

Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

Minutes of the FHVA Board Meeting of July 19, 2022

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and in person at the Singing Arrow Community Center
6:30pm

1. Call to Order

President Andrew Lipman opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

In Attendance:

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

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

Immediate Past President: Steve Brügge,

Member-at-Large: Ann Harris Davidson

Absent: Troy Hill (excused)

* Denotes attendance via Zoom

2. Approval of Agenda: Before asking for approval of the agenda Andrew wants to make one addition. Under New Business he wants to add a request from Sharon Alexander and her group, Women Taking Back our Neighborhood. Steve made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Ann made the second and the motion carried.

3. Approval of the FHVA Board Meeting Minutes of the June 21, 2022 Meeting:

Ann asked if Jennifer had sent the edited minutes to the Board for final review. Jennifer answered that she had sent them to Andrew. Ann asked that they be sent to her, as she had suggested several edits. Steve made a motion that the edited minutes be approved, even though all Board members may not have seen them. Howard made the second and the motion carried. The minutes of the June 2022 FHVA Board Meeting were approved unanimously. Once Ann approves her edits they may be posted on the Association's website at www.fhva.org along with the just approved agenda for tonight's meeting.

4. Introduction of Guests:

There are no guests this evening.

5. Reports, as needed from Officers and Board Members

5.A. President, Andrew Lipman

5.A.1 Andrew will report on items under Unfinished Business.

5.B. Vice President, Ellen Lipman

5.B. No report.

5.C. Treasurer, Linda Martinez

5.C. The checking account has a balance of \$12,998.81. Our revenue \$347.94 which included 2 new memberships and 2 ads for The Chronicle. We paid \$1,149.19 for the printing and mailing of the Summer edition of The Chronicle. Our money market balance is \$23,326.00. We earned .19 interest.

5.D. Secretary, Jennifer Lopez

5.D. Andrew had asked Jennifer to re-submit a document that the ONC said we never submitted. It was required by the city after the Annual General Meeting. Jennifer had begun work on it, but she needed copies of flyers and any notifications advertising the January 2022 Annual General Meeting. While searching for these documents, she saved

the form, but unfortunately it was lost in cyberspace. Andrew asked that she contact ONC to confirm exactly what they require.

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

5.E.1. Active Listings: 11 in Four Hills Village at \$183 per sq. ft.

5.E.2. Pending Sales: 6 in Four Hills Village at an average of \$202 per sq. ft.

5.E.3. Closed: In the last 45 days 6 homes closed at an average of \$175 per sq ft.

5.F. Open Space Director, Rusty Goetz.

5.F.1. Street Survey/Mapping

Rusty's street survey is well underway, but she has paused the project until the temperatures cool off. One hundred degrees is just simply too hot for anyone to be on the streets.

5.F.2. Next Shred Event

The next shred event will take place September 17 from 9-12 at Rusty's home. Once again, AA Mobile Shredding will conduct this event and they will charge \$287.00 per hour. Rusty will work with Kelly on publicizing this event.

5.G. Publications Director, Brigid Conklin.

5.G.1 Summer Edition of The Chronicle. She had 177 copies printed and 157 were mailed. She sent the link to 96 paperless members. She acquired one new advertiser who owns a business here in Four Hills Village. Brigid asks that we have our articles for the Fall edition of The Chronicle to her by August 26. That edition goes to all residents of Four Hills Village and includes a membership application. We need to decide as a Board when and if we are going to follow the new NARO regarding dues before that application is published.

5.H. Membership Director, Kelly Cockrell.

5.H.1 New Members.

We have 2 new members this month. We now have 260 members.

5.H.2. NNO.

Kelly said she will make sure all the NNO event sites have FHVA membership application on hand.

5.H.3 Link Sharing.

Four Hills Neighbors asked if they can place the link to their organization on the FHVA website. Fantastic idea! Our webmaster, Howard, states that this will increase the search engine optimization of each organization. A paragraph explaining the mission of each organization, along with the link, should be on both websites to increase community awareness of each group.

5.H.4. Survey Follow Up.

Rusty reminded us of the Survey that was completed by FHVA members and of the goals we set based on the survey results. She wonders if Kelly could assess the progress we have made in addressing the concerns of the community. Kelly will report back next month.

5.I. Webmaster, Howard Kimberly.

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

There have been 117 unique visits to www.fhva.org, and 292 page views.

5.I.2. Recent Updates.

Recent updates include the Summer issue of The Chronicle, National Night Out, the Shred Event, and Rusty's new Open Space article.

5.I.3. Contacting Volunteers.

As Howard processes online membership applications, he sees that some people indicate that they are willing to volunteer for the FHVA. We need a process that will enable us to efficiently and regularly reach out to these folks. Ellen volunteered to be the

Board Member to contact all these folks. As they come in, Howard will forward their names and contact details to Ellen.

5.J. Security Director, Troy Hill

5.J.1. Foothills Community Policing Council

Troy was selected to serve on the Foothills Command Community Policing Council (CPC) and attended my first meeting on 11 July. He was able to meet and speak with the acting Foothills Commander, LT Johnston, and receive a June crime statistics report (see below). Foothills Command has a new incoming commander, Shawn Garrett. Troy will be meeting with him in the future, once he has settled into the command. Additionally, he met the Deputy Commander of APD Criminal Investigations, Jason Janopolous. Deputy Commander Janopolous gave an insightful briefing on the APDs Violence Intervention Project (VIP). In short the VIP is targeting people who are at risk of committing or being the victim of gun crime, in the hopes of putting them on a better path, before a crime is committed. Currently the program is the most successful of its kind in the nation. It was good to hear of such a progressive program being undertaken to curb gun crime in the city and surrounding areas.

5.J.2. NNO

I passed along the Four Hills Village sites for the event. Foothills CPC members intend to stop by as they make their rounds of various sites within the Foothills Command area.

5.J.3. Crime Stats June 1-30.

Within FHV there were only 10 incidents, the majority being Disturbing the Peace and Suspicious Persons or Vehicles. Within the Foothills Command Area there were 70 shots fire, most in the Tramway/Central area. Also, there were 30 commercial robberies, 21 commercial burglaries, 37 residential burglaries, 31 auto burglaries, 52 felony arrests and 35 misdemeanor arrests and 44 felony warrant arrests.

5.J.4. VIN Etching.

There will be a Auto VIN Etching Program on July 30th from 9:30am-2:30pm at 111 Coors Blvd NW. This program makes it easier to identify automobiles and associated parts if stolen.

5.K. Government Affairs, Open

5.L. Education Director, Open

Ann is in talks with new, younger FHV residents who have children to possibly take on this position.

5.M. Steve Brugge, Past President

5.M.1. No report

5.N. Ann Harris Davidson, Member At Large

5.N.1. National Night Out.

Ann will provide the report under Agenda Item 7.A.

5.N.2. The FHVA's Adoption of the "Y" Intersection at Stagecoach

As the FHVA is wanting the City to post a sign that indicates that the FHVA maintains this intersection, Ann recently weeded its three medians, removing the tumbleweeds and other annuals. Additional help will be needed to keep these medians clear and certain non-native perennials (including bindweed and deadly nightshade) are likely to require chemical treatment to eliminate them.

6. Committee Reports

6.A. Recognition of Four Hills Village Neighbors (Good Neighbor Award)

Jennifer and James met on June 29 at 1:00. Due to a miscommunication, Ann was unable to join us. During our conversation, James and I began to rethink some of the committee's prior decisions. The point of the FHVA is to be of service to the neighborhood and to encourage residents to do the same. Considering that dues will no longer be mandatory, according to the new NARO, we believe that optics of the FHVA being actively involved in the betterment of the neighborhood are extremely important. Being more visible and making meaningful connections with residents is imperative to our financial survival. That being said, I do not think it will do any harm to recognize residents more than once a year. The point of the award is to recognize people, not just to award them. ON the flip side, Ann believes presenting more than one award a year devalues the award.

I would like a short discussion among the Board and if necessary, hold a vote on whether to recognize 1 person one time a year to give more honor to that one person or to recognize folks twice a year in order to instill more connections within the neighborhood.

After a short discussion, Steve proposed an excellent compromise. One person can be recognized in each edition of The Chronicle as being a "Good Neighbor." Jennifer volunteered to conduct the interviews and write the article each quarter. However, we can still choose 1 person a year upon who to bestow the Annual Good Neighbor Award, along with a plaque and gift card.

6.B. Membership: October Brunch Event Venues.

Linda, Kelly, and Rusty will work on locating a venue for our Fall Membership Drive Breakfast. We still hope to find a venue for October.

6.C. Review of the FHVA bylaws and the new NARO Ordinance.

The committee comprised of Jennifer, Troy, Ann, and Mr. Jim Church met on July 8 at Jennifer's home. After studying the new NARO and its stipulation that the payment of dues are not to be a requirement of voting, the committee decided that no dues will be collected. All funding will voluntary. This new development further emphasizes our need to initiate more community outreach and to make FHVA activities more visible to FHV residents.

The following sections of the FHVA Bylaws need to be amended:

- Article IV Section 1C Members are those persons who have paid dues registered for the calendar year.
- Article IV Section 2A Annuals dues ~~shall be established by the FHVA Board~~ are voluntary for all members. Add "The donations fund the services that the Association provides to FHV."
- Article IV Section 2B At the discretion of the Board, new residents of FHV may be given a complimentary membership for the balance of the year in which they join FHVA after the annual meeting. Delete the entire section.
- Article VI Section 4 Treasurer.....be responsible for the collection of dues and the deposit of funds.....

Steve reminded us that we have 18 months in which to comply. We do not need to be in a rush to end our funding source. It is a possibility that the new NARO could be overturned. The Board agrees that we need to investigate all our options before we stop requiring dues.

7. Unfinished Business

7.A. National Night Out.

In the planning for National Night Out (NNO) events in Four Hills Village on August 2, Ann has been working very closely with officers of our local women's social organization, Four Hills Neighbors (FHN). On June 27, she attended a meeting of FHN's Area Hostesses at the home of FHN's outgoing Vice President, Bonnie Nolan. Additionally, Ann thanked Howard for speedily making updates to FHVA's website as new official sites for NNO parties were planned. Four Hills Village now has seven sites that have been registered on the City of Albuquerque's NNO site. Kelly will make FHVA membership forms available for distribution to non-members at the NNO gatherings.

7.B. Multicultural Arts Festival (Summerfest)

The City of Albuquerque Arts and Culture Department is now back on board as a sponsor and they are contracting someone to produce the event. It will be held Spring 2023.

7.C.2022 Membership Directory

Brigid says the directory will be delivered before our August meeting.

7.D. Update on Signs

Andrew and Ann reported that the Four Hills Y where our Adopt-a-Median sign will be placed is not an official Adopt-a-Median site. Therefore, it may take a bit longer to get the sign as the official design may not be used. The Four Hills logo designed by Kelly will be used on the sign. Howard made a motion to make the logo designed by Kelly the official Four Hills Village Association logo. Steve made the second and the motion carried unanimously. At the head of the Manzano Four Hills Open Space Trail there is a sign stating that that specific trail is adopted by the FHVA.

8. New Business

8.A. Women Taking Back Our Neighborhood.

This group is wanting to team up with FHVA members to clean up areas around FHV and Central and Tramway. The Board's first reaction is to keep our efforts separate. Andrew will send more information regarding their request to us via email.

8.B. Next Meeting.

We will hold our next hybrid meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 6:30pm at Singing Arrow Community Center.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.