist, Vice President Herb Wright, Treasurer Bill Heath, Secretary Marilou Cochran, 2016 Membership Director Selva Franklin, 2017 Membership Director Ann Harris Davidson, Real Estate Director Jan DeMay, Security Over flights and Roads Director Mary Paull, Publications Director Laura Siegel, Parks and Open Space Director Steve Brugge and Covenants and Architectural Control Director Jim Cochran.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Planning and Development Director Jim Church (recovering from having broken hip).

**GUESTS:** Jacque and Phillip Mascarenas, Deborah Webster and Scott Browne, Joe Zmuda, and Teresa Loschke.

- II. **Approval of the Agenda** Motion was made by Herb Wright to approve the agenda, second by Ann Harris Davidson. Motion Approved.
- III. **Review of January 12 meeting minutes** Minutes were reviewed by the board; five grammatical changes were recommended. Ann Harris Davidson made a motion to approve the minutes with these changes, Jim Cochran seconded. Motion Approved.
- IV. **Reports from Officers and Board Members**
  1. **President:** Paul Fiest
    - a) Introduction and welcome to 2017 Board Members
    - b) It is the board's practice to permit guests to speak at the beginning of the meeting. Following this practice, Phillip Mascarenas (733 Stagecoach) spoke for himself and his wife regarding a neighbor of theirs who is doing a major development on four lots adjacent to theirs at 829 Stagecoach. He stated that his brother who also owns property in the area checked with the city and no permits had been pulled to do the type of work that has been going on.

Ann Harris Davidson made a motion (and the Covenants director agreed) to look into this matter and determine what can and should be done. Steve seconded the motion. Motion Approved. Unfinished Business.

Other guests did not request to speak.

2. Vice President: Herb Wright

- a) Herb summarized the meeting regarding the Singing Arrow Community Center. Herb, Marilou and Jim Cochran and Joe Zmuda attended the meeting on Tuesday night. The facility will cost approximately \$5 million and include a computer area, places for games and other activities, bathrooms with a shower in the men's and women's bathrooms.
- b) Herb stated we need to review our bylaws. They need to be updated to reflect current city, county and state requirements. Herb said that he knows an attorney who lives in Four Hills Village who is familiar with local regulations, and thus who may be able to help us to redraft our bylaws to comply. We will address this at the March BoD meeting and form a subcommittee at that time. Unfinished Business.

3. Treasurer: Bill Heath

- a) Checking account balance = \$10,371.09
- b) Money Market Account balance = \$23,100.00

4. Secretary: Marilou Cochran

Nothing to Report

5. Membership: Ann Harris Davidson

- a) Outgoing Membership Director Selva Franklin gave the report as she had not yet provided Ann with the membership documents and data. Selva suggested consideration of using a different data base to record and maintain the membership records, as she has found difficulties in working with the existing system (MS EXCEL). Selva also suggested that the FHVHA might use a different publisher for its Directory and The Chronicle. Mary, Jan, and Ann all supported investigating the possibility of using the UPS Store in the Four Hills Shopping Center for printing and publishing, as the Four Hills Village women's organization (Four Hills Neighbors/FHN) has used its services successfully for years.
- b) Currently we have 276 members, a reminder letter will be sent out to those who have not renewed by April.

6. Architectural Control: Jim Cochran

Nothing to report

7. Covenants: Jim Cochran

- a) Received four requests since being elected via email from Angie Fincher;

1. Occupant moved. Resolved
2. Construction house - will speak to owner. Unfinished Business
3. Vehicle parked on lawn - not seen. Unfinished Business
4. Vehicle parked on lawn - will speak to owner. Unfinished Business
- b) Ann asked what the City of Albuquerque regulations or zoning codes are with respect to how long a large RV can be parked on a city street. She raised the issue because a big RV has been parked on Bernalillo Pl SE (at its arroyo overpass) for nearly a week. - will investigate. Unfinished Business.
8. Publications: Laura Siegel
  - a) Go Green on publications when possible. Laura discussed the option of a paperless with The Chronicle and correspondence. The board discussed the ability of all members and non-members (for the December 2017 edition of The Chronicle) to receive The Chronicle, since there are those who may not wish to receive it electronically. It was decided to include a piece in the next edition of The Chronicle asking the member to choose between the option of email or hard copy. Additionally, this option will be a block to check on the Membership form electronically and hard copy for the December 2017 edition. We will include on forms at events throughout the year when we have a membership table and at the 2018 Annual meeting. Laura moved and Jan seconded a motion to put the next edition of The Chronicle on the web. Motion Approved.
9. Parks & Open Space: Steve Brugge  
Nothing to Report
10. Security, Overflights & Roads: Mary Paull  
Nothing to Report
11. Real Estate & Public Relations: Jan DeMay
  - a) Monthly real estate sales data for area 60- Four Hills Village
    - Active Properties - 37, price per sq. ft. \$127.80
    - Pending Properties - 10, price per sq. ft. \$127.43
    - Closed Properties - 7, price per sq. ft. \$110.96
  - b) Date for annual Garage Sale – Saturday May 6 tentatively (will firm date at March meeting). Unfinished Business
12. Planning & Development: Jim Church  
Nothing to Report

**V. Unfinished Business**

**VI. New Business**

1. Report on January 31, 2017 APS Board of Education Candidates Forum

Ann reported that she was able to contact all six candidates vying to represent District 6 on the APS Board of Education and that all six attended this forum that was held at the Canyon Club. On behalf of the FHVHA, Ann expressed the association's gratitude to the Canyon Club for graciously allowing the use of their facility, on very short notice, and for setting up the room so well. The forum was a success, with more than 60 people in attendance (including board members Steve, Laura, and Jan, in addition to Ann, who moderated the forum); there was very positive feedback. As the forum was conceived only two working days prior to the event, there was not the opportunity to include an FHVHA membership desk at the sign-in desk but this will be attempted at future such forums. The first such forum is likely to be in late April, as the newly elected District 6 Board of Education Member Elizabeth Armijo has agreed to return to Four Hills Village for a Town Hall Forum on Education. The Board thanked Ann for initiating and organizing this first-ever Board of Education election forum in Four Hills Village.

2. Discussion of potentially useful FHVHA sub-committees

Ann suggested that, as the existing FHVHA Bylaws do not prohibit the use of sub-committees and, indeed, require the use of a Nominating Sub-Committee, that the FHVHA could function more efficiently were it formally to establish sub-committees to work together to meet the needs of both the board and its community. Ann suggested five areas in which there are clear uses for sub-committees: a Nominating Sub-Committee (to conform with Bylaw requirements); a Directory Sub-Committee (made up, at least, of the Publications, Membership, Treasurer, and Real Estate board members); a Bylaw Review Sub-Committee; an Education Advisory Sub-Committee, and, potentially, a Membership Drive Sub-Committee. Executive Board members could participate in any or all of the sub-committees in which they are interested, with each sub-committee having at least one member of the FHVHA board. Other members of these sub-committees could be residents of Four Hills Village who are members of the FHVHA, though not necessarily executive board members. The board members agreed that the establishment of sub committees would be useful. Unfinished Business.

3. Discussion about FHV identification stickers for vehicles registered in FHV

Ann noted that, in one of many conversations on Nextdoor about security issues related to Four Hills Village, a resident had suggested the use of stickers to identify cars that belong to residents. Following up on this idea, Ann reported that many communities in Prince George's County Maryland (such as University Park and Berwyn Heights, in this county immediately east of Washington D.C.) have long had such programs. Ann showed a photo of a small (3' x 3") bumper

sticker with the letters "BH", that have been used for more than two decades to identify all cars that are legally registered to owners with addresses in Berwyn Heights. Paul raised the issue that he would not want a small "FHV" sticker on his vehicle, as he would not want that form of identification of his residency. There was agreement that a less specific emblem on a sticker (perhaps, a schematic drawing of four hills) could be considered. Further discussion is needed. Unfinished Business.

**VII. Any Announcements**

1. The Canyon Club is offering a women's self-defense class in February

**VIII. Adjourn**

1. Herb made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, Steve seconded. Motion was approved and the meeting adjourned. 7:55 pm.

Next Meeting - Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marilou Cochran,

Secretary