

Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

Minutes of the FHVA Board Meeting of December 21, 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, Linda Martinez, and Jennifer Lopez

Directors: Brigid Conklin, Lisa "Rusty" Goetz, and, Marilou Cochran, Andrew Lipman

Member-at-Large: absent

Absent: Ann Harris Davidson, Jan DeMay, Paul Sedillo, Howard Kimberly, Ian Esquibel and Jim Cochran

2. Approval of Agenda: Brigid made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Steve adding a discussion regarding the FHV Annual Christmas Light Competition under Section 8A; Linda seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously with no discussion.

3. Approval of the FHVA Board Meeting Minutes of the November 16, 2021:

Linda made a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting and Rusty seconded the motion. The minutes of the November 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:

Colleen Aycok: Colleen is the founder of Women Taking Back Our Neighborhood (WTBON). She shared that her group of approximately 70 members works with local LEO, DA, and AG offices to clean up Central Avenue from Tramway to Nob Hill. She shared stories of successes and challenges regarding the drug traffic and homelessness at the Tramway and Central area. She and her group are looking for volunteers to help with their efforts at cleaning up this area. Colleen stated that most of the members of WTBON are residents of Four Hills Village and that the organization wishes to have a relationship with FHVA. Rusty stated that some of the areas in question are owned by the State. She asked Colleen, along with any other Board members, if they are in possession of minutes from 2017-2019 that would document past work done with state and city entities regarding the homeless and drug situation. Steve will share Colleen's and Sharon's emails with the Board.

Sharon Alexander: She is also a member of WTBON and collaborates with Colleen. She has worked specifically with the Alon gas station at Tramway and with the business owners in the Four Hills Shopping Center.

Renee Grout: Renee won the election for District 9 City Council Representative. She states she is looking forward to working with us and learning the needs of our community.

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

5.A. President, Steve Brügge

5.A.1 Thank You.

Recognizing that he will be leaving as President at the end of the calendar year, Steve thanked the Board for serving with him.

5.A.2 Zoom Account.

The Zoom account we use for our monthly meetings renews on January 29, 2022. Steve had paid for it but will use the FHVA debit card to pay the \$149.70 fee to renew it for FHVA for next year.

5.B. Vice President, Ellen Lipman

5.B.1 Community Policing Council.

Ellen, along with Jennifer and Andrew, attended the December CPC meeting via Zoom. It is apparent to all that APD is shorthanded.

5.C. Treasurer, Linda Martinez:

5.C.1 Account Balances.

The revenue from 11/15/21-12/19/21 is \$966.76. Revenue from membership is \$566.76. Revenue from advertising is \$400.00. Our The FHVA checking account balance is \$11,034.80. The only bill that was paid from this account in December was a donation to a family in need for \$500.00. Our Money Market account has \$23,324.65 and earned interest payment of \$0.19.

5.D. Secretary, Jennifer Lopez

5.D.1. CPC Meeting.

Jennifer found it interesting that all calls, whether to 911, 311, or 242-COPS, are all answered by the same dispatchers, but just prioritized differently. Linda suggested that she and Jennifer visit the dispatch center. Rusty suggested that after their visit Jennifer and Linda should write an article for the Chronicle sharing how the different call systems work.

5.E. Government Affairs Director, Andrew Lipman

5.E.1. Thank You.

Andrew wants to officially thank Steve for all his work and contributions to the neighborhood during his tenure as President.

5.E.2. City Council Transition.

During the first part of January, Andrew will meet with the Laura Rummier, the outgoing District 9 policy analyst, Renee Grout, the new District 9 Councilor, and her new policy analyst, to ensure a smooth transition and flow of information regarding ongoing projects that effect FHV. Marilou wondered if Steve should be at these meetings, considering he does not hand over his office until the 3rd week of January. Steve reminded us that technically, his term is over December 31 even though the public handing over of the gavel does not occur until the Annual General Meeting the 3rd week of January.

5.F. Security Director, Paul Sedillo

Absent, no report.

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

She is traveling, but emailed her report to Steve, who reported the following:
As of the last 30 days, the real estate numbers are as follows:

5.G.1 Active Listings: 5 in Four Hills Village at an average of \$167.66 per sq. ft.

5.G.2 Pending Sales: 8 in Four Hills Village at an average of \$167.72 per sq. ft.

5.G.3 Closed: 3 sales closed in Four Hills Village at an average of \$170.25 sq. ft.

Potential buyers are asking about the uptick in crime in Four Hills Village.

The group, Women Taking Back Our Neighborhood, is teaming with Nob Hill to obtain federal funds for all of Rt. 66 that can focus on crime prevention.

5.H. Open Space Director, Rusty Goetz

5.H.1 Dissolution of Open Space Trust Fund.

The December 21, 2021 edition of the Albuquerque Journal had an article stating that Councilor Don Harris sponsored a bill that will dissolve the Open Space Trust Fund that has been in place for 39 years. 75% of the fund's \$12 million principal will be used on the West Side. The Open Space Advisory Board did not know about the bill until they read it in the newspaper. Councilor Isaac Benton tried unsuccessfully to delay the vote so that further study could take place.

5.I. Publications Director, Brigid Conklin

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

Brigid printed 290 copies of The Chronicle and mailed 271 copies. She emailed the link to 22 2022 members and to 47 2021 households who had not yet renewed their membership. Steve suggested that we post on Next Door and Facebook for residents to be on the lookout for their copy to appear in the mail or online. Some Board members are having difficulty opening the link.

5.J. Membership Director, Marilou Cochran

5.J.1 Membership Total.

As of December 19, 2021 we have 158 members for the 2022 calendar year.

5.K. Webmaster, Howard Kimberly

5.K.1 Website Traffic.

Over the last 30 days, our website has had 101 unique visits and 210 page views.

5.K.2 Online Membership.

Online membership for 2022 became available mid-September. There have been 78 memberships received online through December 16. For the latest mailing, I provided to Brigid on December 7 a spreadsheet with 76 online members.

5.K.3 Pending Website Changes.

Post Rusty's article from The Chronicle (Summer 2021 edition). This has been pending so long because I intend to revamp the whole page, so it will be much more work than just adding one article to it. I hope to get to this early 2022.

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

5.L.1 Absent, no report.

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

5.M.1 absent (emergency) no report

5.N. Past-President, Jim Cochran.

Absent, no report.

6. Committee Reports

6.A. Membership Committee, Rusty Goetz

6.A.1 Survey of FHV.

The Board has the results of the survey, and it is up to the new Board and its President if they want the committee to continue its work in 2022.

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

6.B.1 absent.

6.C. Recognition Committee, Ann

6.C.1. absent

7. Unfinished Business

7.A. Explore possibility of future in-person meetings, Steve Brugge

He does not think it is prudent to place an at-risk population all in one room.

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

Steve will solicit the help of an outside observer to assist in the counting of votes.

7.C. Capital Outlay Thoughts, Steve

Andrew spoke to Laura Rummier, who stated that our Capital Outlay requests have been submitted. Street improvements in District 9 are part of that request. She suggested that we add the landscaping of the NW corner of Tramway and Central to our request.

7.D. Planning for the 2022 Annual General Meeting. Steve

Rusty made a motion that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) be conducted via Zoom, and when COVID restrictions allow, to have a social gathering of FHVA membership to discuss our accomplishments and to hear concerns of members. Andrew provided the second and the motion carried. Steve will send out invitations for the AGM to local politicians. Brigid made a motion that the AGM be held at 10am on the morning of January 22, 2022. Ellen made the second and the motion carried. Steve, Ellen, Andrew, and Rusty will constitute a committee that will plan the AGM.

8.A. FHVA Annual Christmas Light Contest.

Andrew made a motion that \$50 gift cards be purchased for the top 3 winners of the FHVA Annual Christmas Light Contest. Brigid made the second and the motion carried. Jennifer will check with the Canyon Club to see if non-members can utilize a gift card.

9. Announcements

9.A. Next meeting.

Our next meeting will be January 18, 2022 at 6:30pm via Zoom. The Annual General Meeting will be January 22, 2022 at 10am via Zoom.

10. Adjournment

Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ellen seconded it and the motion passed unanimously. President Steve Brügge adjourned the meeting at 7:58