

Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

Minutes of the FHVA Board Meeting of June 27, 2023

Special Meeting to Discuss Revision of Bylaws

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, Herb Wright, Linda Martinez, Jennifer Lopez

Directors: Brigid Conklin, Troy Hill, Howard Kimberly, Julia Vertrees, Jerry Gallegos, Paul Yarrington,

Member-at-Large: Lisa “Rusty” Goetz

Absent: James DeMay and William Jones, both excused

* Denotes attendance via Zoom

2. Approval of Agenda: There is no agenda since the meeting is being held solely to discuss the bylaws.

3. Introduction of Guests:

Ann Harris Davidson: Ann is a Four Hills Village resident who came to observe the meeting.

Jim Church. Jim Church is a Four Hills Village resident and is joining the meeting via Zoom.

4. Discussion: As Herb is leading the effort in revising the Bylaws per the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO), Andrew asked him to begin the discussion. Herb shared with us that he has been part of our neighborhood association governance since 2002 and has seen many versions of the organization and its Bylaws. He stated that we currently have a good working relationship with the folks at the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC). They provided a template to all Associations for use in the revision of their Bylaws in the implementation of the NARO. Herb has followed that template and the main changes in our Bylaws are in the areas of Membership and Fees. Herb has emailed us the draft of the revised Bylaws, and comments and edits have already been completed. He asked for further questions or comments.

- **Rusty:** There are 12 parliamentary errors regarding everything from what defines a quorum to officers' terms that will effect how we operate. Should we go section by section and see how the ONC's requirements align with the needs of our specific neighborhood and determine if the subsequent document is one we can live with? If this document can't be made to work for FHV then we may want to disconnect from the City of Albuquerque and align ourselves solely with Bernalillo County.
- **Howard:** Before we spend time analyzing the Bylaws maybe we should decide as a Board whether we want to remain with the city or align ourselves with the city. The difference will be in whether or not we can charge dues. Can we survive financially if dues are not mandated?
- **Andrew:** The city councilors who were adamant about cutting the requirements for dues are not running for re-election. The question of dues could very well be put forth again, meaning they could be reinstated. Also, if we stay with the city, no other neighborhood association can be formed in Four Hills Village. But, if we align solely with the county, a group of people could form a separate neighborhood association and we would have competing organizations representing one neighborhood. When we rewrote the Bylaws last time and required each member, not just each household, to pay \$25 dues, we lost members. Eliminating the requirement for payment may actually increase our membership. Either way, but especially if we stay with the city, we need to do a better job at advertising the value FHVA provides to the neighborhood. We are operating at a deficit, and we need to do a better job of outreach to the residents of FHV.
- **Jerry:** Our primary purpose is to act as representatives of the residents of FHV to the city. If we are not aligned with the city, we will not receive information disseminated from city departments.

- **Ann:** There is a great deal of wordsmithing that needs to be done with the current draft of the new Bylaws. Many areas are very vague and need clarification.
- **Herb:** Can everyone take another look at the draft that was sent to you via email with a more detailed eye and send me any more edits that you believe are necessary.
- **Julia:** Before we get into the details of editing the revised Bylaws, I think we need to acknowledge that we have discussed the options of staying with the city or becoming aligned only with Bernalillo County. I move that we vote to pursue moving ahead towards remaining as a part of the City of Albuquerque. Linda Martinez made the second. All Board members present, except one, voted yes. "Rusty" Lisa Goetz abstained.
- **Andrew:** We are still operating under the new Bylaws. After all our edits are complete and we vote on the new Bylaws as a Board, they must be approved by our entire membership. I am asking Brigid, our Publications Director, to send out a one-page edition of The Chronicle that will direct residents to our website. For those whom we have record of that they prefer not to use a computer, we will mail them a ballot. All others will vote on the revision via an electronic ballot.
- **Herb:** I would like Rusty to work with me on compiling all of your editing suggestions and analyzing/comparing the old and new Bylaws. Please have your edits to me by July 24. Rusty heartily agreed to work with Herb on this project.
- **Rusty:** I make a motion that we edit the current draft of the Bylaws that are being revised as mandated by the NARO so that these Bylaws fit the needs of FHV and that the FHVA Board submit their comments and edits by July 24, 2023. Linda made the second and the motion unanimously passed.

5. Adjournment

Julia made a motion to adjourn at 7:45. Linda made the second and the motion passed.