

# Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

## Minutes of the FHVA Board Meeting of January 18, 2022

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### 1. Call to Order

President Steve Brugge called this virtual meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### In Attendance:

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

**Directors:** Brigid Conklin, Lisa "Rusty" Goetz, Jan DeMay, Marilou Cochran, Kelly Cockrell (newly elected Membership Director), and Andrew Lipman (President-Elect)

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

**Absent:** Howard Kimberly, Paul Sedillo, Ian Esquibel

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Linda made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Ann, as the outgoing Member-At-Large, providing a final report on her ongoing projects, as well as Andrew providing a report regarding his recent meeting with our newly elected City Councilor. These will be discussed under Agenda Item 7. Our guest will also be introduced. After these additions to the agenda, Ellen seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously with no discussion.

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

Andrew made a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting and Jan seconded the motion. The minutes of the December 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 New Members, Steve

**4.A.** Steve thanked returning Board members for continuing to serve their neighborhood. He introduced new Board members: Andrew Lipman, moving from Government Affairs Director to President, Kelly Cockrell is our new Membership Director, and James DeMay will serve as the Public Relations and Real Estate Director.

**4.B. Introduction of Guests: Dorothy Stermer:** Dorothy is a long time resident of Four Hills Village and is interested in what is going on in our neighborhood. She is also the District 9 Representative for the Public Arts Board. **James DeMay** is in attendance shadowing Jan DeMay in preparation to take her spot on the Board upon the announcement of new officers at the January 22, 2022 Annual General Meeting.

### 5. Update on Holiday Light Contest, Steve

The 3 winning homes of the 2021 FHVA Holiday Light Contest were 1405 Soplo, 1525 Bush Court, and 904 Cuatro Cerros. They were each given a \$50 gift card to the Canyon Club. Jennifer Lopez obtained permission from Brian Dees, the Canyon Club General Manger, to award the cards to FHV residents who may not be members of the Canyon Club.

### 6. Reports of Election Results, Steve

Bob Martinson from Coronado Terrace HOA served as an objective party and assisted Steve in counting the ballots from the FHVA election. Since Steve is not seeking another term in any office, he served as the Election Manager. Not all ballots had a vote for each office, thus the votes were not all equal. All offices received between 64-66 votes. There were no contested positions. Security, Government Affairs, and Education Director positions are all still open. Considering that the survey results placed security as the top concern of FHV residents, Steve believes we really need to work on finding a Security Director.

## **7.A. Final Plans for the 2022 Annual General Meeting, Steve and All**

A few members of the FHVA Board met on January 14 to plan the agenda for the Annual General Meeting which will be held via Zoom at 10am on January 22, 2022. Three elected officials, Renee Grout, Meredith Dixon, and Charlene Pyskoty will be speaking. Steve plans on placing all pertinent FHVA documents, such as our financials and the minutes from the 2021 Annual General Meeting online prior to the meeting. This will allow members to peruse them prior to the meeting.

## **7.B. Ann Harris Davidson's Wrap-Up Report. Ann**

### **1. Details for the appropriate conduct of FHVA's annual ballots and elections.**

I request that my email ("Who's the boss? :-) / FHVA annual election procedures, for the next election", with its two attachments) that was sent to all outgoing and incoming FHVA Board Members on January 13, 2022, be stored with documents that pertain to FHVA's annual elections, as it clarifies that, as is the case for the elections for the U.S. President, there is a gap of several weeks between the election and the "inauguration".

### **2. Clarification of the Standing Rules.**

As I indicated in my email of January 15, 2022 (in response to FHVA President Steve Brugge circulating his proposed agenda for the January 18, 2022 monthly FHVA Board Meeting), a small clarification of wording in the FHVA's Standing Rules is needed and could be voted on immediately. Given the opportunity, I would have moved to adjust the Standing Rules as follows:

#### **Section X.E.6 of the FHVA's Standing Rules:**

*"Winning [election] candidates shall be notified and asked to attend the January FHVA Board Meeting for the purpose of installing **introducing** the newly elected officers. The outgoing President shall formally present the election results at the Annual General Meeting later in January and then, barring any controversy, shall cede control of the meeting to the newly elected president, who will then introduce **and officially install** the other incoming Officers and Directors and lead the Annual General Meeting."*

The existing wording of the approved FHVA's Standing Rules is in black ink, with the proposed change and addition in red ink.

### **3. Adopt-a-Median Program follow-up.**

When, in early 2021, it was noted that the City had posted a sign that the Canyon Club had officially adopted the median at the north end of Four Hills Road, the FHVA Board voted in 2021 to participate in the City of Albuquerque's Adopt-a-Median program, specifically by adopting the "Y" intersection at the entrance to Four Hills Village. However, the City's Solid Waste Department had just suspended its Adopt-a-Median program (under its "Keep Albuquerque Beautiful" program, 505-761-8334); so, follow-up with this Solid Waste Department program is needed to fulfill the FHVA Board's vote for planned action.

### **4. Outreach to local public and public charter schools / Community Education Information Meetings.**

The FHVA started to reach out to local public and public charter schools, notably when Ann and Steve met with Hannah Komiske at the Albuquerque School of Excellence on November 10, 2021, and in Ann's telephone conversations with our District 6 Board of Education Member Josefina E. Dominquez and with administrators at Manzano High (assigned school), Sandia High (IB option), and at the k-8 Albuquerque International School. Pre-Omicron, it was expected that the Albuquerque School of Excellence might give a public presentation in February 2022; this will now not be possible but the contacts and process should not be dropped.

### **5. The City's Traffic Studies in Four Hills Village.**

The FHVA should try to be as proactive as possible in relaying information about the Traffic Studies, rather than leaving residents to query the status on the Nextdoor communication channel (as happened in late December 2021) and to make their own follow-up calls (which thus appear to lessen the need, use, and value of the FHVA).

### **6. Free Albuquerque bus rides (regular transit, ART, and SunVan) in 2022.**

There may be opportunities to negotiate with the City Transit authorities about the possibility of some shuttle bus use between the Four Hills Village and Four Hills Shopping Center (Smith's and Singing Arrow Community Center), both to reduce private car use to the shopping center and to facilitate and encourage use of buses by residents of Four Hills Village.

### **7.B. Meeting with City Councilor Renee Grout. Andrew**

Andrew met at the Singing Arrow Community Center with newly elected City Councilor Renee Grout and her policy analyst. Dorothy Stermer, a longtime FHV resident, also attended the meeting. Andrew shared that Dorothy has expressed an interest in serving as our Government Affairs Director. Andrew gave Councilor Grout a copy of the FHVA survey results with the hope that she will use the information in crafting bills and acquiring funds for our neighborhood. Andrew asked Councilor Grout to follow up on the traffic study completed in FHV as well as the arts festival to be held at Singing Arrow Park.

### **8. Announcements/Next Meeting, Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Rusty asked all of us to provide her hard copies of our files for the historical record. Our next monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 6:30 via Zoom.

### **9. Adjournment.**

At 7:20 Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andrew made the second and the motion passed unanimously.