

## **FHVA BOARD Meeting, May 19, 2020**

### **Minutes APPROVED on June 16, 2020**

Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting

#### **1. Call to order of this Internet Meeting**

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

**Attendance:** 12 FHVA Board Members and 3 FHVA General Members

Officers present: Steve Brügge, Jennifer Lopez, Colleen Aycock, and Linda Martinez.

Directors present: George Gibbs, Jan De May, Lynda Hartman, Lisa “Rusty”

Goetz, Andrew Lipman, and Mike Blackledge

Past President Jim Cochran and Member-at-Large Ann Harris Davidson

Absent: Sharon Alexander.

General Members present as guests: Jim Mowry, Michael Hirshfield, and Jim Church

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Ann moved to approve the agenda (which had been posted on the FHVA.org web site and shared by email); Rusty seconded; the motion passed with unanimous approval.

#### **3. Approval of April 2020 FHVA Board Meeting Minutes**

Linda M. moved to accept the drafted minutes with one grammatical correction as made by Ann; Colleen seconded; the motion passed with unanimous approval.

#### **4. President Steve Brügge introduced Jim Mowry, FHVA Member and guest who had asked to speak at this Board Meeting**

Jim Mowry addressed the Board:

(a) to express his concerns about the FHVA Bylaws, in reference specifically to the language in Article VIII, Section 6 (“*All votes shall be decided by a majority of the active members present at any meeting. No member may vote by proxy.*”), which he interpreted to mean that any FHVA Member may vote at any FHVA Meeting, including at FHVA Board Meetings of the elected Officers, Directors, and officially appointed Board Members; and

(b) to report on the results of his personal poll of certain FHVA members.

##### **Discussion:**

Colleen assured Mr. Mowry that no board member singularly or as a group intended to sue him. She thanked him for his concern and poll results and commented that the Board might consider more special, open meetings during the year where all members would be encouraged to attend and vote on issues presented by the Board.

Andrew noted that the specified Article VIII, Section 6 of the FHVA’s Bylaws is further elaborated in the FHVA’s Standing Rules (in Section II “Authorities”, concerning the Executive

Board), which directly contradicts Mr. Mowry's interpretation. Andrew made a motion that the Bylaws be revised to clarify the intent of Article VIII, Section 6 – specifically, that it conforms to Roberts Rules of Order and to the FHVA's existing Standing Rules, which state:

*"In accordance with the Bylaws of the Association, the Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Association. The active members of the Association have thereby delegated to the Board of Directors their authority for decisions made between the Association's general membership meetings."*

Jim Cochran seconded the motion. Discussion included that, as currently written in the Bylaws, the sentence is poorly written and ambiguous; that no voting rights have been removed, with any other interpretation taken out of context; and that an FHVA Member had given the Board an attorney's legal opinion that supports this motion.

The motion passed with 11 votes for and 1 against.

## **5. Reports, as needed, from Officers & Board Members**

### **A. Steve Brügge, President**

Steve thanked everyone for working so successfully on his and FHVA's 10 goals for the year. He specifically thanked:

-- Jim Cochran for arranging our Internet Go-to-Meeting virtual meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic;

-- newly appointed VP Jennifer Lopez for the on-going outstanding work of the Bylaws Committee, which includes the participation of FHVA Board Member Ann Harris Davidson and FHVA Member Jim Church;

-- Rusty Goetz for the successful Great American Cleanup in two sites on April 25, 2020;

-- Mike Blackledge for his wonderful, now fully-functioning Four Hills Village Association website (at [www.fhva.org](http://www.fhva.org)); and

-- Lynda Hartman for the production and distribution of the superb 2020 FHVA Membership Directory.

### **B. Jennifer Lopez, Vice-President**

Jennifer deferred her report to the discussion under New Business later in this meeting.

### **C. Linda Martinez, Treasurer**

Linda reported that the current Money Market balance was \$23,276.14, with the current Checking Account balance being \$6,671.88. One check has been received for an advertisement for the summer Chronicle newsletter, with, probably, one additional advertisement to be paid for (by a private school). Two signatories have been added to the checking account, those of President Brügge and Treasurer Martinez. There is still one missing, unidentified, outstanding check from 2019.

D. Colleen Aycock, Secretary

Colleen reported that the FHVA is now registered (as of March 26, 2020), with fees paid, with the New Mexico Secretary of State's Business Filing System; this is a requirement for the Association's legal standing.

E. Andrew Lipman, Government Affairs Director

Andrew reported:

-- that the Four Hills Village sign is now with the contractor;

-- that the issue of the security cameras for the sign (to be paid for from the \$20,000 donated from Capital Outlay, thanks to our State District 20 Rep. Abbas Akhil) requires input from the APD;

-- that the Tijeras Arroyo Bio-Zone signage has been approved and is expected to be installed within the coming weeks;

-- that the Singing Arrow Community Center building project on Singing Arrow Avenue (south of the Four Hills Shopping Center) has started early, with its dedication held on May 18<sup>th</sup>; and

-- that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic's closures and other factors at city offices, Andrew is still waiting for information, renderings, and confirmation regarding the Four Hills Road Landscape Stabilization and Erosion Control and the Singing Arrow Arts Festival.

F. George Gibbs, Security Director

George reported that the monthly APD Activities Report for Four Hills Village was similar to those of the previous months, with few incidents for a total of only 11 reports. He will send the actual report to Board Members following the meeting. He and Andrew will try to meet with Commander Collins of the APD Foothills Area Command regarding the installation of the security cameras.

G. Jan DeMay, Public Relations/Real Estate Director

Jan reported that, unlike what one might have expected during the COVID-19 pandemic closures, the real-estate market is busy, with properties selling. Currently, there are 12 active listings in Four Hills Village, averaging \$152.46/sq.ft, with properties sold having averaged \$141/sq.ft. Activity is so great that one recently sold home had 4 offers, as a lot of people are currently looking for homes (with somewhat fewer homes available for sale).

H. Rusty Goetz, Open Space Director

Rusty received a thank-you note from the City of Albuquerque for the FHVA's participation in the Great American Cleanup. She is now planning the shredding event, for which the Canyon Club has offered the free use of the parking area in front of its tennis courts. To avoid Labor Day, she recommended September 12 for the event, though this will be subject to the Canyon Club's availability and approval.

I. Sharon Alexander, Publications Director – absent, no report.

J. Lynda Hartman, Membership Director

Lynda announced the receipt of 2 new memberships in the preceding week, bringing the total membership to 365 members – with 284 members in 2-member households and 81 single members.

K. Ann Harris Davidson, Member-At-Large

Ann's comments will be included in the New Business report about the work of the Bylaws Committee.

L. Jim Cochran, Past-President

Jim reported that he is suspending the possible project (for green space or park area) along the Kirtland AFB easement, which is City of Albuquerque property on Wagon Train (numbers 1552 to 1584), until told to move forward. With regard to the process of the naming of the Four Hills Village Park, there has been some difficulty locating Barsis and Mickelson family members, as has been requested by the City, but he believes that the City is proceeding with the process.

## 6. Old Business

A. Four Hills Village Sign

Andrew had provided this update in his Government Affairs report.

B. Increase in membership fee

In view of the limited time left for this meeting and of the need to consider suggested amendments to the Bylaws, as drafted by the Bylaws Committee, discussion on this item (concerning a motion from Lynda Hartman that was tabled at the April 2020 FHVA Board Meeting) will be postponed to the June 2020 FHVA Board Meeting.

## 7. New Business

A. Bylaws Committee

Jennifer Lopez, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, reported on the work of the committee and suggested that the FHVA Board could vote, sequentially, on each section of the Bylaws as they exist, or, when changes have been proposed by the Committee, as revised. The Board agreed and the following Articles were submitted for vote:

**Article I:** Name; unchanged from the existing. Jim Cochran made a motion to accept this article as it is written; Jan DeMay seconded it; and the motion passed with unanimous approval.

**Article II:** Boundaries; presented with small additions, e.g., Lorman Place. Jim Cochran made a motion to accept this article with the additions; Linda Martinez seconded it; and the motion passed with unanimous approval.

**Article III:** "Objectives" had its title changed to "Mission". Andrew Lipman made a motion to accept the change; Lynda Hartman seconded it; and the motion passed with unanimous approval.

**Article IV: Membership, Section II only** (formerly, “classes” of membership – Active and Associate): After a detailed discussion of many issues, Mike Blackledge moved to specify the language of this section to eliminate “Associate Members”, and to have only one class of membership and with only one membership/vote for each paid membership. Andrew Lipman seconded the motion; the motion passed with 11 votes for and 1 abstention.

**8. Announcements/Next Meeting (possibly another virtual)**

The next FHVA Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2020. (Once again, this meeting will almost certainly have to be held virtually, via Go-to-Meeting, to adhere to public health social distancing requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic.)

**9. Adjournment**

At 7:59 p.m., Jim Cochran made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Linda Martinez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. President Steve Brügge thus adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.