

# Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

## Minutes of the FHVA Board Meeting of July 20, 2021 Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### 1. Call to Order

President Steve Brügge opened this virtual meeting at 6:30 p.m.

### In Attendance:

**Officers:** Steve Brügge, Ellen Lipman, Linda Martinez, and Jennifer Lopez

**Directors:** Marilou Cochran, Brigid Conklin, and Howard Kimberly

**Member-at-Large:** Ann Harris Davidson

**Absent:** Paul Sedillo, Lisa "Rusty" Goetz, Ian Esquibel, Abbas Akhil, Jan DeMay, and Jim Cochran

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Linda Martinez made a motion to approve the agenda; Ellen Lipman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously with no discussion.

### 3. Approval of the FHVA Board Meeting Minutes of the June 15, 2021:

Linda Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting; Ellen Lipman seconded the motion. The minutes of the June 2021 FHVA Board Meeting were approved unanimously. They may now be posted on the Association's website at [www.fhva.org](http://www.fhva.org).

### 4. Introduction of Guests:

**Renee Grout;** Renee introduced herself briefly, as she has joined us during previous meetings. She's a longtime resident of Four Hills Village who is now running to represent this area as the District 9 City Councilor.

**Celia Cortez,** a candidate for the APS School Board, shared her platform with us. She can be reached at [celiacortezforAPSschoolboard.com](mailto:celiacortezforAPSschoolboard.com) and at 505-629-8995.

**Michael Shaver,** a volunteer on Ms. Cortez's campaign, also spoke.

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

#### 5.A. President, Steve Brügge

##### 5.A.1 Traffic Study.

Steve has been in contact with Councilor Don Harris. The traffic study is complete. Councilor Harris and his policy analyst, Laura Rummmler, would like to hold a community meeting the week of August 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. They would appreciate our assistance in publicizing this meeting once it is scheduled.

##### 5.A.2 NARO Ordinance.

Steve attended the monthly meeting of The East Gateway Coalition of Associations on July 15. The Coalition would like the City Council to delay the approval of the NARO ordinance. Steve will meet with Councilor Harris on July 28 to discuss our concerns, one being that voting members no longer will be required to pay dues.

#### 5.B. Vice President, Ellen Lipman

##### 5.B.1 Possible future meeting places.

Ellen reported that the management of Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center has agreed that we may meet at their facility on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. However, at least one of our attendees must be a Department of Senior Affairs registered member of

the facility. Several of us meet this requirement. The Center will charge us \$7.50 an hour, as we collect dues from our members.

**5.B.2 Partner with local businesses.**

On June 30 Ellen attended the Office of Neighborhood Coordination meeting. The topic was partnering with businesses within the area of the neighborhood associations. Ellen believes that communicating with our local businesses is a good idea. Let's share our newsletters with them and make them aware of us as potential customers.

**5.C. Treasurer, Linda Martinez**

**5.C.1 Account Balances.**

The only bill paid in July to date was the printing of the Summer Edition of The Chronicle, which cost \$455.45. The FHVA checking account balance is \$12,265.29. The balance of the Money Market account is \$23,323.68. The account earned 0.19 interest.

**5.C.2 501C3 Status.**

Steve asked the status of our 501C3 application. Linda answered that she still has not heard back from the IRS. She will ask an accountant if they can help us through the process. If they can, she will ask the Board for funds to pay for the accountant's services.

**5.D. Secretary, Jennifer Lopez**

At the invitation of the Board, she is happy to fill in as secretary for remainder of this calendar year.

**5.E. Government Affairs Director, Abbas Akhil**

Absent, but a report was delivered by Ann Harris Davidson. The Dish communications tower has been lifted by 10 feet. Residents received a registered letter confirming this action. Per Mr. Akhil, the city is confused as to who has jurisdiction over the tower.

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

Paul Sedillo is absent, but provided President Steve Brügge with his report.

**5.F.1.** Coffee with Cops will be starting up again.

**5.F.2.** Commander collings will be attending NNO in our neighborhood.

**5.F.3.** The Foothills Police Advisory Council is working on improving the Central and Tramway corridor.

**5.G. Public Relations & Real Estate Director, Jan DeMay.**

Jan was absent, but provided a report to Steve Brugge. These numbers are as of July 20.

**5.G.1 Active Listings:** 8 in Four Hills Village at an average of \$165.00 per sq. ft.

**5.G.2 Pending Sales:** 5 in Four Hills Village at an average of \$159 per sq. ft.

**5.G.3 Closed:** 3 sales completed in Four Hills Village at an average of \$158 sq. ft.

**5.H. Open Space Director, Rusty Goetz.**

**5.H.1 National Night Out.**

Open Space officers will be attending NNO in Four Hills Village.

**5.H.2. Cleaning and Erosion Control.**

According to the City of Albuquerque Open Space division, the Four Hills Village Association Board may perform cleaning and erosion control tasks at Manzano Open Space. Our actions would focus on goatheads and thistleweeds. However, we must receive training before we begin.

**5.I. Publications Director, Brigid Conklin.**

**5.I.1 The Summer 2021 edition of the FHVA newsletter, The Chronicle.**

We printed 2645 copies of the Summer edition of The Chronicle. Two hundred forty households received copies in the mail while 48 received the link to the pdf on the

website. In addition, Ms. Conklin sent the link to 7 new members to give them the opportunity to go paperless. But, none chose this option.

#### **5.I.2 Fall edition of The Chronicle**

All households within Four Hills Village will receive a color copy of the Fall edition of The Chronicle. Ms. Conklin needs board members' reports or articles by August 30.

#### **5.I.3 The Four Hills Village Association 2021 Directory**

This item is on the agenda under Unfinished Business (7C) but was discussed by Brigid Conklin during her report. Three hundred copies of our latest directory were printed at the printer and mailed this week to 293 members.

### **5.J. Membership Director, Marilou Cochran**

#### **5.J.1 Membership numbers.**

Marilou reported that the FHVA's current household membership has increased to 296, which includes families who are new to our neighborhood.

### **5.K. Webmaster, Howard Kimberly**

#### **5.K.1 New FHVA Registration forms/dues**

Mr. Kimberly states that he needs to place the FHVA 2022 registration forms on the website, but he is unsure of the status of dues, considering the uncertainty of the NARO ordinance. Mr. Brugge advised him to proceed as if we will be collecting dues. He states the process to approve the NARO ordinance will be a long one and neighborhood associations hope to have the issue tabled. FHVA always has the option to be recognized by Bernalillo County, which does not have rules regarding dues.

#### **5.K.2 FHVA website monthly usage statistics in the last 30 days.**

There have been 128 unique visits to [www.fhva.org](http://www.fhva.org), and 367 visits to specific pages.

#### **5.K.3 National Night Out**

Mr. Kimberly has published the NNO 2021 list of host sites with a map. Ann Harris Davidson said Mr. Kimberly has been very responsive in posting NNO updates and submissions.

#### **5.K.4 Reminder to inform the Webmaster of needed website updates.**

Howard again asked Board Members to advise him of any needed changes to the FHVA website, or of any points of interest that should be included on the website.

### **5.L. Education & Youth Affairs Director, Ian Esquibel**

Ian Esquibel was absent, but Steve Brugge provided a report.

#### **5.L.1 The FHVA Education & Youth Affairs Committee.**

This committee provides monthly opportunities for families with children to engage with each other. He posts information regarding these events on the Four Hills Family Fun section of Next Door.

#### **5.L.2 Geocaching.**

On July 17 families met to participate in a geocaching event and folks are looking forward to more family and child centered events for Four Hills families.

### **5.M. Member-At-Large, Ann Harris Davidson**

Her report will be made under Unfinished Business and New business at this meeting.

### **5.N. Past-President, Jim Cochran.** Absent; no report.

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **6.A. Membership Committee, Rusty Goetz**

### **6.A.1 Recent meeting.**

This Committee has been working to design a survey to be posted in Next Door to query potential members. Eighteen topics or questions were discussed amongst the committee. They voted on the top ten and sorted them relative to what may be important to potential members. Survey Monkey will be used to deliver the questions. A launch date for the survey has yet to be determined.

## **6.B. Education and Youth Affairs Committee, Ian Esquibel**

### **6.B.1 Connecting with local schools of choice.**

Ian is absent, but Ann Harris Davidson attended the Committee meeting held at Haley Johnson's home. An informal potluck was held to allow families an opportunity to visit. Ann Harris Davidson shared with the group that she has a link to the Head of School at the International Baccalaureate section of the New Mexico International School. He may be able to attend one of our meetings. Having the committee host information nights on local schools of choice may be a good idea.

## **7. Unfinished Business**

### **7.A. National Night Out. Ann Harris Davidson**

Ann has been working in conjunction with Bonnie Nolan-Blackledge, who is the Senior Hostess for Four Hills Neighbors. FHN used to organize the block parties, but the city started National Night Out and FHVA became involved. Ten to fifteen areas of FHV have registered parties for the NNO this year. City officials will make a point to attend the parties that are registered.

### **7.B. Explore possibility of future in-person meetings. Steve/Linda**

The Canyon Club, where we used to hold meetings, now closes at 7pm. We would need to start our meetings earlier in order to conduct and finish business by 7pm. Incorporating dinner into our meeting may even be an option. Ann Harris Davidson made a motion that we hold our meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Canyon Club at 5:30-7:00pm. Linda Martinez made the second and the motion passed unanimously. Linda will contact the Canyon Club to firm up the details.

### **7.C. 2021 Directory, Marilou/Brigid**

This topic was discussed during Brigid Conklin's report on Publications. (5.1.3)

### **7.D. Potential Recognition of contributing FHV residents, Ann**

Ann Harris opened the discussion by explaining the concept of recognizing FHV community members for their good works within our neighborhood. Ellen Lipman asked what the criteria would be for someone to receive the award. The frequency of the awards and how many folks will be recognized each time must be decided. Howard thought the criteria should be non-specific and awarded on a case-by-case basis. Steve believes that, broadly speaking, we all agree that recognizing the contributions of FHV residents to our community, regardless of their membership in FHVA, is a good idea and a positive way to promote our organization. Ann Harris Davidson made a motion to form an ad hoc committee to work out the details of regularly recognizing the contributions of FHV residents to the betterment of our neighborhood. Linda Martinez seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote. Along with Ann, Lisa, "Rusty" Goetz, and Jennifer Lopez will be on the committee.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.A. Adopt a Median**

The Adopt A Median program is under the auspices of the Keep Albuquerque Beautiful project within the Albuquerque Solid Waste Department. Steve and Ann will continue to clean up and weed around the FHVA sign and the Stone FHV sign. If we officially "Adopt a Median," we may be able to have a sign stating that FHVA has adopted a median placed at the Y. Marilou Cochran made a motion that we pursue adopting the Y median.

Brigid Conklin made the second and the motion unanimously passed. Ann will call the Solid Waste Department at 505-761-8334 to begin this process. Linda Martinez suggested calling 311 to obtain more assistance on the median process. As it will be good public relations for our neighborhood, Ann may also enlist the help of Jan DeMay, our Director of Public Relations. Obtaining more positive press on the good things happening in our neighborhood is a goal we need to continue working on.

## **9. Announcements**

### **9.A. Next meeting.**

Our next meeting will be August 17, 2021 at 5:30pm in person at the Canyon Club. Linda Martinez will confirm with the Club and send a confirmation email to the Board.

## **10. Adjournment**

Howard Kimberly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ellen Lipman seconded it and the motion passed unanimously. President Steve Brügge adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.