

Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

Minutes of the FHVA Board Meeting of September 21, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

6:30pm

1. Call to Order

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

In Attendance:

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

Directors: Marilou Cochran, Brigid Conklin, Paul Sedillo, Ian Esquibel, Jan DeMay, Lisa “Rusty” Goetz

Member-at-Large: Ann Harris Davidson

Absent:, Howard Kimberly, Abbas Akhil, and Jim Cochran

2. Approval of Agenda: Jan DeMay made a motion to approve the agenda; Ann Harris Davidson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously with no discussion.

3. Approval of the FHVA Board Meeting Minutes of the August 17, 2021:

Rusty Goetz made a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting; Ann Harris Davidson seconded the motion. The minutes of the August 2021 FHVA Board Meeting were approved unanimously. They may now be posted on the Association’s website at www.fhva.org.

4. Introduction of Guests:

Rob Grilley: Rob is a candidate for City Council District 9. This is his second time joining our meeting to observe and listen.

Renee Grout: Renee is a longtime resident of Four Hills Village who is now running to represent this area as the District 9 City Councilor.

Mary Roehrig: Mary is a resident of Four Hills Village (and the Membership Director of the Four Hills Neighbors Women’s group) who joined the meeting in order to listen to the candidates’ speeches.

Sheriff Manny Gonzales: The Sheriff is a candidate for Albuquerque mayor and joined our meeting to share his platform with us and to take questions from the Board and any guests.

Yvonne Nair: Yvonne is from Saffron Strand, a non-profit organization that is a pre-employment training center for the homeless. They are hoping to open one of their centers in our area of the city.

Richard Plank: Richard is also with Saffron Strand and shared with us how the organization works.

Maureen:

Jess:

5. Reports, as needed from Officers and Board Members

5.A. President, Steve Brügge

5.A.1 Notices from Bernalillo County

Steve received correspondence from the county. They shared the updated zoning rules for the sale of cannabis. They also shared that KAFB is in need of new generators for their nuclear facilities.

5.A.2 Traffic Study

There is no word on a date for the next meeting regarding the ongoing traffic study in Four Hills Village.

5.A.3 District 9 City Council Candidate Forum

FHVA is assisting the East Gateway Coalition in sponsoring a candidate forum via Zoom on September 30 at 5:30pm. The candidates, Rob Grilley, Renee Grout, and Byron Powdrell, will answer a series of questions. The forum will be recorded and placed on the FHVA website for ongoing access.

5.B. Vice President, Ellen Lipman

5.B.1 Correspondence from Bernalillo County

Ellen reported that she received the same notifications as Steve.

5.C. Treasurer, Linda Martinez

5.C.1 Account Balances.

Our checking account balance is \$11,131.99. The money market balance is \$23,324.08. We earned \$0.20 on September 1, 2021. Our revenue this past month was \$600.00 for advertising and \$126.60 for memberships, to include the online tests. We paid bills of \$414.24 to SurveyMonkey and of \$695.79 to AA Mobile Shredding.

5.D. Secretary, Jennifer Lopez

Thank you to all who send in their reports via email. It certainly helps to insure accuracy!

5.E. Government Affairs Director, Abbas Akhil

Due to pressing obligations in other areas of his life, Abbas has resigned from the FHVA Board.

5.F. Security Director, Paul Sedillo

Paul said he had no report, but Ann asked if he could offer any current crime statistics for our neighborhood. Paul answered that he usually does them on a quarterly basis. Rusty noted that FHV had seen 2 homes broken into and 1 truck break in within the last 2 weeks. Paul is aware of it and had already brought them up to Commander Collins.

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

Jan informed us that from August 17 to September 21 FHV real estate had the following stats:

5.G.1 Active Listings: 2 in Four Hills Village at an average of \$180.78 per sq. ft.

5.G.2 Pending Sales: 8 in Four Hills Village at an average of \$154.82 per sq. ft.

5.G.3 Closed: 8 sales completed in Four Hills Village at an average of \$16.68 sq. ft.

Jan also shared with us that within the Albuquerque metro, 250 price reductions had occurred in the last 2 weeks. It seems that home prices are beginning to level off.

5.H. Open Space Director, Rusty Goetz

5.H.1 Shred Event.

The AA Mobile Shredders truck and its operator, Clarence, showed up exactly at 9 AM. Rusty and Steve represented FHVA and helped load the numerous boxes and bags of documents into the shredding bins. These bins were then lifted into the truck and had the contents shredded on site. The truck we hired also contracts with Kirtland Base for Air Force and DOE document destruction so its shredding system meets both of their requirements. Several folks stayed to see the destruction of their records.

We counted 44 carloads before we finished up at noon. All but 8 were FHVA members. We estimated that about 15 bin-loads of paper were shredded (about 1,125 gallons). All this paper will be recycled and won't take up space in our landfill. Thanks to all who participated.

5.H.2. Fires in the Arroyos

Rusty had received a message regarding the campfires being set in the arroyos. She contacted Jim Sattler, the Assistant Open Space Director, who arranged for Open Space Police to scout Tijeras Canyon near the Four Hills Rd bridge and the Warm Sands arroyos for possible homeless encampments and campfire locations and to follow-up with whatever corrective measures are necessary.

5.H.3 Neighborhood Clean Up Day

On Saturday, September 25, residents have a choice of meeting Open Space officers either at the La Cabra entrance to the Open Space or FHVA Board members at the intersection of Winterwood Way and Four Hills Road to assist in cleaning the neighborhood and adjacent Open Space of litter and noxious weeds.

5.H.4 Heavy Rain Gravel Residue

Rusty called 311 on August 23 to report that gravel had been deposited along our interior roads after the heavy rainfall. City workers came on September 17 to clean the road.

5.I. Publications Director, Brigid Conklin

5.I.1 The Fall edition of The Chronicle, to include membership forms

Brigid thanks the board for their contributions to the newsletter. The Chronicle is at the printers. 1,155 will be printed and 1,143 will be mailed to FHV households. She will send an email with the link to the PDF as well as links to the membership form and survey to 47 "paperless" households in the hope that they feel compelled to renew and complete the survey immediately. Likewise, she will email the same links to every member for which she has an email address to make it easier for them as well.

Numerous Board members complimented Brigid on The Chronicle and said it looks better than it ever has! Ann offered her assistance to Brigid in managing membership lists for distribution of our newsletter.

5.J. Membership Director, Marilou Cochran

5.J.1 Membership numbers.

Marilou reported that the FHVA's current household membership has increased to 300.

5.J.2 Coordinating with Four Hills Neighbors.

Bonnie Nolan-Blackledge needs FHVA membership forms to distribute to new residents of FHV. She includes them as part of the new resident welcome packet. Jan had sent Bonnie an updated list of new residents and will copy the membership forms for her.

5.K. Webmaster, Howard Kimberly

Howard was attending a class and was not present. However, he sent the following report:

5.K.1 Website Traffic

Over the last 30 days, our website has had 136 unique visits and 310 page views.

5.K.2 Online Form for 2022 Membership

Development of the on-line form for 2022 membership is now complete. Board members are invited to register early. This will help verify that processes are working properly utilizing real data and real payments. The electronic membership form is available using the membership tab on the home page (<https://www.fhva.org>). Publicly announcing the on-line membership form occurs upon the release of the Fall edition of The Chronicle.

5.K.3 Pending Website Changes

Post Rusty's article from The Chronicle (summer 2021 edition).

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

5.L.1 Scheduling of Family Friendly Events

Our group decided not to attend the NM United Soccer game. A large crowd was expected to attend and social distancing would have been difficult to maintain. We will seek out other opportunities to meet.

5.L.2 APS Candidate Forum

A candidate forum will be held on September 28 at 6pm on the APS YouTube channel.

5.L.4 Opportunity for Neighborhood Science Lesson

Rusty suggested that the youth of the neighborhood could join the FHVA Clean Up day and learn about our local plant life as we clean out the noxious weeds from our Open Space on September 25.

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

5.M.1 APS Board of Education District 6 Candidate Forum

Ann reported that, on September 17, she publicized, via the Nextdoor network, the full details for the APS Board of Education Candidate Forum for the local district, including the date of this virtual meeting (September 28); the names of the three candidates, the map of the areas covered by District 6; and the link to use to observe the meeting (<https://www.aps.edu/about-us/board/school-board-member-elections>).

5.M.2 Damage to the Four Hills Arroyo

As a follow-up to her report at the August 2021 FHVA Board Meeting, Ann confirmed that the major damage (from heavy rains on August 15) to the Four Hills Arroyo behind 1509 Catron Avenue SE that she had reported to the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, and the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) on August 16, was fully repaired by August 19. (She learned that the AMAFCA claims that it has no responsibility for any of the arroyos in the Four Hills area.) Contractors completed the work correctly and, though it is not clear whether they were paid by the City or by the County, Ann thanked both our City Councilor and our County Commissioner for the responsiveness.

5.M.3 Area Codes

From October 24, 2021, it will be mandatory to use area codes when making all phone calls. The FHVA is ahead of the game, as it has systematically used the 10-digit phone numbers since the publication of its FHVA 2017 Membership Directory.

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

6. Committee Reports

6.A. Membership Committee, Rusty

6.A.1 Tasks completed at August 25 meeting

At this meeting the committee, composed of Steve, Ann, Linda, Jan, Paul, along with Lynda Hartman, with Rusty serving as chair, reworked the introduction and directions to the survey, finalized the recruitment letter, and cleaned up the membership form.

6.A.2 Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 12 during which time we will count the survey results. The Membership Committee is considering options including are to having an automatic renewal option, paying for multiple years, getting 1 year free if you pay for multiple years, and everyone getting the first year free. We will integrate written and electronic survey answers prior to the next meeting.

6.B. Education and Youth Affairs Committee, Ian

Ian's report was included in his report on 5.L.

6.C. Recognition Committee, Ann

Ann reported that the Resident Recognition Committee (composed of Brigid Conklin, Jennifer Lopez, Rusty Goetz, and Ann Harris Davidson) held its first, and useful, meeting on September 2, 2021. On September 21, Ann sent an email to the entire FHVA Board with an attachment of the minutes of that meeting, along with a summary of the parameters determined but also the issues that need to be contemplated and discussed by the full Board. Given time constraints at this meeting, the discussion and any needed votes will occur at our next Board Meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

7.A. Explore Possibility of In Person Meetings, Steve

Considering that COVID has had a 40% decrease in numbers, it may be possible for us to meet in person in October. Linda will keep in contact with the Canyon Club to ascertain what their hours of operation will be and if it will be possible for us to hold our meetings there

8. New Business

8.A. Nomination of Andrew Lipman for Government Affairs Director for the Remainder of the Term

Jennifer made the motion to nominate Andrew Lipman to fill the vacancy left by Abbas Akhil's departure as Government Affairs Director for the remainder of his term. Ann made the second and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ian asked if the Board can just appoint members. Yes, according to the bylaws, when a vacancy occurs midterm, the President may make a nomination, which is then voted on by the Board.

8.B. Election for 2022 FHVA Board Candidates Steve and Ellen

Beginning on October 1, 2021, nominations may be accepted for officers and directors of the 2022 FHVA Board. All nominees dues for 2021 and 2022 must be paid before they are nominated. Marilou Cochran shared with us that she will not be running for the Membership Director for the 2022 Board.

9. Announcements

9.A. Next meeting.

Our next meeting will be October 19, 2021. Word will be sent out when and where the meeting will take place.

10. Adjournment

Jan DeMay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Martinez seconded it and the motion passed unanimously. President Steve Brügge adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.