

Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

Minutes of FHVA Board Meeting, March 16, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Call to Order

President Steve Brugge opened this virtual meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Attendance:

Officers: Steve Brugge, Ellen Lipman, Linda Martinez, and Lee LaBrier.

Directors: Paul Sedillo, Rusty Goetz, Brigid Conklin, Marilou Cochran, Jan DeMay, and Ian Esquibel.

Member-at-Large Ann Harris Davidson

Absent: Abbas Akhil, Howard Kimberly, Jim Cochran

2. Approval of Agenda:

Lee LaBrier made a motion to approve the agenda; Linda Martinez seconded; and the motion passed with unanimous approval.

3. Approval of February 16, 2021 FHVA Board Meeting Minutes

Rusty Goetz moved to approve the February 16, 2021 FHVA Board Meeting minutes; Linda Martinez seconded; and the motion passed with unanimous approval. The approved minutes can be found on the Association's website at www.fhva.org.

4. Introduction of guests

Haley Johnson attended as a guest. She is a new member. Welcome Haley! Haley Johnson asked later in the meeting how new members find out ways to participate. She was pointed to the website, the minutes, and The Chronicle newsletter. It was generally agreed that the Board could do a better job at facilitating new member participation.

5. Reports, as needed from Officers and Board Members

A. **Steve Brugge, President.**

A.1. Steve Brugge has received a letter from the County Office of Neighborhood Coordination acknowledging receipt of the documents that were sent last month. The letter confirmed that, as a result, FHVA will maintain its status as FHV's official neighborhood association.

A.2. Steve Brugge notified the Board that Lee LaBrier will be stepping down from her role as Secretary. He thanked Lee LaBrier for her service to the Board. Steve Brugge asked the Board Members to begin to seek out a new Secretary for the Board.

B. **Ellen Lipman, Vice-President.** Ellen Lipman informed the Board that she received the same letter from the County Office of Neighborhood Coordination as President Steve Brugge had.

C. **Linda Martinez, Treasurer.** The balance in the checking account is \$11,998.64 with six membership checks waiting to be deposited. The balance in the money market is \$23,322.90, we received \$.18 in interest. Linda is working with the bank to try to increase the interest dividend for FHVA's savings. There has been a marked increase in membership since the letter was sent reminding former members to rejoin.

D. **Lee LaBrier, Secretary.** Lee had nothing to report.

E. **Abbas Akhil, Government Affairs Director.** Excused absence.

F. **Paul Sedillo, Security Director.**

F.1 Paul Sedillo informed the board of two recent APD appointments, Chief Harold Medina and Sylvester Stanley (who has been appointed to work on APD reform and training).

- F.2 Paul expects that Chief Medina will be invited to speak at the next Foothills Community Policing Council (CPC) meeting.
- F.3 The APD is forming a Task Force to deal with car racing, as this is now an issue of concern in Albuquerque, notably on South Eubank, near Costco.
- F.4 Gun theft is on the rise in Albuquerque. Residents are encouraged to store weapons in a secure location.
- F.5 APD is trying a relatively new program called Violence Intervention Program (VIP); an idea borrowed from successful implementation in Oakland, CA and that aims to reduce or prevent crime by targeting APD energy and resources toward the small number of criminals who commit the majority of crime.
- F.6 Paul Sedillo noted that the tent encampment on the west side of Four Hills Road has been cleaned up.
- F.7 Paul Sedillo asked for input from Members about any security concerns.
Rusty Goetz remarked that graffiti tagging in the Manzano-Four Hills Village Open Space remains a problem.

G. **Jan DeMay, Public Relations/Real Estate Director.** Jan DeMay informed the Board that she currently has 3 active listings in the FHV area. The 3 active listings are averaging \$151.45 per sq. ft. The 11 pending sales are averaging \$164.12 per sq. ft. The eleven closed sales averaged \$139.30 per sq. ft.

H. **Rusty Goetz, Open Space Director.** Rusty Goetz again mentioned the increase in graffiti tagging in our Open Space. She also notified the Board that she is working on having the Open Space sign changed from FHVHA to FHVA.

I. **Brigid Conklin, Publications Director.** Brigid informed the Board that the next edition of The Chronicle has gone to the printer for a bid. Some

discussion ensued regarding making the PDF of The Chronicle available on the website for all to see. Brigid remarked that it could be posted to the internet 30 days after the copies go to members.

- J. **Marilou Cochran, Membership Director.** Current membership is 271 households, last month's membership was 212 households. There have been 59 new households added since the letter reminding former members to rejoin was sent. The FHVA membership total for 2020 was 368 households.

K. Howard Kimberly, Webmaster.

Howard Kimberly was absent but provided a report, which Steve Brugge shared.

- K.1. Howard Kimberly provided website usage statistics. In the last 30 days there have been 134 unique visits to www.fhva.org, with 385 page views.
- K.2. He requested that Board Members send any desired website changes to him.
- K.3. He noted that he, Brigid Conklin, and Marilou Cochran will be meeting to discuss online payments.

L. Ian Esquibel, Education & Youth Affairs Director.

- L.1. Ian Esquibel is working with Howard Kimberly, Webmaster, to provide hyperlinks for those residents of FHV who are interested in education opportunities for their children.
- L.2. Ian Esquibel would like input from neighbors on how he can help them in his role as the FHVA Education & Youth Affairs Director.

L.3. Later in the meeting Ian suggested that we explore a transition to a “consent agenda”. (Unfinished Business).

M. **Ann Harris Davidson, Member-At-Large.** Ann Harris Davidson spoke about National Night Out which usually occurs on the first Tuesday of August. It is unknown whether FHVA will observe this event because of pandemic concerns. (Unfinished Business)

N. **Jim Cochran, Past-President.** Absent

6. Committee Reports

A. Membership Committee

Rusty presented this report as the chairperson of the Membership Committee. She started off by thanking President Steve Brugge for his attendance and involvement in the committee meetings. The goal of the Membership Committee is to increase membership and, thus, resident participation. To that end, Rusty made a motion that the Director of Public Relations and Real Estate should, each month, provide the Membership Director with a list of the addresses of the homes sold in Four Hills Village in the previous month, which the Membership Director would then use to post a “welcome packet” (of a welcome letter from the President of the Association, the latest edition of The Chronicle, and an FHVA Membership Form) to the new residents. Ann Harris Davidson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Jan DeMay, Director of Public Relations and Real Estate, agreed that she could provide this information as she already does this on a monthly basis for the Four Hills Neighbors (FHN, Women social organization). Toward the close of the meeting, Ian Esquibel suggested that we could use the sign at the entrance of the FHV to try to build membership.

B. Documents and Archives

Lee LaBrier presented this report as the chair of the Documents and Archives Committee. Lee notified the Board that, as storage is quite expensive, Rusty Goetz has offered to store FHVA historical documents, if the Board will provide her with a written indemnification against any loss

or damage to those records. Ann Harris Davidson made a motion stating that the Board will provide a letter of indemnification for Rusty Goetz' storage of the FHVA historical documents. The motion was unanimously approved. Steve Brugge and Rusty Goetz will work together to write the letter of indemnification. Lee LaBrier will gather the FHV historical documents together and deliver them to Rusty Goetz in plastic containers with secure lids. Lee LaBrier also asked the Board Members to begin saving important documentation, both hard copy and digital, for historical records. These will be provided to the Secretary at the end of the year. A change to the Standing Rules to reflect this additional responsibility will be made toward the end of the year.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Camcorder: Steve Brugge brought to the Board's attention that an aged camcorder and spotlight, carried in a suitcase, has been passed on to each successive President for years. He requested permission from the Board to make a charitable donation of this real property. Jan DeMay made a motion to allow the donation of these items. Discussion ensued regarding where to donate the items. Ellen Lipman suggested the Animal Humane Association for the donation. The motion was restated and Ellen seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

- B. Yard Sale: Jan DeMay may be managing another FHV Annual Yard Sale this year. It will depend on how state restrictions and public sentiment regarding the pandemic evolve. If she does put on the Yard Sale it will likely be June 12, 2021, or possibly in the fall for cooler weather.

8. Announcements

The next FHVA board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 20, 2021. The meeting is likely to be held virtually on Zoom, given social distancing requirements necessitated by COVID-19.

9. Adjournment:

Jan DeMay made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded and passed unanimously. President Steve Brugge adjourned the meeting at 7:48.