

Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

Minutes of the FHVA Board Meeting of February 15, 2022

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

6:30pm

1. Call to Order

President Andrew Lipman called this virtual meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

Officers: Andrew Lipman, Ellen Lipman, Linda Martinez, and Jennifer Lopez

Directors: Brigid Conklin, Lisa "Rusty" Goetz, James DeMay, Kelly Cockrell

Immediate Past President: Steve Brügge

Sub Committee Member: Ann Harris Davidson

Absent: Howard Kimberly

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

3. Approval of the FHVA Board Meeting Minutes of the January 18, 2022:

Ellen made a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting and Brigid seconded the motion. The minutes of the January 2022 FHVA Board Meeting were approved unanimously. They may now be posted on the Association's website at www.fhva.org.

4. Introduction of Guests, Andrew

Our City Councilor, Renee Grout, and her policy analyst, Rachel Miller, joined us. Councilor Grout shared that the list of expenditures approved by the legislature has been emailed to her. Also, help from constituents is required for a Clean Up day at Juan Tabo and Central on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 8am. On February 16 she will be meeting with the presidents of the neighborhood associations in District 9 to learn the concerns and goals they have for their neighborhoods.

5. Reports, as needed from Officers and Board Members

5.A. President, Andrew Lipman

5.A.1. Singing Arrow Community Center Ribbon Cutting.

Along with Councilor Grout and other city officials, Andrew attended the Ribbon Cutting of the Singing Arrow Community Center. He was asked to speak and in doing so, shared the value the center will have to our entire Four Hills community.

5.A.2. Clean Up Help for FHV Homeowner.

A homeowner in FHV was receiving complaints regarding the state of her yard. She had begun work in redesigning and reworking the yard but needed some assistance to complete the job. Thus, on February 12 some neighbors, to include some of our Board members, organized a clean-up day to help her in her efforts.

5.A.3. Announcements Emailed to General Membership.

Andrew frequently receives emails from the city and county informing him of various programs and meetings. He wonders if it would be useful for all FHVA members to receive these notifications. The Board agreed to let him use his judgement in which ones to share with the general membership. He will forward those to Kelly who will then forward them to the full membership.

5.B. Vice President, Ellen Lipman

No report needed.

5.C. Treasurer, Linda Martinez

5.C. 1. Account Balances.

The checking account balance is \$13,534.47. The Money Market balance is \$23,325.05 with an interest payment of \$.20. Our revenue from January 1 - February 15, 2022 was \$900.00 from advertising and \$1378.37 from membership dues. Our expenses were \$150.00 for the gift cards awarded to the 3 winners of our Annual Christmas Light Contest. Rusty made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Brigid made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

5.D. Secretary, Jennifer Lopez

5.D.1. Annual Report of Recognized Neighborhoods.

The report was completed by Jennifer and sent to Bernalillo County on January 31, 2021.

5.E. Public Relations/Real Estate. James DeMay

5.E.1. Real Estate Stats

Currently, there is 1 house for sale in Four Hills Village at a price of \$188/sf. Four homes have a sale pending at an average price of \$182/sf. Seven homes closed this past month at an average price of \$187/sf.

5.E.2 Marketing Strategy.

Andrew wants Kelly and James to work together to develop a marketing strategy using social media to increase our membership. It should focus on the benefits of membership and how being a member funds the activities that improve our neighborhood. Kelly will create a Googledocs that all Board members can share what they believe are the benefits of membership. Ann and Rusty both shared that that information probably has already been acquired through a previous survey and they will share it with Kelly and James.

5.F. Open Space, Rusty Goetz

5.F.1. New Maps

Rusty emailed Open Space division to ask for new maps of recently purchased Open Space property. The Koinona Church recently sold their property to the Open Space Division and we would like updated maps showing that property, along with the Tijeras Creek Cultural Creek Corridor lands and the Four Hills/Open Space properties.

5.F.2. FHVA Website.

Rusty will work with Howard to update the Open Space section of the FHVA website.

5.G. Publications, Brigid Conklin

5.G.1. Spring Chronicle.

Brigid asks that we all have our articles for the upcoming edition of The Chronicle submitted to her by February 28. She already has commitments for 3 ads.

5.G.2 Delay Publication.

Rusty asked if we can delay the publication of the upcoming newsletter until after the Traffic Study meeting that will be held on March 1. Information from that meeting can then be published and viewed by the entire membership. Brigid agreed to delay the publishing of the newsletter.

5.H. Membership, Kelly Cockrell

5.H.1. Membership Stats

Kelly reports that we have had 19 new or renewed members pay their dues since our last meeting.

5.I. Webmaster, Howard Kimberly

5.I.1 Appreciation

Howard has an ongoing class he attends that happens to be during our meeting time. However, Andrew wishes to voice his appreciation for Howard's work. Our website has never looked better and Howard is very responsive and quick in placing new items on the site.

5.J. Security, Open

5.J. 1. Possible Candidate

The position is open, but Andrew states we have a woman in the neighborhood, Sherelle Braddock, who is interested in volunteering to serve as our Security Director. Ann had talked to her and convinced her that she may be a good fit for the position. After a brief discussion regarding her participation on the Foothills Community Policing Council, all agreed that we would vote on her placement on the Board next month.

5.K. Government Affairs, Open

5.K.1 Whether or not to fill this position

This position is currently vacant, but Andrew is very active in local government and is able to keep the FHVA Board informed of government actions that will effect our neighborhood.

5.K.2. Homeless

Andrew attended the last CPC meeting. The Assistant Director of Family Services, an executive from Barrett House, and Commander Collins all spoke regarding services and actions being taken to assist the homeless in our community. That includes vouchers which are given out by Barrett House. Five motels in District 9 accept the vouchers.

5.K.3 East Gateway Coalition

Andrew, who is the Vice President of the East Gateway Coalition, will attend their meeting on Thursday, February 17.

5.K.4 Road Improvements

Andrew met with Representative Meredith Dixon and City Councilor Renee Grout regarding the \$250,000 allotted to us for improving the roads in Four Hills Village. Apparently, the plan to put slurry seal on the main roads within Four Hills Village and put in bike paths. Rusty, our resident geologist, stated that some of our roads are failing and just putting slurry seal on them will be a waste of money. However, asphalt will cost millions. Rusty believes only 20% of our roads need asphalt. Andrew hopes that between the Traffic Study and the legislative dollars, we will be able to sneak in the needed asphalt.

5.L. Education and Youth Affairs Director—Open

6. Committee Reports

6.A. Membership, Kelly

6.A.1 Shredding of Documents, Rusty

Rusty, the previous Chairperson of the Membership Committee, has gone through all of FHVA's documents and has organized them sequentially. She asked if we can shred the architectural review documents, as they are irrelevant now. Jennifer made a motion to shred those documents and Steve made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

6.A.2 The Chronicle

The question was posed why old articles of The Chronicle are not archived on the website. Brigid answered that they are on the website on their own tab. The most current issue is hidden, as receiving The Chronicle is a benefit of membership.

6.A.3 Historian

Andrew asked Rusty to be the Historian. She deferred to Ann. Ann said she will collaborate with Rusty and between the 2 of them they will form a Historian SubCommittee.

6.A.4. Membership Committee

Rusty will now officially close down the 2021 Membership Committee and hand it over to Kelly and James. Andrew states that a goal of this committee should be discovering why are FHV residents choosing not to join. Kelly and James need to work on expanding membership.

6.B Standing Rules Revision Committee, Steve

6.B.1 Forming the Committee

Steve explained the difference between the Bylaws and the Standing Rules, stating that Standing Rules often need to be revised. Ann reminded us that it is in the Bylaws to review the Standing Rules on a yearly basis. Steve made a motion to form a committee to review and possibly revise the Standing Rules. Linda Martinez made the second and the motion unanimously passed.

7. Unfinished Business

7.A. Traffic Study

Andrew asked that we all attend the Traffic Study meeting being held virtually via Microsoft Teams on March 1 at 6pm. He states we need a robust community presence so that there is agreement as to the actions being taken, unlike when the speed bumps were installed.

7.B Multicultural Arts Festival (Summerfest)

It is Andrew's hope that the Arts Festival will be held at Singing Arrow Park in the Summer as a mini Summerfest. He believes that holding such a prominent city-sanctioned event can only improve the image of East Central Corridor. Rusty shared that the Tijeras Creek Cultural Group is looking to advertise the cultural aspects of their group and that we can possibly work with them on promoting the Arts Festival.

7.C. Additions to the List

Rusty reminded us of the committee, Recognition of Four Hills Village Neighbors, that was formed last year. James will chair this committee and Jennifer said she is still willing to help with this project. Also, Ann reminded all of us, to include Councilor Grout, that Four Hills Village is trying to Adopt a Median at the Y. We need to continue our work in wrapping up this project. Andrew asked that these 2 projects be put on next month's agenda under Unfinished Business.

8. New Business

8.A. National Night Out 2022

NNO is always held the 1st Tuesday in August. Registration is now open. Each area within a neighborhood that is hosting a party must register. Ann will coordinate this event, along with the Four Hills Neighbors.

8.B Next Meeting-day, time, location??

Andrew would like to go back to in-person meetings ASAP and to possibly hold them at the Singing Arrow Community Center. Ann pointed out that we started Zoom meetings when Covid cases were at 200 per day and we are currently at 700 per day. Thus, she believes it is too soon to resume in-person meetings. Kelly states that Zoom is an equalizer and allows everyone to attend. For these reasons, Andrew states the March meeting will be via Zoom. Also, when we do go back to in-person meetings, some Board members thought we should continue to utilize the Canyon Club as our meeting site, as it is in Four Hills Village and that is the neighborhood we represent.

8.C. Member-At-Large

In the process of all the conversations during this meeting, Ann has been placed on 3 sub committees—National Night Out, Historian, and Standing Rules Revision. Upon realizing this, Rusty recommended that Ann be made an official Member-At-Large. Linda Martinez made a motion to make that happen and Steve made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Announcements/Next Meeting, Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

9. Adjournment.

At 8:15 Linda made a motion that we adjourn, Steve made the second and the motion carried.

