

# **Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)**

**Final Minutes of FHVA Board Meeting, October 20, 2020**

Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting

## **1. Call to Order**

President Steve Brugge opened this virtual meeting at 6:31 p.m.

### **Attendance:**

Officers: Steve Brugge, Jennifer Lopez, Lee LaBrier, and Linda Martinez

Directors: George Gibbs, Lisa “Rusty” Goetz, Andrew Lipman, Mike Blackledge, and Brigid Conklin.

Past President Jim Cochran

Member-at-Large Ann Harris Davidson

Excused Absence: Lynda Hartman

Jan DeMay informed the board that her absence last week occurred because of a serious medical emergency. President Steve Brugge declared it an excused absence.

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

Ann Harris Davidson moved to approve the agenda; Jan DeMay seconded; and the motion passed with unanimous approval.

## **3. Approval of September 15, 2020 FHVA Board Meeting Minutes**

Rusty Goetz moved to approve the September 15, 2020 FHVA Board Meeting minutes; Linda Martinez seconded; and the motion passed with unanimous approval. The approved minutes can be found on [www.fhva.org](http://www.fhva.org).

## **4. Introduction of guests**

No guests in attendance.

## 5. Reports, as needed from Officers and Board Members

### A. Steve Brugge, President

- A.1 President Steve Brugge again expressed his gratitude to the Board Members for their collaborative effort and, specifically, for their good service to our Four Hills Village neighborhood in the revision of the association's Bylaws, which subsequently received approval by mailed-in ballots from the members. The Bylaws passed with 192 votes for and 73 votes against. He noted that in this time of division the process could easily have been much more difficult.
- A.2 The deadline for providing a bio to Jennifer Lopez from those board members that wish to run again for office is November 30, 2020. Several members have elected not to run again.
- A.3 President Steve Brugge has agreed to do a one on one mediation with Colleen Aycock, hosted by the city. The goal is to open up lines of communication.

### B. Jennifer Lopez, Vice-President

- B.1 Jennifer asked that all Board Members planning to run again should submit their bios to her by email no later than November 30, 2020; sooner is better. Jennifer noted that George Gibbs, Linda Hartman and Michael Blackledge have elected not to run again, and that Andrew Lipman is term-limited. The remaining Board Members stated their appreciation for the terrific service that all these departing Board Members have provided, regretted their loss, and noted that they will be missed. Of particular concern is the loss of Mike as the FHVA Webmaster, as he has done a splendid job in re-establishing a functional website and it is proving challenging to find a local resident with the requisite technical experience.

- B.2 Jennifer also noted that several people may be interested in the Board position for the Education and Youth Affairs Director.
- B.3 Jennifer is soliciting self-nominations (with brief, 100-word biographies) from any member of the Association who is interested in serving in any FHVA Board position. She also asked the Board Members to endeavor to seek out FHVA Members with the requisite skills and who would be willing to serve in the vacant positions.

C. Linda Martinez, Treasurer

- C.1 Linda reported that the current Money Market Balance is \$23,311.36; and the current Checking Account balance is \$5,384.86. The account yielded interest of \$9.55. Linda reported that had she paid \$168 to the USPS for the annual charge for the FHVA's use of a USPS post box.
- C.2 We have 2 new memberships this month.
- C.3 Linda continues to reach out to the IRS for assistance with rectifying our failure to file the 990-N form for several years.

D. Lee LaBrier, Secretary

- D.1 Lee thanked George Gibbs and Andrew Lipman for providing details by email of portions of their reports. It is quite helpful.
- D.2 Lee asked for permission and assistance in going through the historical documents for the Secretary. Steve requested volunteers. Rusty Goetz and Ann Harris Davidson offered to help.

E. Andrew Lipman, Government Affairs Director

- E.1 Andrew stated that the *Four Hills Slope Stabilization and Erosion Control Project* has been submitted to the Design Review Committee. After review it will be evaluated for cost and then funding must be sought. Unfinished Business
- E.2 The problem of speeding on Stagecoach and Wagon Train has come to the attention of Councilman Don Harris. He will be evaluating possible ways to rectify this situation. Rusty Goetz suggested a traffic light at the Y might slow drivers down.

F. George Gibbs, Security Director

- F.1 George shared the highlights of the recent APD Activities Report for Four Hills Village. Again, crime in Four Hills Village has remained low.
- F.2 George attended the recent virtual Foothills Area Command's Community Policing Council meeting. The new Chief of Police, Harold Medina, is seeking more community involvement. That would involve more interaction between the Community Policing Council and neighborhood associations.
- F.3 George succeeded in procuring the brochure entitled, "*What should I do if I am stopped by a police officer?*" He emailed this brochure to the Board Members prior to the meeting.
- F.4 George is working on Deer Crossing signs for the areas mentioned by Ann Harris Davidson and Lee LaBrier. Unfinished business.
- F.5 George asked if there is indemnification for the Board and Board Members. Steve Brugge replied that yes, we have such an insurance policy.

G. Jan DeMay, Public Relations/Real Estate Director

- G.1 Active Listings: 10 active listings in Four Hills Village, averaging \$166.33 per sq. ft.

G.2 Pending Sales: 9 sales pending, averaging \$146.43 per sq. ft.

G.3 Closed Sales: 9 sales were completed, averaging \$144.72 per sq. ft.

#### H. Rusty Goetz Open Space Director

H.1 The Clean Up event in FHV on September 26, 2020 was a resounding success.

H.2 A reminder from Rusty:

The City of Albuquerque has just closed on an additional 61 acres of Open Space land to our north and east. It is a large contiguous parcel that captures the missing triangular bit of space at the north end of the Manzano Open Space and continues eastward from the West Tijeras block along old Rt 66 to the stables in Carnuel, excepting the land the church sits on.

#### I. Brigid Conklin, Publications Director

I.1 Ann asked Brigid if, as Publications Director, she had a deadline for her to receive reports from Board Members for inclusion in the December/Winter edition of The Chronicle (as that newsletter will need to be put together in early December). The consensus was that November 30, 2020 would be an appropriate deadline.”

#### J. Lynda Hartman, Membership Director

Lynda was absent from the meeting. Ann Harris Davidson notified the board that membership is now at 374.

#### K. Mike Blackledge, Webmaster

Mike confirmed that he will not be running for a Board position in the next election. He proposed ideas for replacing him. He also proposed that the person holding each Board position write a description of their

responsibilities and the average amount of time required to fulfill their responsibilities to the board each month; that could then be included in The Chronicle so potential Board Members will have a clear idea of the commitment.

L. Ann Harris Davidson, Member-At-Large

- L.1 Ann asked for confirmation of the dates to be included, in the official records, in the heading of the recently approved Four Hills Village Association Bylaws. Board Members agreed that “FHVA Board approved July 21, 2020”, followed by “Adopted (membership approved by ballot count) October 5, 2020” are to be included in the heading.
- L.2 Ann noted that a point about Article 5, Section 2B of the Bylaws (relating to FHVA Board discretionary action on memberships received late in the year) could be discussed under New Business item 7.A Bylaws for submission.
- L.3 Ann thanked Linda Martinez for reporting her timely payment of the USPS’s annual charge of \$168 for the FHVA’s use of the post box (as the bill for this charge was collected from the post box only today).

M. Jim Cochran, Past-President

Jim had nothing to report.

**6. Old Business**

A. The Four Hills Village Sign and camera, Andrew Lipman

The cameras installation is in flux. Unfinished Business

B. Human/Animal Interactions, Lee

Per George Gibbs, Deer Crossing signs are being worked on.

C. PSA's in The Chronicle/web.

A decision was made to postpone this discussion to a later date.

D. Presentations to the Board by outside organizations, Steve

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## 7. New Business

A. Final cleanup of Bylaws for submission, Steve

A.1 Final official submission of Bylaws is pending the correction of one word. The correction of that word, from east to west will clarify FHV's westside boundaries.

A.2 Ann indicated that new memberships, from residents who have not previously been FHVA members, were in the today's mail for FHVA and she queried whether these memberships were to be considered for 2020 only, for 2021 only, or for both 2020 and 2021 (given the lateness in the year). Discussion ensued. Andrew made a motion that, for this year, new memberships received between today and November 30, 2020 should be considered as covering both the rest of this year and 2021, but that new memberships received in December would be considered as being for 2021 only. Jan DeMay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. 829 Stagecoach Rd. issues, Andrew

Andrew had emailed photos of the site to Board Members to show the activity behind 829 Stagecoach Rd. S.E. and behind the adjacent homes. One of those neighbors has lodged complaints with the City over several years and recently asked whether the Association could help her. Andrew met with Chris Romero, the Supervisor of the City of Albuquerque's Code Enforcement and Zoning Division, who confirmed

that the City has cited the owner of 829 Stagecoach Rd. with several code infractions. We will discuss this topic further at the next meeting.  
Unfinished business.

## **8. Announcements**

The next FHVA board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. The meeting is likely to be held virtually on GoToMeeting given social distancing requirements necessitated by COVID-19.

## **9. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and it passed unanimously. President Steve Brugge adjourned the meeting at 8:06.