

# Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

## Minutes of the FHVA Board Meeting of November 16, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### 1. Call to Order

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

#### In Attendance:

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

**Directors:** Marilou Cochran, Brigid Conklin, Paul Sedillo, Lisa "Rusty" Goetz, Jan DeMay,

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

**Absent:** Linda Martinez, Howard Kimberly, and Ian Esquibel

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

### 3. Approval of the FHVA Board Meeting Minutes of the October 19, 2021 Meeting:

Ellen made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting; Paul seconded the motion. The minutes of the October 2021 FHVA Board Meeting were approved unanimously with the correction of removing the hyphen from Ann Harris Davidson's name in 5.H.2. They may now be posted on the Association's website at [www.fhva.org](http://www.fhva.org).

### 4. Introduction of Guests:

**Michael and Michelle Abreu;** they are new residents to FHV who wished to observe our meeting.

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

#### 5.A. President, Steve Brügge

##### 5.A.1 DISH Cell Tower.

Steve received written correspondence noting the appearance of the new 65' cell tower that will be placed on the SE side of the golf course. DISH is raising it 10 feet from its current 55 foot height.

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

##### 5.B.1 Upcoming FHVA Board Election.

All incumbents are running except those in the offices of President, Education Director, Government Affairs Director, and Security Director. Ellen asks that if we know of any FHVA members who have an interest in their community to please ask them to run for one of these offices. Currently, we only have one person running for one of the offices. Andrew Lipman is vacating the Government Affairs Director's seat to run for President.

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

absent

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

Jennifer shared that she received a call from a FHVA member who wishes our Board would take a more active role in acting as a liaison with the city in enforcing covenants. They believe dumpsters are being left in driveways and unpermitted buildings are being constructed. Ann stated that residents need to call 311 to have inspectors dispatched to homes in question.

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

Andrew will give his report during our discussion of New Business.

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

##### **5.F.1. Statistics.**

Instances of auto burglary and theft are on the rise. Gun theft is down slightly. The use of force has significantly dropped.

##### **5.F.2. Foothills Community Policing Council.**

APD Chief Harold Medina will be attending the next FHPC meeting on December 13 from 6-8pm. Paul states that approximately 60 people were at the last meeting and encouraged us to attend. We can comment and ask questions via the Zoom chat function. Paul will send the link.

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

**5.G.1 Active Listings:** 2 in Four Hills Village at an average of \$169.94.00 per sq. ft.

**5.G.2 Pending Sales:** 8 in Four Hills Village at an average of \$168.29 per sq. ft.

**5.G.3 Closed:** 4 sales closed in Four Hills Village at an average of \$157.39 sq. ft.

There are currently 864 homes listed citywide. Last year there were over 2000 listed at this time.

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

##### **5.H.1 Removal of an Old Abandoned Campsite from the Open Space.**

One of our new FHV residents, Roland Roybal, found a large (12X10 ft) wooden platform and campsite hidden in a dell behind large rocks high up on the western slope of the Open Space behind his house on Hideaway Ln. He reported it to me, and asked how to get it removed. We again partnered with the Open Space management team and scheduled a joint effort to remove the platform and clean up the area on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021 from 10-noon.

Roland gave us permission to hike up to the site from his backyard. That saved us about a half mile hike in/out from the Open Space side. Saturday morning, a team of four from the Open Space Division, John Keliiaa (Parks Program Specialist) and his staff of Zach Darden, Dillon Cowie, and Kyle Bality joined up with a volunteer team of four from FHV; Steve Brugge, Ann Harris Davidson, David Melito, and myself. We came equipped with crowbars, power drills, heavy-duty trash bags, and fortunately, Steve brought his portable circular saw. The platform turned out to be very well built from 2X4 lumber and large plywood sheets that were screwed together. Steve and his saw were critical in breaking it down into portable pieces. The team worked to dismantle the platform and remove the really nasty screws from the wood. We also cleaned up a campfire ring and picked up cans, sheetrock pieces, and other trash. In the course of 2 hours, we all made several trips up and down the steep trail-less slope, carrying out armloads of wood and trash. The hauled-out debris completely filled the bed of one of the City's Open Space trucks.

##### **5.H.2. Tijeras Creek Cultural Corridor Open House .**

On November 6, after working on the destruction of the old campsite, Rusty attended the Open House for the Tijeras Creek Cultural Corridor Plan. It is a huge project that will cover the Tijeras Creek from San Antonio in the East Mountain area, to the Village of Tijeras, across the Carnuel Land Grant and will run between us and Rt 66, under the Four Hills Bridge to the Singing Arrow Community center and archeological site/park. It is multiyear, multi-agency effort including Bernalillo County, CABQ, Open Space, various university and water divisions, the Carnuel Land Grant governance, Tijeras Village and San Antonio Village governments and various Pueblo groups. A power point of the summary presentation has been posted to the CABQ Open Space web site.

### **5.H.3. Tijeras Arroyo Project**

The Tijeras Arroyo Project will allow Open Space officers to patrol the arroyo north of Hidden Valley for non-native vegetation and illegal encampments. This arroyo zone will provide a buffer between the city and the Four Hills neighborhoods.

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

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

Brigid reported that she has commitments for 2 full page ads and 1 half page ad for the back page. She thanks everyone who sent their articles to her early. The deadline for article submissions is November 24.

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

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

Marilou reported that the FHVA's current household membership is 300. She has received 55 hard copy renewals or new applications in the mail. She states that Howard has received 71 web-based applications.

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

### **5.K.1 Online Membership Registration.**

Online membership registration has been available since mid September. Seventy-one online memberships have been received as of November 16, 2021.

### **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 258 visits to specific pages.

### **5.K.3 Membership Payment Processes.**

The principal board members related to membership met on November 2 to discuss the processes needed for handling membership information and payments. We worked things out for the remainder of 2021 and we will update things for 2022 based upon the addition of new board members associated with membership activities.

### **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.K.5 List of Pending Website Changes.**

Rusty's article from The Chronicle (summer 2021 edition) still needs to be posted. This has been pending for so long because Howard intends to revamp the whole page, so it will be much more work than just adding one article to it.

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

Absent, no report

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

### **5.M.1 Education Outreach Activity.**

In July 2021 (and as Ann had reported at the July 15, 2021, FHVA Education & Youth Affairs Meeting), as part of the FHVA's outreach to local (free) public education schools, Ann had phoned representatives at Manzano High School, at the New Mexico International School, and at the Albuquerque School of Excellence. Mr. Todd Knouse, the

Head of the New Mexico International (k-8) School, immediately responded positively, confirming that his school, possibly in conjunction with Sandia High School (which is an International Baccalaureate high school continuation option for students from the New Mexico International School), would be interested in offering our community a public presentation about his school.

Recently, Hannah Komiske, the new Media & Community Relations Officer at the Albuquerque School of Excellence, followed up, asking to meet. Ann advised our FHVA Education & Youth Affairs Director Ian Esquibel (by a voicemail and a text) about the contact from Ms Komiske, with the possibility of a meeting. On not hearing back from Ian, Ann and FHVA President Steve Brugge arranged to meet with Ms Komiske at the Albuquerque International School on November 10, 2021. It was a productive meeting that included a tour of the school. That school is a free public charter school (with its charter granted by the New Mexico State PED), is the closest school to Four Hills Village, has new facilities (which have all been constructed within the last decade), and is a k-12 school. Ms Komiske is keen to give a public presentation, possibly in February 2022 (and possibly, COVID situation dependent, at the school itself), to inform residents of Four Hills Village, and of other East Gateway neighborhoods, about that school. We shall follow up on this contact and proposal.

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

## **6. Committee Reports**

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

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

After 6 months of preparation by this committee, a survey was sent out to the FHVA membership via Survey Monkey. Our two goals were to 1) question the FHV residents as to their needs and what they hoped the Board would accomplish and 2) to set the goals for the incoming Board. One hundred sixty responses were received. We are in the process of creating a master spreadsheet of the results. The preliminary results show that FHV residents who are 70 and older are more concerned with safety and the high number of homeless in the area. Our younger residents are more concerned with traffic, obtaining sidewalks, becoming more familiar with area schools, and maintaining the Open Space. Please see attachments to these minutes for more in-depth information.

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

Ian is absent. Ann provided a report regarding education, which is noted under 5.M.1

### **6.C. Recognition Committee, Ann**

As was reported at the October 2021 FHVA Board Meeting, input from Board Members is required on a number of issues that relate to the nature and frequency of recognition for the volunteer work that is done for the betterment of Four Hills Village by our residents. However, it was decided that issues relating to the planning of the FHVA's end-of-year annual election and the January 2022 FHVA Annual general Meeting need to take precedence. Thus, discussions about FHVA's Resident Recognition Awards will resume from February 2022, once the new FHVA Board Members are installed.

## **7. Unfinished Business**

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

Our monthly meetings will remain on Zoom considering the Club closes at 6 on Tuesdays due to low staff numbers. After much discussion, to include the fact that Four Hills Neighbors will be holding their quarterly luncheon at the Club, Steve asked Jan to inquire about the possibility that we hold our Annual General Meeting in person at the Club. It is tentatively scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in January.

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

We currently have no candidates for Education, Security, or Government Affairs Directors. Please comb through your contacts to see if we can find some volunteers to serve our community.

#### **7.C. Capital Outlay Thoughts, Steve**

The ideas brought to the table so far are improving our streets and to create more green space within our neighborhood for families with children to have a space to be able to gather.

### **8. New Business**

#### **8.A. Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO), Andrew**

The IDO replaces the current City of Albuquerque zoning laws. There are 50 proposed changes. The East Gateway Coalition is keeping abreast of the progress of this ordinance.

#### **8.B. Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance. (NARO), Andrew**

The revision of the NARO has been tabled.

#### **8.C. Neighborhood Arts Festival, Andrew**

The Singing Arrow Arts Festival is in the planning stages and has the support of David Simon, the Director of Parks and Recreation Department. Andrew is asking the FHVA Board for an expression of support towards the city's efforts in bringing this arts festival to Singing Arrow Park. At least 2 members of the Board wanted to insure that all cultures can be represented. Andrew Lipman made a motion that the FHVA Board will provide an expression of support towards the city's efforts in bringing the arts festival to Singing Arrow Park. Jennifer Lopez made the second and the motion carried.

#### **8.D. Planning for 2022 Annual Meeting, Steve**

Discussion was had as to whether or not it is too early to inquire about the availability of the Club for our Annual General Meeting. The COVID numbers are still rising and the ability to hold large gatherings is not guaranteed. The majority of Board members believe it is best to be prepared and have to cancel the in-person gathering than to be allowed to hold it and have no availability. Andrew made a motion to inquire as to the availability and what it will take to hold the room for our Annual General Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of January 2022. Ann made the second and the motion carried. Jan Demay will make the inquiries.

#### **8.E. Co-Sharing Board Positions**

Jan DeMay made the motion to allow Board positions to be shared by two people. She noted that her position of Public Relations and Real Estate is quite broad and she would like to bring her son on as an assistant. Marilou Cochran made the second. A very robust discussion was had. Rusty and Ann pointed out that most Board members perform multiple tasks and hold several responsibilities and are certainly able to ask another member or resident to assist them in any given task or project. They do not believe it is necessary to have 2 people for 1 office. The clarification was made that the position would still only have one vote even though 2 people held the office. A debate centered around whether or not the decision would be conveyed to all positions. Could the presidency have 2 people serving in that one position? Ann stated that the point is not ambiguous and believes we must follow Robert's Rules of Order. She says only 1 person runs and only 1 person can win an election. A vote was held on the motion. The motion failed with only 4 voting for it (Steve, Jan, Jennifer, and Marilou) and the other 6 voting no.

### **9. Announcements**

#### **9.A. Forgotten Points.**

- Rusty states that Open Space will be buying the property under the Four Hills Bridge.
- Carnuel will be getting hooked up to city water.
- Steve will be hosting the East Gateway Coalition meeting via Zoom this Thursday.

#### **9.B. Next Meeting.**

Our next meeting will be December 21, 2021 via Zoom at 6:30.

## **10. Adjournment**

Marilou made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brigid seconded it and the motion passed unanimously. President Steve Brügge adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.