

# Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

## Minutes of the FHVA Board Meeting of March 22, 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 6:34 p.m.

#### In Attendance:

**Officers:** Andrew Lipman, Herb Wright, Linda Martinez\*

**Directors:** Jerry Gallegos, Julia Vertrees, James DeMay, Brigid Conklin, Troy Hill

**Member-at-Large:** Lisa “Rusty” Goetz,

**Absent:** Jennifer Lopez, William Jones, Paul Yarrington, Howard Kimberly, all excused

\* Denotes attendance via Zoom

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Herb made a motion to approve the agenda with the change that director Jerry Gallegos be added to it. Julia seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**3. Introduction of Guests:** Ann Harris Davidson (*FHV resident*)

### 4. Approval of the FHVA Board Meeting Minutes of the February 21, 2023 Meeting:

Herb commended Jennifer for the great jobs she does with the minutes. The board concurred.

Rusty made a motion to approve the minutes. Herb 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](http://www.fhva.org).

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

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

Andrew’s report is included in 7.A “Unfinished Business”.

#### 5.B. Vice President, Herb Wright

Herb is updating the by-laws to conform with the new NARO using the template that the city requires. He expects to present a draft to the board by mid-May. He added that all FHV households (not just FHVA members) must have the opportunity to approve the new by-laws. Brigid suggested that the new by-laws and voting instructions be included in the September issue of the Chronicle as this is the issue that is sent to all FHV households.

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

**5.C.1.** As of March 18, 2023, the checking account balance was \$10,916.63. Revenue received from January 1 through March 18, was \$997.19 for membership dues and \$1,700.00 for advertising, for a total of \$2,697.16. Bills paid this period were totaled \$2,430.20 and included \$2,245.88 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 \$23,327.56. Interest accrued was a grand total of \$0.38.

**5.C.2.** Herb made a motion that the association consider transferring \$10,000 from the money market account into a 3-month CD. Rusty seconded and added that we should investigate rates from local and national institutions. Linda will look into this.

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

Absent. No report.

**5.E. Membership Director, Julia Vertrees**

**5.E 1.** Julia suggested that FHVA subscribe to the least expensive version (\$13.00/month + GRT) of Mail Chimp for email blasts to members That way our notices have a better chance of ending up in recipients' inboxes rather than spam folders. Julia made a motion to subscribe to Mail Chimp; Herb seconded it; the motion passed unanimously

**5.E 2.** Julia inquired about who is responsible for FHVA's social media presence and proposed that a committee be formed to come up with a strategy to reach out to the community. Andrew said that the association has a Facebook page and that most residents appear to use Nextdoor. He has management of the Nextdoor account, but not to the Facebook one. Julia said she does not use Facebook but would arrange to transfer ownership of the account from the previous membership director.

**5.E 3.** This was followed by a discussion on how to attract more residents, especially younger ones, to join he association and how to get the word out to all FHV residents about the association.

**5.F. Webmaster, Howard Kimberly.**

Howard was unable to attend the meeting, but sent this report:

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

There have been 159 unique visits to [www.fhva.org](http://www.fhva.org), and 309 page views.

**5.F.2** The Weebly account and website domain are up for renewal later this month. (Linda said that Howard had paid for the renewals and that she had reimbursed Howard for these expenses.)

**5.F.3** Howard asked the new board members, to please send him any website updates (especially those in their area of responsibility. Exact content is preferred, but not exact formatting.

**5.G. Jerry Gallegos, Education and Youth Affairs**

Jerry met with APS Board Member Josefina Domingues in January and will meet with representatives from charter schools in the future.

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

Paul was unable to attend the meeting but supplied this report. He met with his predecessor, Rusty Goetz, earlier in the month and expects to meet with her again to discuss the work she has done in this position.

**5.I. Government Affairs, William Jones**

Absent. No report. Andrew said he has asked William to represent FHVA in the District 9 East Gateway Coalition and to make appointments with all our elected officials in order to develop relationships with them.

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

James reminded everyone that the annual yard sale will take place on May 20.

**5.J.1.** There are 5 active listings in FHV: at an average of \$191.11 per square foot with average square footage of 3,529.

**5.J.2.** Pending Sales: 6 at an average of \$177.22 per square foot with average square footage of 3,177.

**5.J.3.** Closed: 5 at an average of \$184.95 per square foot with average square footage of 3,383.

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

Brigid said the Chronicle is at the printer and thanked everyone for their contributions.

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

**5.L.1.** Troy attended the March 13 Foothills Community Policing Council (FCPC) meeting where APD Foothills Command Commander Garrett spoke about crime issues in the command. In addition to addressing specific issues from attendees, Commander Garrett related that all crime categories within the command area are down this year, compared to the same period in 2022.

**5.L.2.** Newly appointed District Attorney Sam Bregman attended and gave an overview of his office. The office currently has 87 of 125 prosecutor positions filled and is looking to fill the additional positions as soon as possible. DA Bregman is looking to quash older misdemeanor warrants, particularly traffic related warrants over 7 years old. His hope is that this will free up resources to attack larger problems like felony warrants and violent crime prosecutions.

**5.L.3** An APD officer is now assigned to FHV and a Bernalillo County Sheriff substation is now located in the Four Hills Shopping Center. Troy wasn't sure how often the substation will be manned but added that having a law enforcement presence there is a positive step.

### **5.M. Rusty Goetz, Member at Large**

**5.M.1.** Rusty reported that the March 9 prescribed burn went as planned and that the Raton and Rio Arriba gates have new locks that are accessible by APD and AFR. There are no more burns scheduled for spring, but there may be some this fall.

**5.M.2.** Not all residents were aware that it was a planned burn despite the yellow sign on Four Hills Road announcing it. She will meet with the Four Hills Neighbors group about ways to alert members. Andrew said he had requested two more signs to be placed near the open space entrances. Herb suggested we find out about posting notices about the burns on the information highway signs. Andrew said he had contacts at East Mountain Wildfire Preparedness Association and another organization and would see if they could help spread the word about scheduled burns.

**5.M.3.** Andrew and Rusty are to meet with the representatives from the city and with the open space director on March 24 to inspect the emergency gates and the condition of the streets at these gates. Rusty is also going to inquire about additional parking around the open spaces.

## **6. Committee Reports**

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

Jennifer was unable to attend the meeting and did not provide an update.

**7. Unfinished Business**

**7.A Multicultural Arts Festival**

Arts and craft vendors are still needed. Andrew asked the board to distribute “Call for Artist” flyers. He will email the flyers to the board.

**7.B. Gate Keys for Emergency.**

As mentioned, in 5.M.1 above, the Raton and Rio Arriba gates have new locks accessible by APD and APR. Rusty is requesting keys for FHVA. Troy suggested that we look into using combination padlocks on the emergency gates. These are in use in the Phoenix area and do not require police or fire to carry keys.

**7.C. IDO Update proposal—FHV Bylaws revision**

See Herb Wright’s report.

**7.D. Membership—Need for greater community involvement**

See Julia Vertree’s report.

**8. New Business**

**8.A. 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 April 18, 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](http://www.fhva.org)), FHVA Newsletter, the FHVA Facebook page, and on FHV Nextdoor.

**9. Adjournment**

James made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jerry seconded it; the motion passed unanimously. President Andrew Lipman adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.