

Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

Minutes of the FHVA Board Meeting of September 20, 2022

Hybrid meeting – held at Singing Arrow Community Center & via Zoom
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

President Andrew Lipman opened this hybrid meeting at 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

Officers: Andrew Lipman, *Ellen Lipman, Linda Martinez

Directors: *Kelly Cockrell, *James DeMay, Brigid Conklin, Lisa “Rusty” Goetz, Troy Hill

Immediate Past President: Steve Brügge

Member-at-Large: *Ann Harris Davidson

*Denotes attendance via Zoom.

Absent: Howard Kimberly (excused), Jennifer Lopez (excused)

2. Approval of Agenda: Steve made a motion to approve the agenda; Linda seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously with no discussion – though an item for “Introduction of Guests” should have been included as an amendment to the agenda, following the approval of the previous minutes, as a guest was introduced and given the opportunity to speak, which resulted in a discordance between the item numbers on the Agenda and those on these Minutes.

3. Approval of the FHVA Board Meeting Minutes of the August 16, 2022, Meeting:

Linda made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2022 FHVA Board Meeting; Steve seconded the motion. The minutes of this meeting were approved unanimously. They may now be posted on the Association’s website at www.fhva.org.

4. Introduction of Guests:

4.A. Mr. Earl Holmes attended the meeting to present information about his wife, Michelle Garcia Holmes, who is the Republican Party candidate in the upcoming November 2022 election to represent New Mexico’s District 1 in the U.S. House of Representatives. (The boundaries of the three New Mexico Congressional Districts have been redrawn since the last election, with District 1 now reaching south into northern Otero County.) He shared that Michelle was born and raised in Albuquerque, on the West Side; that she worked for the APD for 20 years, finishing in the Crimes Against Children Unit before retiring in 2002; she then became the Chief of Staff in Attorney General Gary King’s office from 2007 to 2015.

5. Reports, as needed from Officers and Board Members

5.A. President, Andrew Lipman

Andrew briefly mentioned the “Junk Jog”, which is a litter collection competition for neighborhoods or individuals that is sponsored by the City’s Solid Waste Department and will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at Central and Sunset (with its full details at www.cabq.gov/junkjog).

Andrew will discuss other items under agenda items for Unfinished Business and New Business.

5.B. Vice President, Ellen Lipman

No report.

5.C. Treasurer, Linda Martinez

The checking account has a balance of \$13,049.44. Revenue received August 17 to September 19, 2022, was \$871.91 (Advertising \$800.00; Membership \$71.91).

Bills paid this period were \$710.87 for the annual Membership Directory and \$284.38 in yard sale costs, for total expenditure of \$995.25.

The FHVA's current money market account balance is \$23,326.40. Interest accrued was a grand total of \$0.20.

5.D. Secretary, Jennifer Lopez

Absent; no report.

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

James presented current (as at the day of the meeting, 09/20/2022) real estate data, specifically for Four Hills Village:

5.E.1. Active Listings: 7 in Four Hills Village at an average of \$194.38 per sq. ft. (with average square footage of 3,543 sq.ft.); with a low list price of \$515,000, a high of \$795,000, and \$699,900 as the median.

5.E.2. Pending Sales: 6 in Four Hills Village at an average of \$177.64 per sq. ft. (with average square footage of 2,621 sq.ft.); with a low price of \$400,000, a high of \$599,000, and \$438,700 as the median.

5.E.3. Closed: 6 in Four Hills Village at an average of \$192.12 per sq. ft. (with average square footage of 2,886 sq.ft.); with a low price of \$425,000, a high of \$612,500, and \$565,000 as the median.

5.F. Open Space Director, Rusty Goetz.

5.F.1. Four Hills Village Traffic Study follow-up

Rusty is documenting that the state of the roads and road surfaces in Four Hills Village are of more crucial concern. She has been in communication with our City Councilor Renee Grout. She and Andrew will be meeting with Councilor Grout at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2022.

5.F.2. Mapping of the state of the roads in Four Hills Village

Rusty reported that she has resumed her voluntary mapping of the condition of all the roads in Four Hills Village. She has completed about one-third of them, with extensive records about fractures, collapse zones, and other significant structural issues that she recommends be shared with the City's traffic engineering personnel.

5.F.3. The Annual Free "Shred Event"

Free shredding for all residents of Four Hills Village, fully funded by the Four Hills Village Association and publicized widely on local social media, was held last Saturday, September 17, 2022, at Rusty's driveway at 802 Martingale Lane SE. The AA Mobile Shredders truck was there from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Representatives of 38 local families took advantage of this service, with approximately 1.5 tons of paper shredded. Rusty thanked Steve for his assistance throughout (doing the heavy lifting of the loads of papers). The initial quote had been for \$861.00 but AA Mobile Shredders presented Rusty with an invoice for \$927.73, apparently thinking that the sales tax had not been included in the initial quote; Rusty paid the \$66.73 difference (even though it is thought that the sales tax had been included in the original quote).

5.F.4 The City's Fall Neighborhood Clean Up: *Company's Comin'*

The Four Hills Village Association is supporting the City's Solid Waste Department by participating in this clean-up on Saturday, September 24, 2022 (as at <https://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/our-department/events/companys-comin>). As usual, our teams will be working on Four Hills Road from the bridge south to the "Y" and at the Bارسis-Four Hills Park. The event has been publicized on the FHVA's website, on FHVA's

Facebook site, on Nextdoor, and in an emailed newsletter to FHVA's members. All residents are invited to join FHVA's Board Members in beautifying our suburb.

5.G. Publications Director, Brigid Conklin.

5.G.1 Fall Edition of The Chronicle.

Brigid has completed the 24-page Fall Edition of the Chronicle and has circulated it to all Board Members. This edition contains membership information, with the Membership Form for 2023, and will be distributed to every home in Four Hills Village.

She is awaiting the quote for its printing and postage.

Ann thanked Brigid for her skill and creativity in producing such a quality publication; other Board Members concurred.

5.H. Membership Director, Kelly Cockrell.

5.H.1 Three (3) new members since the last meeting.

5.H.2 Total FHVA 2022 membership is now 267.

5.H.3 Emailed Newsletter update: Kelly has been issuing regular emailed "FHVA Newsletters" to all FHVA members who have provided email addresses. Each newsletter publicizes upcoming events and other items and meetings of interest. The next newsletter will include the details of the Company's Comin' clean-up. She asked Board Members to share with her other items of interest that need to be publicized.

Kelly noted that she sends these FHVA Newsletters to 231 email addresses and that she can see how many of these emailed circulars are actually opened and viewed. For the most recent Newsletter, 161 recipients (70%) opened the email. Steve asked whether this might be a usual rate of response or interest; Kelly believed that it is higher than is normally expected for an unsolicited email circular.

Board Members unanimously thanked Kelly for having introduced these emailed information bursts and for their quality.

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 250 unique visits to www.fhva.org, and 499 page views.

5.I.3 Online Membership upcoming switch to 2023 signup

On or near October 1, 2023, Howard will switch the online membership signup form to 2023, after which there will be no online method to sign up for 2022. (Notes on how else to register for 2022 in Oct-Nov-Dec may be needed.)

Ann noted that, currently, the lower part of the FHVA's online membership form (as at <https://www.fhva.org/membership.html>) only states "Membership Form" and thus could benefit from having the relevant year added. Brigid suggested that she will mention this to Howard when providing him with the 2023 Membership Form.

5.J. Security Director, Troy Hill

5.J.1 Troy provided a report on the Foothills Community Policing Council (FCPC) Meeting of September 20, 2022:

- APD Foothills Command manpower is improving slightly. The Proactive Response Team (PRT) in the Foothills Command is now staffed by 3 officers and a sergeant, up from 2 officers. The command hopes to add a fourth officer in the near future.
- APD Special Investigations CrimeStoppers liaison, Sonya Marquez, presented at the Foothills Community Policing Council September meeting on the CrimeStopper program. CrimeStoppers is a nationwide program that gives rewards for information provided on illegal activity. For more information check out www.p3tips.com/531 or download the mobile app: P3 Tips.
- Albuquerque Police Officers Association (APOA) President, Detective Shaun Willoughby, also attended the meeting and spoke about the challenges facing the

department and its personnel, specifically the issue of retention. APD typically averages 60 sworn position losses per year, but this year is on pace to lose 182, up from 100 last year.

- The last guest who made a presentation to the Council was retired APD Lieutenant Glenn Onge. Glenn now runs the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) for Bernalillo County. LEAD deals with addiction, mental health, and homelessness issues. Specifically, LEAD takes on volunteer clients with these issues who are looking for help. The program is a nationwide initiative with funding from federal, state, and local governments. So far in Bernalillo County, the recidivism rate for participants is 0%. Anyone can recommend someone for the program, including officers who can choose to defer an arrest if the person enters the program, but participants must volunteer, be actively engaged in the program, and not have a violent felony conviction in the last three years.

5.J.2 Troy shared the crime statistics for the month of August (1st-31st) 2022, for Four Hills Village and for the entire Foothills Command area:

Four Hills Village Area:

Family Dispute: 5
Disturbing the Peace: 3
Suspicious Person / Vehicle: 3
Traffic Situation / Traffic Stop: 2
Shots Fired: 0
Traffic Accident, no injuries: 3
Theft/Fraud/Embezzlement: 2
Assault: 1

Foothills Command Area (crimes of note as reported verbally by ABQ PD Foothills Command personnel)

Robberies, commercial: 6
Robberies, residential: 1
Robberies, Individual: 1
Carjackings: 1
Auto Thefts: 6
Shots fired: 36
Burglaries, commercial: 28
Burglaries, residential: 18
Burglaries, auto: 31
Arrests: 73 Felony, 37 Misdemeanor
Warrant Arrests: 65 Felony, 31 Misdemeanor

5.K. Government Affairs, Open

5.L. Education Director, Open

5.M. Steve Brügge, Past President

No report.

5.N. Ann Harris Davidson, Member-at-Large

5.N.1. City Signs

Ann noted appreciation for the fact that, last month (and thanks to the follow-up by City Councilor Renee Grout), the name and information signs for the La Luz de Amistad Park have been reinstalled.

She asked if Andrew, as the FHVA President, would follow up on getting "Housing is Key" signs posted at the Central and Tramway intersection, as they are at the Central & Juan Tabo and Central & Eubank intersections. Such signs might encourage people to donate



to the Albuquerque Housing Fund, rather than giving money directly to panhandlers who “work” the Central and Tramway intersection. (<https://www.cabq.gov/mayor/news/mayor-keller-unveils-one-albuquerque-housing-fund-signs>)

6. Committee Reports

6.A. Recognition of Four Hills Village Neighbors (Jennifer Lopez)

Jennifer chairs this committee but, in her absence, Ann provided the report.

Parameters for recognition for a Four Hills Village “Good Neighbor Award” exclude candidacy by active Association Board Members. Jim Church was selected as the first “FHV Good Neighbor”. Jennifer interviewed Jim Church and has written up her report about him for the Fall Edition of The Chronicle.

The second Good Neighbor awardee has been selected and will shortly be interviewed by Jennifer – but stay tuned to learn who it is!

6.B. Membership: October Brunch Event (Kelly Cockrell & Linda Martinez)

Brian Dees, the General Manager of the Canyon Club, has agreed to allow the Four Hills Village Association to use the Canyon Club at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 16th, 2022, for a social get-together for members (in lieu of the COVID-cancelled Annual General Meetings in January 2021 and January 2022). The cost is expected to be \$27 per Member, which the Association will cover. (The menu is likely to be a standard Canyon Club buffet. Alcohol is not included but could be served to individuals of legal age who pay separately for it.)

Given that the Association will be paying for this event, and that the participants are expected to be restricted to a range of 80 to 90 people, it is essential that Members should RSVP (though the mechanics of this are yet to be finalized). Political representatives will not be invited, but any who are members of the Four Hills Village Association may attend as a member (without the opportunity to address the group).

7. Unfinished Business

7.A. Report of the Hideaway Lane SE issue concerning a Vacation-of-Right-of-Way

On September 6, 2022, Andrew, along with two other members of the East Gateway Coalition of Associations (President Michael Brasher and Secretary Julie Dreike) attended a facilitated meeting between City representatives and those representing the landowner, Naser Alikhani.

The Vacation-of-Right-of-Way is being requested by the City, to pass the responsibility for the drainage of the road to the landowner (who owns multiple lots at the point in question), but the landowner does not wish to have this responsibility and wishes it to remain with the City. Other issues of concern include that the cul-de-sac, or dead-ended street, does not allow room for the turn-around of a fire truck and that the legally required signage is placed such that it is not readily visible (partly due to an opening barricade limiting the positioning of the sign). It is also uncertain who is responsible to solve the signage problem. Technically, the next step in the process would be for the issue to be presented to the Development Review Board, but the unresolved issues may delay this.

7.B. Multicultural Arts Festival (Summerfest)

Significant positive developments have occurred, which, together, mean that this Festival will happen in 2023. With help from City Councilor Renee Grout, the City has provided \$20,000 for this event. A date has been set – Saturday, May 6, 2023, which is also the Cinco de Mayo weekend. Natasha Baca, the Supervisor of the Singing Arrow Community Center, where the event will primarily be held, has recruited support from the supervisors of five of the City’s other community centers. Art exhibits and competitions (including one for children) will be highlighted, as will local artists from a range of simple arts and crafts to fine arts; various food trucks will also participate at the site.

Board Members heartily thanked Andrew Lipman for conceiving of this event that aims to brighten up opinions of the south-east sector of Albuquerque and for having undertaken the steps to make the idea a reality.

7.C. West Entry Emergency Access to Four Hills Village.

It is understood that emergency services (the Albuquerque Fire Rescue Department and/or the Albuquerque Police Department) have keys to unlock the gates on Via Posada (and Rio Arriba?) for emergency entry and egress. In decades past, it is believed that someone from the Association (the President?) also had possession of such keys for emergency use. Andrew will continue to follow up on this matter with City Councilor Renee Grout (whose husband was the President of the Association in 2006-2007).

7.D 713 Rio Arriba Avenue SE

Significant, and sometimes confusing, discussion has been posted over recent months on the Nextdoor community network about the state of the “junk” that has been piled in the front yard at 713 Rio Arriba Avenue SE. This is not an issue over which the FHVA has any jurisdiction, beyond as a possible interlocutor with City officials. Various people have communicated directly with the homeowner, including FHVA Board Members Kelly Cockrell (some months back) and President Andrew Lipman (who asked what help the homeowner may need). Others have offered help in posts on Nextdoor.

As a footnote: As of the morning of September 21, 2022 (the day after this Board Meeting), the piles of clutter in the front of the yard had been removed.

8. New Business

8.A Board Service and Positions for 2023

Andrew has spoken individually with all Board Members, several of whom are term-limited. With two positions currently vacant, and with more being vacated, Andrew is asking all Board Members to try to recruit residents who will work for the good of our community by serving on the FHVA Board and to ask such people to contact President Andrew Lipman by phone or email.

8.B. Next Meeting: Day, Time, & Location

The next Four Hills Village Association Board Meeting will, as usual, be held on the third Tuesday of the month, on October 18, 2022, at 6:30-8:00 p.m. It will be held in the Singing Arrow Community Center, 13200 Wenonah Avenue SE, but as a hybrid meeting with the option of using Zoom for those who prefer not to attend in person. Any FHVA Member may attend the meeting, in person or by contacting the FHVA President Andrew Lipman or FHVA Past President Steve Brügge for the Zoom link.

It will be publicized at the appropriate time via the FHVA website (www.fhva.org), FHVA Newsletter, the FHVA Facebook page, and on FHV Nextdoor.

9. Adjournment

Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Troy seconded it; the motion passed unanimously. President Andrew Lipman adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.