

# Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

## Minutes of the FHVA Board Meeting of August 16, 2022

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

### 1. Call to Order

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

### In Attendance:

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

**Directors:** Troy Hill, James DeMay, Lisa "Rusty" Goetz, Brigid Conklin

**Immediate Past President:** Steve Brügge,

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

**Absent:** Kelly Cockrell, Howard Kimberly (both excused)

\* Denotes attendance via Zoom

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Andrew asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ann asked that we add 7D to discuss city signs denoting city parks and Adopt a Median locations. Steve made a motion to approve this amended agenda. Ann made the second and the motion carried.

### 3. Approval of the FHVA Board Meeting Minutes of the July 20, 2022 Meeting:

Rusty made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2020 meeting. Steve made the second and the motion carried. The minutes of the July 2022 FHVA Board Meeting were approved unanimously. They can now be posted on the Association's website at [www.fhva.org](http://www.fhva.org) along with the just approved agenda for tonight's meeting.

### 4. Introduction of Guests:

#### 4.A. Juanita Garcia, JAG Planning and Zoning, LLC.

She delivered a required presentation of an application of a vacation of a portion of a property in FHV that holds drainage infrastructure. If the city allows the vacation, proper drainage of this property will be her client's responsibility. She is not here to gain our approval, as we have no authority to give approval, but rather she is here to inform us of the proposed vacation of property.

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

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

##### 5.A.1 Rt. 66 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Andrew, along with Ann and Rusty, will be interviewed on August 17 by an advertising group that is planning the Rt 66 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, to be held in 2024.

##### 5.A.2. Safe Open Spaces

According to Andrew's communication with Councilor Renee Grout, the moratorium on Safe Open Spaces passed. However, it is still in the IDO and it can only be removed by the City Council. Andrew had written an official opinion letter as FHVA President to Councilor Grout. Since he is speaking for the Board, Rusty asked Andrew to please poll the Board before he writes another opinion letter in his role as FHVA President.

##### 5.A.3. Park and Ride

The Singing Arrow Community Center is now an official park and ride stop.

##### 5.A.4. Traffic Study Meeting

The city will hold a FHV Traffic Study meeting via Zoom on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 6pm.

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

5.B. Continuing On as Board Members.

As the Election Manager, Ellen needs to know pretty quickly who plans to run for another term and who plans to step down from their positions.

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

### **5.C. Account Balances.**

The checking account has a balance of \$13,172.78. From 7/20-8/16 we received \$100.00 revenue for ads and \$73.97 towards memberships. We had no bills due this month. Our money market balance is \$23,326.20. We earned .20 interest.

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

### **5.D. ONC Required Documents.**

Jennifer has been playing phone tag with the ONC to clarify if we are truly delinquent in supplying documents to the city. She finally spoke to someone who said the original documents we sent are outdated and she directed Jennifer to the correct forms. They have now been sent.

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

**5.E.1. Active Listings:** 10 in Four Hills Village at \$184.99 per sq. ft.

**5.E.2. Pending Sales:** 7 in Four Hills Village at an average of \$190.66 per sq. ft.

**5.E.3. Closed:** In the last 45 days 8 homes closed at an average of \$188.29 per sq ft. Board members disclosed that they have received reports from FHV residents of homes in FHV with overgrown weeds and debris. Rusty suggested we all call 311 to report the specific houses. Board members, along with community members, have worked with some of the homeowners in the past to help them maintain their yards. But apparently, they are not able to continue this work on their own. They may now require guidance from city officials.

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

### **5.F.1. Shred Event**

Rusty reminded us that the Shred Event will take place on September 17 from 9-12 at her home. AA Mobile Shredding will once again conduct this event. Rusty needs to get a check from Linda to pay this company on that day. Notice of the Shred Event will be put on the FHVA sign and on NextDoor.

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

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

Brigid needs our articles by August 26. This edition will be delivered to all FHV residents, not just FHVA members, in order to show them what FHVA is and what we do in the hopes that more folks will join FHVA.

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

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

We have 3 new members this month. We now have 265 members.

### **5.H.2. October Brunch/Membership Drive.**

Linda and I have made efforts to talk with Mr. Dees. He left me a message saying that we could not allow catering an event at the Canyon Club. We're still holding out for October 16th as the date for having the breakfast at the club, but we would like to have a plan B. I would like to see if we can have it at the Singing Arrow Community Center and have it catered. How does everyone feel about that? I will call Singing Arrow to ask if we can do it there this week if everyone feels like it's a viable option. Seems important to have it nearby.

**5.H.3 Membership Drive.** I will get with Ann regarding the membership drive, as it's coming up quickly.

**5.H.4. Newsletter.** I'll put out a newsletter on Friday with information regarding the new Park and Ride at Singing Arrow. Any other notice suggestions to add to the newsletter are appreciated.

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

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

There have been 198 unique visits to [www.fhva.org](http://www.fhva.org), and 409 page views.

### **5.I.2. Online Registrations.**

On or around October 1 he will switch online registrations to memberships for 2023. After that, there will not be a way to register for 2022 online. He notes that we need to make a decision regarding the collection of dues for 2023.

## **5.J. Security Director, Troy Hill**

### **5.J.1. Foothills Community Policing Council (FCPC)**

**Short Staffed:** The new commander of the APD Foothills Command, Shawn Garrett, was in attendance and spoke about policing and crime within the Foothills area, specifically the area of Central and Tramway. Manpower is a continuing issue at APD. Often times only three officers are on-duty to cover the entirety of the command. Even extra overtime shifts are hard to fill, making it difficult to address specific problem areas such as Central and Tramway. As an example the Proactive Response Team (PRT) in the Foothills Command is only staffed with two officers. Total staffing for the Foothills Command is 59 sworn personnel.

**2 Casings:** APD is initiating a new program called "2 Casings" to help with gun crimes after the theft of a firearm. Basically, gun owners would save two casings from their firearms after use and provide them to police in the event of theft. More information to follow.

**Retention:** Albuquerque Police Officers Association (APOA) Vice President, Officer Matt Fisher, also attended the meeting and spoke about the challenges facing the department and its personnel, specifically the issues of retention and recruiting. APD averages 60 sworn position losses per year, but last year lost 100 and this year is already at 61. My takeaway from their presentations, and my private conversations with both Officer Fisher and Commander Garrett, is that recruitment and retention continue to hurt APD

and contribute to crime levels in the city.

**Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties:** The last guest that presented to the Council was Captain Perea from the Albuquerque Fire Rescue (AFR) Fire Marshal's Office. Captain Perea specifically works the Abandoned and Dilapidated Abatement Property Team (ADAPT) Program. ADAPT is a program in the Fire Marshal's Office that focuses on abandoned and dilapidated properties that have a pattern of serious criminal activity or pose an immediate public safety threat. The program also works with owners of properties that have been identified as having fire or code enforcement violations and are a HOT SPOT for criminal activity.

### **5.J.2. FHV Crime Stats July 1-31**

Family Dispute: 3

Disturbing the Peace: 3

Suspicious Person / Vehicle: 5

Aggressive Driver: 1

Traffic Situation / Traffic Stop: 2

Shots Fired: 3

Traffic Accident: 1

Theft/Fraud: 2

### **5.J.3. Foothills Command Area (Crimes of note as reported verbally by ABQ PD Foothills Command personnel)**

Robberies, commercial: 7

Robberies, residential: 1  
Carjackings: 1  
Shots fired: 38 (Highest percentage occur near Central & Tramway)  
Gun Thefts: 0 (Excellent Statistic)  
Burglaries, commercial: 25  
Burglaries, residential: 11  
Burglaries, auto: 34  
Arrests: 63 Felony, 36 Misdemeanor  
Warrant Arrests: 77 Felony, 36

**5.J.4 Gate Keys.**

Rusty asked if any progress had been made in an FHVA Board member acquiring keys to the western/northern security gates. No progress has been made and Troy will contact city officials to see if we can get a set.

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

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

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

No report

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

No report

**6. Committee Reports**

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

Jennifer reminded everyone that she had sent them an email asking for nominations for folks to be recognized as Good Neighbors in this next edition of The Chronicle. Everyone agreed that Jim Church would be an obvious choice to be our first person recognized as a FHV Good Neighbor. Ann made a motion that Jim Church will be our first Good Neighbor to be recognized with said article showcasing him placed in The Chronicle. Steve made the second and the motion unanimously passed.

**6.B. Membership: October Brunch Event Venues.**

Linda, Kelly, and Rusty will continue working to book The Canyon Club as our venue for the October Social.

**6.C. Review of the FHVA bylaws and the new NARO Ordinance—dues question.**

The decision must be made to require all members to register, but not pay dues and rely on members' generosity to fund all projects or to separate from the ONC and the City and to continue collecting dues. Steve reminded everyone that even though the new ordinance is in effect, we have 18 months to be compliant. It is very possible that within that 18 months the City Council may change the rules again. Steve made a motion that we continue to collect dues for 2023 and to not make any changes until we are absolutely required to. Brigid made the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried.

**7. Unfinished Business**

**7.A. National Night Out.**

For the record, the seven officially registered NNO sites in Four Hills Village were correctly listed on [www.fhva.org](http://www.fhva.org) as follows:

1. Four Hills Neighbors' Area 8, at the Arenas Place cul-de-sac, hosted by Kelley & Ric Tredwin.
2. Four Hills Neighbors' Area 10, in the Barlett's backyard at 1104 Castellano Court,

hosted by Karen Berry, Doris Buckman, and Dolores & Paul Bartlett.

3. Four Hills Neighbors' Area 1, in Linda and Bob Martinez's home/yard at 1207 Cuatro Cerros Trail (assisted by Lindsay Edelhoff and Ann Harris Davidson).

4. In Four Hills Neighbors' Area 7, at Steve and Karen Brugge's home at 803 Maverick Trail (assisted by Rusty Goetz).

5. At the Barsis-Four Hills Park, serving Four Hills Neighbors' Areas 15 (Stephanie Fallon), Area 13 (Ginger Grossetete), the north part of Area 2 (Ellen & Andrew Lipman), and the west part of Area 9.

6. Four Hills Neighbors' Area 12, in Ellen and Paul Powell's driveway/yard at 1621 Soplo Road.

7. Four Hills Neighbors' Area 6, in the Village Gardens cul-de-sac at Bernalillo Place/ Court, hosted by Lindsay Ritscher.

By all accounts, these were all successful neighborhood gatherings that were much appreciated by the attending Four Hills Village residents. Unfortunately, again this year, notwithstanding that the hosts had officially registered all these sites on the City of Albuquerque's National Night Out registration site, the City's own [www.cabq.gov](http://www.cabq.gov) website did not list ANY of the sites in Four Hills Village on its published list of "National Night Out Locations" (at <https://www.cabq.gov/national-night-out/national-night-out-locations>). Only two sites in APD's Foothills Command were listed (at Don Juan Onate Park and Embudo Hills Park). Nonetheless, some of the sites in Four Hills Village did receive visits from law enforcement officers and other officials."

And remember, that no part of NNO would be successful without the collaboration of Four Hills Neighbors!

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

The next meeting with the city to work on planning the festival is August 30. Currently, we are looking at holding the Festival the last weekend in April 2023.

### **7.C.2022 Membership Directory**

Kudos to Brigid, as the Directory is complete! The cost was \$748 to deliver to 230 households.

### **7.D. Update on Signs**

The sign designating La Luz de Amistad Park has been installed!

## **8. New Business**

### **8.A. Subscription Renewals (Survey Monkey, Mail Chimp, Zoom)**

Zoom has been critical to us being able to continue holding meetings during the pandemic. Survey Monkey is extremely useful in polling members on important issues and in holding elections in a secure manner. Ann made a motion that we renew all the subscriptions that enable us to function as needed. Troy made the second. All subscriptions will be renewed in Andrew's name.

### **8.B. Next Meeting.**

We will hold our next hybrid meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:30pm at Singing Arrow Community Center.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.