

Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

Minutes of the FHVA Board Meeting of February 21, 2023
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 6:31 p.m.

In Attendance:

Officers: Andrew Lipman, Jennifer Lopez

Directors: James DeMay, Brigid Conklin

Member-at-Large: Lisa “Rusty” Goetz,

Absent: Troy Hill, Howard Kimberly, Linda Martinez, all excused

* Denotes attendance via Zoom

2. Approval of Agenda: Andrew asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the understanding that with the critical nature of the presentation by US Forest Service Wildland Management and Kirtland AFB personnel regarding the upcoming prescribed burn and our limited time, that we be flexible with addressing everything on the agenda. Jennifer made a motion to approve the agenda. Rusty made the second and the motion carried.

3. Introduction of Guests: Guests from outside agencies to discuss the upcoming prescribed burn are: Gary Schneider (KAFB), Eva Blaylock (KAFB PIO), Carl Grusnick (KAFB PIO), Ashley Palacios (KAFB Public Affairs), Jaime Jimenez (KAFB Fire Chief), Terence Eaton (KAFB Fire Dept), Dave Reynolds (KAFB Natural Resources), Oneika Banks (KAFB Public Affairs), Melissa Clark (KAFB Environmental) Thad H. (USFWS Regional Fire Chief), Cass Palmer (USFWS Deputy Regional Fire Chief), Clyde Burris (USFWS/WS KAFB), David S. (USFWS/WSM KAFB)

Other guests are: Aaron Nieto (Mayor’s Office), Mayor Tim Keller, Paul Yarrington (Candidate for FHVA Parks and Open Space Director), William Jones (candidate for FHVA Government Affairs Director), Herb Wright (candidate for FHVA Vice President), Julia Vertrees (candidate for FHVA Membership Director), Ann Harris Davidson (FHV resident), *Jessica Sapunar- Jursich (Tijeras Canyon Open Space),

4. Approval of the FHVA Board Meeting Minutes of the December 20, 2022 Monthly Meeting and January 14, 2023 Annual General Meeting: Rusty made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022 FHVA Board Meeting and the January 14, 2023 Annual General Meeting; Brigid 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.

5. Reports, as needed from Officers and Board Members

5.A. President, Andrew Lipman

5A.1. KAFB Upcoming Prescribed Burn. Andrew introduced Clyde Burris, with the US Forest Service Wildland Service, who from an extensive PowerPoint with a great deal of information, culled out and shared the specifics of the upcoming prescribed burn that will take place on the lower section of KAFB adjacent to the FHV fence. Their goal is to decrease the amount of hazardous fuel load and to create a buffer to mitigate impact of fire in FHV. The burn will only take place if the wind is between 10 and 40 mph and is coming out of the NW. They plan to do the burn before the Spring winds arrive. A CD of the presentation was left with the Board.

5.A.2. Nominations to Open Positions. Even though the elections were held last December, we still have 4 open positions. The following people have been recruited and

are being nominated to fill these positions. Herb Wright—Vice President, Julia Vertrees—Membership Director, Jerry Gallegos—Education and Youth Affairs Director, William Jones—Government Affairs Director, Paul Yarrington—Parks and Open Space Director. Unfortunately, we do not have a quorum this evening to hold such a vote. Andrew will conduct the vote via Survey Monkey.

5.B. Vice President, Herb Wright—Nominee

Andrew shared that as soon as we have an official vote, the new Vice President will form a committee to review the bylaws to insure they are in compliance with the new NARO.

5.C. Treasurer, Linda Martinez

The checking account has a balance of \$10,426.47. Revenue received January 1 to February 18, 2023, was \$997.19 for membership dues and \$1200.00 for advertising, for a total of \$2197.19

Bills paid this period were \$22430.20, to include \$2245.88 for the Annual General Meeting, \$167.85 for the prizes for the Annual Holiday Light Contest, and \$16.47 for supplies.

The FHVA's current money market account balance is \$23,327.38. Interest accrued was a grand total of \$0.20

5.D. Secretary, Jennifer Lopez

5.D.1. Good Neighbor Article. Jennifer completed an interview and article for the next edition of The Chronicle. The honoree was very humble and really did not want attention brought to herself, but rather shared names of other good folks in this neighborhood who need to be highlighted.

5.E. Membership Director, Julia Vertrees—Nominee

Julia, with her eyes on a probable nomination, and with the help of Brigid, has begun work familiarizing herself with the processes of maintaining the membership records.

5.F. Webmaster, Howard Kimberly.

Due to time constraints, the website was not discussed this evening. However, Howard did send a report via email.

5.G. Rusty Goetz, Member at Large.

Rusty reminded us that she emailed us her report outlining the continued need for keys to the gates blocking egress from FHV. She has inspected all the gates and the routes through them, and their viability but as of yet, she has not been able to acquire any keys. Mayor Keller, who joined this meeting, and his assistant, Aaron Nieto, said they will look into how we may access some keys.

5.H. Parks and Open Space, Paul Yarrington, Nominee.

Paul is not yet officially elected but is learning from Rusty. Rusty asked Mayor Keller about Open Space officers being reassigned to other duties. Mayor Keller answered that the Open Space officers will always be available for calls to Open Space lands. Different officers who are not familiar with the trails will not be utilized for the Open Space.

5.I Government Affairs, William Jones, Nominee

William briefly shared his previous forays into governmental processes.

5.J. Education Director, Jerry Gallegos

Due to time constraints, this report was not on the agenda, but Jerry sent a report stating that he had met with APS Board Member Josefina Domingues to discuss APS' priorities for this legislative session.

5.K. Mayor Keller's Comments.

- The Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) is our Point of Contact for any concerns we have. Keep in mind that crime and homelessness are the city's top 2 priorities.
- Unlike in the past, now almost every homicide suspect gets arrested quickly.
- \$60 million has been put into tech that will help find criminals—shot spotter, license plate readers, red light cameras....
- We have met our goal of increasing the APD force by 100 officers a year, but unfortunately, we were also losing 100 officers a year. We are working on retention.
- The Gateway Center is now up and running. Over 400 people are served every day for addiction and mental health issues. They operate 24/7 and have an emergency drop off for those that are "down and out".
- The Community Safety Department now fields calls from either 911, AFR, AND a social worker. Twenty thousand calls that normally would have been answered by an officer are now fielded by social workers, freeing up officers.
- Plans are in the making to spruce up East Central for the Rt 66 Anniversary. These may include arches like are on the west end of Central.
- The Mayor realizes that the Tramway-Central intersection is a bad area for homeless camps. The developer of the Four Hills Shopping Center is looking at design changes that will close off egress from the parking lot so that offenders will not have such an easy escape route when they are being pursued by police. The city may look at making changes to La Luz de Amistad park so that is not so welcoming to homeless.
- There was a Q&A session on traffic within FHV and the Central/Tramway intersections. Several points were brought up and discussed. Mayor Keller asked if there were any items everyone could agree on. The Board again pushed the issue of creating a well-marked emergency exit gate for FHV.

6. Committee Reports

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

Jennifer reported earlier in the meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

7.A Multicultural Arts Festival (Summerfest)

Andrew asked us to pass out flyers for this event. He brought some for us to distribute within the community.

7.B. Gate Keys for Emergency.

Rusty shared her report, with pictures, via email. She asked Mayor Keller, who is in attendance, for help in obtaining keys.

7.C. IDO Update proposal—FHV Bylaws revision

Andrew shared that Herb Wright, the VP nominee, upon his probable appointment, shall hold committee meetings to discuss revisions to the Bylaws to insure we are compliant with the new NARO.

8. New Business

8.A. 2023 Yard Sale

This was not on the agenda, but James DeMay informed us that this year's yard sale will be held May 20, 2023. James also provided the monthly real estate report in writing. Currently, there are 6 active listings in FHV with an average price per square foot of \$174.06 and an average list price of \$568,041. There are 8 pending sales with an average price per square foot of \$182.94 and an average list price of \$622,238. Six properties have closed with an average price per square foot of \$195.50 with an average sale price of \$514,983.

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 March 21, 2023, 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 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

James made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Brigid seconded it; the motion passed unanimously. President Andrew Lipman adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.