

# Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

## Minutes of the FHVA Board Meeting of October 19, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

6:30pm

### 1. Call to Order

President Steve Brügge opened this virtual meeting at 6:33 p.m.

### In Attendance:

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

**Directors:** Marilou Cochran, Paul Sedillo, Ian Esquibel, Jan DeMay, Lisa "Rusty" Goetz, Andrew Lipman

**Member-at-Large:** absent

**Absent:**, Howard Kimberly, Brigid Conklin, Ann Harris Davidson and Jim Cochran

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

### 3. Approval of the FHVA Board Meeting Minutes of the September 21, 2021:

Jan made a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting; Rusty seconded the motion. The minutes of the September 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:

Steve invited the local candidates in the upcoming election to sit in on our meeting. Two of them chose to join us this evening.

**Rob Grilley:** Rob is a candidate for City Council District 9. This is his third time joining our meeting to observe and listen. During the meeting, he was thanked for joining in our neighborhood cleanup on September 25. He sat in on the entirety of tonight's meeting.

**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. She was able to join us for a portion of this evening's meeting.

**Kelly Cockrell:** Kelly and her husband are new residents to Four Hills Village. She wanted to sit in on the meeting to become more familiar with what is happening in the neighborhood.

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

#### 5.A. President, Steve Brügge

##### 5.A.1 Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO)

This ordinance authored by City Councilor Isaac Benton was defeated 7-2 at the city council meeting last month. It would have restricted neighborhood associations from collecting dues from members.

##### 5.A.2 Ideas for Capital Outlay Expenditures

Steve met with Laura Rummeler, Don Harris' policy analyst. She asked Steve and the FHVA to provide her with a list of needs within our district that can be met with capital outlay monies. Resurfacing the interior roads of Four Hills Village immediately came to mind. Rusty suggested repainting the directional markings in the intersection of Tramway and Central. Also, the whole area between Tramway and the Wenonah curve needs better lighting and lane markings. And Rusty also believes the entire bus turnaround needs to be completely re-worked. Ironically, the Foothills Community Policing Council has the same idea. Rusty also wants the bike lanes to be marked. Jan suggests that we

get lights for Amistad Park as well as for Four Hills Road. However, someone believes that park is owned by the state. Laura Rummler has the idea of using these funds for the acquisition of more Open Space lands. Andrew stated that all the requests will be made through the city and that they will request the monies from the state.

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

**5.B.1** No report at this time.

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

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

Our checking account balance is \$9,156.31. The money market balance is \$23,324.31. We earned \$0.23 this month. Our revenue this past month was \$1,390.26 for memberships. Our two bills this month were \$30.96 for the supplies needed for our neighborhood cleanup and \$3,334.98 for the printing and mailing of The Chronicle.

### **5.C.2 New Bank**

Linda received notification that our bank has changed from BBVA to PNC. Our account number was changed, but our outstanding checks are still clearing and we are still receiving revenues from the old account number. Linda will call the bank to insure we can still access old records.

### **5.C.3 Tax Status**

Linda is still working on our 501c3 status. Rusty stated that in her work as Document Historian she has come across some records that may be useful to Linda in her work on our taxes.

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

No report

## **5.E. Government Affairs Director, Andrew Lipman**

### **5.E.1 Traffic Study Meeting**

The next meeting regarding the Four Hills Village traffic study will be held via Zoom on October 26 from 6-8pm. More information can be found at [cabq.gov/traffic](http://cabq.gov/traffic).

Items that need to be placed on next month's agenda for further discussion are:

### **5.E.2 NARO**

**5.E.3. Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO)** This determines how the city handles zoning issues. It can work in tandem with NARO.

### **5.E.4. Arts and Culture Festival**

The East Gateway area has a bad reputation. Bringing in positive events will bring in people, increase goodwill within the neighborhood and promote good publicity for our district. We need to do all we can to raise the visibility of the East Gateway area.

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

### **5.F.1 Shots Fired Detector**

At the previous meeting Rusty had asked about a shots fired detector in our neighborhood. Paul has found that we do have one and it has been utilized.

### **5.F.2 Mobile Substation Operation**

The 60-day operation is complete. According to Commander Collins, the operation averaged one arrest per day along with 2 or more warrant arrests per day. Jennifer asked if the Commander had said anything about more police being hired. Andrew had the idea of seeking out recruits from criminal justice classes at CNMCC. He also suggested the use of bike patrols. Paul said bike patrols are already in use in our area.

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

Jan informed us that from September 15 to October 19 FHV real estate had the following stats:

**5.G.1 Active Listings:** 3 in Four Hills Village at an average of \$182 per sq. ft.

**5.G.2 Pending Sales:** 6 in Four Hills Village at an average of \$145.71 per sq. ft.

**5.G.3 Closed:** 5 sales completed in Four Hills Village at an average of \$163.53 sq. ft.

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

### **5.H.1 Trail Map.**

If you would like to venture out on the trail, look on [cabq.gov/openspacetrailmaps](http://cabq.gov/openspacetrailmaps) to find all the information you need!

### **5.H.2 FHVA-Sponsored Fall Neighborhood Cleanup**

CABQ and Waste Management scheduled a Fall neighborhood cleanup across Albuquerque on Saturday, Sept 25, from 9-12 noon. Four Hills Village Association registered to clean Four Hills Rd from the Tijeras Canyon bridge up to the Stagecoach "Y" and both the La Cabra and Stagecoach entrances of the Manzano-Four Hills Open Space.

In a new effort to improve our neighborhood, we also linked up with the Open Space management. They sent out a couple of really good hands, Zac Darden and Illianna Hammond, to help us organize a weed pulling effort on that Saturday. Nine folks from Four Hills Village and Volterra (Ellen Lipman, Gary Peters, Jennifer Lopez, David Peters, David Melito, Rob Grilley, Mathew Allen, Jacqueline Cormier, and Rusty Goetz) helped remove and bag up tumble weeds, goat heads, and trash at the entrances and along the connecting berm trail in the Manzano-Four Hills Open Space. The team collected approximately 45 55-gallon bags of weeds which Waste Management had picked up by 2:00 that afternoon.

A second team of five from Four Hills Village, headed up by Steve Brugge, worked to cleanup Four Hills Road. Ann Harris Davidson, weeded and cleaned the Stagecoach Rd "Y" down to the Winterwood Way intersection. Steve and Janice Duis cleaned from the south side of the Four Hills Bridge up to Winterwood Way intersection. Francisco Alvarez and an unnamed partner, cleaned from the north side of the bridge up the north side of Four Hills Rd. They collected an array of trash and weeds including a shopping cart and lumber. City Waste Management also collected the trash from 2 sites along Four Hills Rd by 2 PM that day.

In addition to cleaning and weeding, Ann Harris Davidson also gave a bag of beneficial indigenous wild plant seeds that she had collected to Illianna Hammond to be planted in the Open Space.

We try to hold these cleanups twice a year in FHV. Next one will be in the Spring. We have always had fun at these events and the work of these volunteers is really valuable to all of us and our neighborhood. Thank you to all of them!

### **5.H.3 Flights Circling Over the Neighborhood**

The flights circling over Four Hills Village have started back up again. They may be Homeland Security doing surveillance. Rusty has been in contact with her contact at the Albuquerque Sunport and they will be getting back to provide more information.

### **5.H.4 KAFB Semi-Annual Environmental Meeting**

KAFB will be holding its semi-annual meeting regarding any environmental changes on October 21 from 6-8pm.

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

### **5.I.1 The Winter Chronicle**

According to the standing rules, the Winter edition of the Chronicle must include the ballot for the 2022 board. It must reach members' mailboxes by December 16. Therefore, I would appreciate you sending your reports to me by Nov 24. Linda may send hers as of Nov 30 as soon as she can.

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

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

Marilou reported that the FHVA's current household membership is now at 299. She needs to obtain a membership spread sheet from Howard.

### **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 282 unique visits and 580 page views.

#### **5.K.2 Online Registration for 2022 Membership**

On-line membership registration for 2022 became available in mid-September. There has been 63 memberships received on-line through Oct 18, 2021. I intend to meet with the principal board members related to membership sometime before the November board meeting to discuss the processes needed for handling on-line membership information and payments.

#### **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 Busy Families are Struggling to Meet**

Our events we have held have not had as large attendance as the ones we had in the Summer. Families are busy with school and sports. We are always looking for new ways to reach out to the families with children among Four Hills Village

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

Absent, excused

### **5.N. Past-President, Jim Cochran.**

Absent; no report.

## **6. Committee Reports**

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

#### **6.A.1 Survey Results**

We have had 150 online responses to our survey. Our next meeting is on October 28 at 6pm at Rusty's home for members who are vaccinated.

#### **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 is absent but provided a report. Given that the Recognition Committee's undecided items had been shared with Board Members last month, without significant input, a certain amount of Board input is still needed. The decisions regarding the Resident Recognition Awards would be best handled after the election for 2022 Board Members. Thus, the new 2022 Board Members can broach this subject next year.

## **7. Unfinished Business**

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

The Canyon Club is not open in the evenings. Therefore, we are unable to meet there and will continue meeting via Zoom.

### **7.B. Election for 2022 FHVA Board Candidates, Steve and Ellen**

Steve asked for all of us to let him know whether or not we will be seeking another term in office. We know that Paul and Marilou will be stepping down. A Call for Nominations for all offices needs to be placed on NextDoor and on our website. We have one month to get a slate of nominees.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.A. Scam Emails**

The Board has been receiving scam emails that say they are from Steve and that he is in need of funds. Please be careful and mindful of your communications. Paul suggests sending the email to your spam folder so that any subsequent emails you receive from the same sender will automatically be sent to spam.

### **8.B. Capital Outlay Ideas for FHV; Steve**

We need to maintain communication with our new city representatives once the November election is finished. Please send all your ideas for capital outlay monies to Steve.

## **9. Announcements**

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

Our next meeting will be November 16, 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

## **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 8:18 p.m.