

# Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

## Minutes of the FHVA Board Meeting of May 17, 2022

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

6:33pm

### 1. Call to Order

President Andrew Lipman opened this virtual meeting at 6:33 p.m.

### In Attendance:

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

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

**Immediate Past President:** Steve Brügge,

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

**Absent:** Howard Kimberly (excused, as he attends a class)

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

### 3. Approval of the FHVA Board Meeting Minutes of the April 19, 2022 Meeting:

Ann made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2022 meeting; Linda seconded the motion. The minutes of the April 2022 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:

**4.A. Katherine Johnson** is new to the area and wants to become more familiar with the FHVA.

**4.B. Rachel Miller** is Councilor Grout's policy analyst and is present to answer any questions we may have regarding potential actions by the City Council. She states that Councilor Grout is absent due to her husband suffering a heart attack this past week.

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

#### 5.A. President, Andrew Lipman

##### 5.A.1 East Gateway Coalition and District 9 Coalition Meeting.

Andrew will attend this meeting on May 19 during which time the bylaws of this organization will hopefully be ratified. NARO will also be discussed.

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

5.B. No report.

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

5.C. The checking account has a balance of \$13,152.12. Our revenue from April 18-May 17 was \$23.97. No bills were due this month. Our money market balance is \$23,325.62. We earned \$.20 interest.

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

5.D. Jennifer will make a report under Committee Reports.

## **5.E. Public Relations & Real Estate Director, James DeMay.**

**5.E.1. Active Listings:** 3 in Four Hills Village at \$195.55 per sq. ft.

**5.E.2. Pending Sales:** 4 in Four Hills Village at an average of \$187.84 per sq. ft.

**5.E.3. Closed:** 1 in the last 3 days at an average of \$210.22/sf

Some Board members expressed concerns over homes that have been vacant for months. They provide opportunities for squatters to take residence. James said he will check on their status.

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

### **5.F.1. E Bikes**

E Bikes are not permitted in the Open Space.

### **5.F.2. FHV Fire Risk and Hazards**

The Forest Service has closed the Cibola National Forest until the end of the year due to the high fire danger. In walking FHV, Rusty observed that many of the yards have dead grass and trees. At the very least, we should send out a mass email to residents regarding making their yards less of a fire risk. Rusty will draft a letter of information that can be disseminated via email, NextDoor and Facebook.

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

### **5.G.1 Summer Edition of The Chronicle.**

We have commitments for 3 full page ads. Please have articles to Brigid by May 27.

## **5.H. Membership Director, Kelly Cockrell.**

### **5.H.1 New Members.**

She received 1 application for membership this last month. We now have 256 members.

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

Howard attends a class during our meeting time, but he sent the following report.

### **5.I.1 FHVA Website Monthly Usage Statistics in the last 30 days.**

There have been 257 unique visits to [www.fhva.org](http://www.fhva.org), and 493 page views.

### **5.I.3 Home Page and Logo**

The home page now has Kelly's new FHVA logo. Thanks Kelly!

### **5.I.4. Contacts Page**

The Contacts page has been updated. Many outdated links were removed.

### **5.I.5. Agenda and Minutes Page**

The Agenda and Minutes page has been updated. There are a few missing items that appear in black. If someone can dig up any of those (e.g., out of old emails), please send them to Howard and he will post them. Also, Howard typically only receives a draft agenda for a board meeting. He proposes that he be sent a final agenda to archive after each board meeting, similar to him being sent the minutes once approved at the following board meeting. It is best if updates are sent directly to him stating that they should be posted to the website (since it is difficult for him to discern changes that may be buried in email chains).

## **5.J. Security Director, Open**

### **5.J.1. Still Open, but FHV Resident Forwards Information from CPC**

The position of Security Director is still open, however, Chyraelle Braddock has been attending the CPC meetings and has forwarded the following information to Andrew. Activities involving crime, cartels, and fentanyl are on the increase in Albuquerque. The FBI's Albuquerque office is looking for people to apply to the FBI Citizen's Academy.

## **5.K. Government Affairs, Open**

## **5.L. Education Director, Open**

## **5.M. Steve Brugge, Past President**

### **5.M.1. Mid Century Modern (MCM) Architecture**

Kimberly Roth, a promoter of MCM architecture, has a large art installation in her driveway that we should all go peruse. We are a MCM neighborhood and maybe we should tout this attribute to help promote FHV.

## **5.N. Ann Harris Davidson, Member At Large**

**5.N.1. La Luz de Amistad Park.** Ann reported that the correct name for the park at the intersection of Central Avenue/Rt.66 and Tramway is La Luz de Amistad Park, though it gets misnamed "Bicycle Park" because, as Ann had detailed in her article about this park in the Fall 2021 edition of The Chronicle, the sign with the park's name has been missing from the park for nearly eight years. More crucially, some believe that the park is not under the jurisdiction of the City of Albuquerque, as it does not appear in the maps that the City's Department of Parks and Recreation produces. However, the MRWM company of landscape architects indicates on its website (at <https://www.mrwmla.com/la-luz-de-amistad-park>) that, in 2010, it was paid by the City of Albuquerque to redesign and rebuild this park. It is definitely a City park and is believed to be under the control of the City's Solid Waste Department. In any event, we ask that someone in the City government should get the sign with the park's name reinstalled. Councilor Grout's Policy Analyst Rachel Miller asked if Ann would email more details to her.

**5.N.2. Yard Habitat Certification.** Ann announced that Albuquerque has a "Backyard Refuge Certification Program", run in conjunction with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Urban Wildlife Conservation program and, specifically, with the Valle de Oro Wildlife Refuge. She added that she will be giving a free presentation about the advantages and conditions for yard habitat certification, for the Four Hills Neighbors Garden Club, at the Singing Arrow Community Center at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23rd, 2022.

**5.N.3. Ann's Other Recent Activity** will be covered under specific agenda items (Committee Reports and National Night Out).

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **6.A. Recognition of Four Hills Village Neighbors**

Jennifer, Ann, and Andrew met on May 16, 2022 and decided on the following:

1. The name of the award will be the **FHVA Good Neighbor Award**.
2. The FHVA Good Neighbor Award will be given **annually only**, at a special function (Saturday breakfast or evening dinner, hopefully at the Canyon Club), with details as below.
3. We agreed that, normally, it would be awarded to one person each year, but that, should the circumstances dictate, there could be up to three awardees.
4. The FHVA's Board Members will not be eligible for this "FHVA Good Neighbor Award" during their service. However, we agreed that, at each of the FHVA's January Annual General Meetings (AGM), there will be a specific agenda item for the recognition of the outgoing FHVA Board Members who have served at least one full term (one year) on the FHVA Board. Each retiring FHVA Board Member will be named individually, with their roles and activities mentioned (and, perhaps, a certificate of service given).
5. The annual presentation of the FHVA Good Neighbor Award will NOT be combined with the FHVA's January Annual General Meeting (AGM) but will be with a special meeting (Breakfast? Lunch? -- As the Canyon Club does weekday lunches for the FHN.) for the event, which will be combined as a "**City Liaison -- Good Neighbor**" function to which the Mayor of Albuquerque and FHV's City Councilor will be invited (and other local "nobs" if they wish). Each year, a different City department can be featured (e.g., Solid Waste; Parks & Open Space; Office of Neighborhood Coordination; Traffic & Roads; APD, City/County Education; etc.) with some of their department members available to give a short presentation and hold a Q&A with FHVA members present. This will be an opportunity to show that the FHVA is in the forefront of neighborhood-City cooperation and to provide the FHVA with a positive publicity event.

6. Awardees will be given a small plaque that will show the FHVA logo, "FHVA Good Neighbor", the recipient's name, and the year awarded.

7. We agreed that early October will be an appropriate time to hold this FHVA City Liaison -- Good Neighbor event, as it can then be combined with a membership recruitment drive. Existing members can sign up for the following year and non-members can have their new membership cover the remaining months in the year plus the following year.

### **6.B. Membership**

Kelly will work with other board members on upcoming functions such as the pending Social and City Liaison/Good Neighbor event to access membership data base and to help build awareness of FHVA and its activities.

## **7. Unfinished Business**

### **7.A. Traffic Study**

No specific action has been taken.

### **7.B. Multicultural Arts Festival (Summerfest)**

On May 16 Councilor Grout offered an amendment in the city budget and secured \$20,000.00 to fund the Festival. Also, staff from community centers will help staff the event. On May 18 a meeting will be held with department and organization heads to begin planning the event. Commissioner Pyskoty has also offered funding.

### **7.C. National Night Out 2022**

Please remember to include Ann, our liaison for the NNO, when sending your email to the city to register for this event.

### **7.D. Survey Monkey**

Our experiment using Survey Monkey as a means to vote worked. However, we need an option for those who do not choose to use the computer. Also, changes to NARO may effect how we tally and record votes.

### **7.E. Annual Yard Sale.**

Eighty-eight homes participated. Several shoppers were heard to say that they did not realize Four Hills was such a nice neighborhood!

## **8. New Business**

### **8.A. Next Meeting—day, time, location.**

Steve suggests we use the Singing Arrow Community Center's Board Room. He states that it is larger and nicer than the Board Room at the Canyon Club and the Center is open until 8pm. Linda and Jennifer will schedule a meeting with the General Manager of the Canyon Club to ascertain whether or not their Board Room is available to us. Linda made a motion that for our June 21, 2022 meeting we meet in person at 6:30pm at either the Canyon Club or at the Singing Arrow Community Center, depending on availability, with also offering a hybrid Zoom meeting to accommodate those who cannot attend in person. The hybrid option will allow more residents and city officials to join in our meeting. Steve seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **8.C. NARO, IDO, and other updates.**

#### **8.C.1. NARO**

The NARO bill passed. This raises several questions, the major one being the collection of dues by neighborhood associations. Andrew is working with Vanessa Baca on getting our questions answered. The city is setting up informational sessions to hash out the details of the new NARO.

#### **8.C.2. Adopt -A-Median**

FHV was approved to Adopt-A-Median. Steve suggests we wait until actions from the Traffic Study are complete so that the placement of the new Adopt-A-Median sign will not be disturbed. Rachel Miller will work with the city to get us 1, maybe 2 signs with the official Adopt-A-Median text and formal font on them.

#### **8.C.3. Safe Outdoor Spaces.**

According to Rachel Miller, the bill was deferred. New amendments are seeking to limit the reach of the bill. The city was trying to change the definition of a kitchen to mean just

a microwave and hotplate to lower the standards of what constitutes a living space. Councilor Grout is writing an amendment to negate this new definition.

## **9. Adjournment**

Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brigid made the second and the motion passed unanimously. President Andrew Lipman adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.