

Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

Minutes of the FHVA Board Meeting of October 17, 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 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

Officers: Andrew Lipman, Herb Wright, *Linda Martinez, Jennifer Lopez

Directors: James DeMay, Howard Kimberly, Jerry Gallegos, *Paul Yarrington, Julia Vertrees

Member-at-Large: Lisa “Rusty” Goetz

Absent: Brigid Conklin (excused), Troy Hill

* Denotes attendance via Zoom

2. Approval of Agenda

Andrew asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer made a motion to approve the agenda. Herb made the second and the motion carried.

3. Introduction of Guests

Steve McCampbell. Steve is a FHV resident who wants to stay aware of what is happening in our neighborhood.

Ann Harris Davidson. Ann is a Four Hills Village resident who often observes our meetings.

William Jones. William is a Four Hills Village resident who is observing our meeting.

City Councilor Renee Grout: She thanked us for serving our community by being on the FHVA Board. She shared with us the following items of note:

- The city has begun the process of repairing the FHV sign at the entrance of the neighborhood that was vandalized.
- The FHV Traffic Study is now complete. A link to the final draft is on her website. The 5-mile Wagon Train-Stagecoach Rd Loop will be the most affected, with the addition of sharrows, parking on both sides of the street, and walking/bike paths being added. The hope is that speeding in FHV will decrease. Jerry asks why can't we have officers patrol and write tickets. He believes simple enforcement of existing laws is key versus spending a quarter of a million dollars to reconfigure our streets. The city is in the process of obtaining a design for the approximate \$232,000.00 worth of striping changes. The estimated time of completion is 2 years.
- She invited us to a meeting on Thursday, October 26 with the Open Space officers at the Stagecoach Rd Trailhead.
- Councilor Grout shared with us that she speaks to Albuquerque CAO Lawrence Rael daily regarding La Luz Amistad and the extensive drug trafficking and homeless taking up residence on that site. Landscaping barriers will be put in place to deter people from parking vehicles there.

Rusty reminded Councilor Grout of the very extensive road analysis that she completed and asked her if it is wise to restripe roads that really need to be replaced. Councilor Grout said even though our roads are in bad shape, there are others in the city that are worse. She advised that we vote for the GO Bonds slated for road improvements in the upcoming election. She said she would ask The Department of Municipal Development (DMD) to spray the weeds growing in the middle of FHV streets.

Herb asked Councilor Grout where our property taxes are going to. How is that money being spent? We don't see it being spent on roads or more police officers. Councilor Grout stated that one place the money is being spent is at Gateway Center for the homeless.

4. Approval of the FHVA Board Meeting Minutes of the September 19, 2023 Monthly Meeting.

Herb made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2023 FHVA Board Meeting. Julia 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

5.A.1. He will speak later in the meeting.

5.B. Vice President, Herb Wright

5.B.1 Elections. He asked that we let him know of our intentions regarding our positions for next year. Linda Martinez's 3-year term as Treasurer is coming to an end. However, she is willing to stay on if no one runs against her and if the 2024 Board waives the term limit restriction. Andrew and Herb will not be on the ballot as President and Vice President. Herb will ask Ann Harris Davidson to help chair the election process.

5.C. Treasurer, Linda Martinez

5.C.1. Account Balances. The checking account has a balance of \$6,253.97. Revenue received January 1 to October 15, 2023, was \$4,198.68, which included \$1,191.67 for membership dues, \$2300.00 for advertising, and a \$700 contribution from Disney because they were filming in our neighborhood.

Bills paid this period were \$8,912.35, to include \$2245.88 for the Annual General Meeting, \$167.85 for the prizes for the Annual Holiday Light Contest, \$16.47 for supplies, \$4,010.30 for the Chronicle, \$187.43 for Weebly Renewal, \$803 for insurance, \$83.98 for Mail Chimp, \$503.69 for Survey Monkey, \$645.75 for the Shred Event, and \$248 for the Annual PO Box Fee.

5.C.2. Money Market Account. The FHVA's current money market account balance is \$23,328.93. Interest accrued through October 15, 2023 was a grand total of \$1.75.

A conversation was had regarding opening CD accounts of varying time frames. Herb made a motion that he and Linda will research different banking institutions and open 3 different accounts of varying time frames, each one being \$5,000.00, and he and Linda have the authorization to adjust the length and amount of three CDs depending on the fees and rates of each product. Julia made the second and the motion carried.

5.D. Secretary, Jennifer Lopez

5.D.1. Good Neighbor Awards. Jennifer stated that she completed the interview and article for the next edition of The Chronicle. Please do not hesitate to send her nominations for the next article.

5.E. Membership Director, Julia Vertrees

5.E.1. Membership. We had 273 members but received a new family membership this evening that also donated \$50.

5.F. Education and Youth Affairs, Jerry Gallegos

5.F.1. He left his extensive notes at home and will defer his report until next month.

5.G. Webmaster, Howard Kimberly

5.G.1 Website Traffic. In the last 30 days there have been 172 unique visits to the website and 357 page views.

5.G.2. Membership Changes on Website. Andrew directed Howard to place the new membership registration form that reflects the new rules regarding dues on the website. A discussion was had as to whether or not the form should denote if it is an "individual" or a "household" membership. The form states that membership is free but a minimum donation of \$25 is suggested. Some asked if that donation "purchases" a individual or household membership. If they donate more, do they get additional directories and newsletters? Andrew states that he believes it is one directory and newsletter per address. Andrew also asked Howard to post the new bylaws onto the website.

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

5.H.1 Neighborhood Clean Up. Not as many folks as usual participated in the September 30, 2023 Neighborhood Clean Up Day.

5.H.2. Shred Event. The Shred Event on October 7, 2023 was well attended. We used a different company, and it was less expensive. Andrew received multiple emails and had conversations stating that this event was very organized and smoothly run.

5.I. Real Estate and Public Relations, James DeMay

5.J.1. Active Listings: 6 in FHV with an average 2885sf at avg \$199.98per sq. ft.

5.J.2. Pending Sales: 4 in FHV at an average 2338sf at an avg of \$241.33 per sq ft

5.J.3. Closed: 5 in FHV at an average 2969sf at an avg of \$174.67/sf

5.J. Publications, Brigid Conklin.

5.K.1. The Chronicle. Brigid is unable to attend but sent word that she printed 175 newsletters and mailed 163 of them and sent the link to 94 members.

5.K.2. Upcoming Chronicle. Please start thinking about the December Chronicle. This will not only be the board election issue, but also the membership renewal issue. Please have your articles to me by the end of November.

5.K. Security, Troy Hill.

5.L.2 Absent

5.L. Member-At-Large, Rusty Goetz.

5.M.1. KAFB Prescribed Burn. A prescribed burn will be conducted the week of October 23. The actual date will be dependent on weather conditions. It will be larger than the burn held in the Spring. Albuquerque Fire and Rescue, KAFB Fire, and Bernalillo County officials are involved. Julie Dodd, President of Four Hills Neighbors, has agreed to publish a joint statement regarding the burn on their website in order to reach as many residents as possible.

5.M.2. Emergency Gate. City officials have agreed to have the secondary exit gate on Rio Arriba be the official secondary evacuation route for FHV. Signs designating the route have been installed.

6. Committee Reports

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

A report was given earlier in the meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

7.A Results from Bylaws Revision Vote.

Fifty-two votes were cast. Forty-nine for and three against—the vote passed.

7.B. Elections and Annual Meeting Planning.

Please let Herb know your intentions regarding your position on the Board. We need Board Members!

8. New Business

8A. Letter of Support. After a presentation by the City Open Space Division and Ayoni Oyenuga from Consensus Planning, Inc. to the FHVA Board last month on the Route 66 Trailhead Project, a Letter of Support outlining the intended use of the trail system and its impact on FHV will be written by Andrew to be used as a supporting document stating the Board's support of the project to the city.

8.B. Prescribed Burn. Andrew will place the large signs regarding the burn around the neighborhood on the day prior to its ignition.

8.C. Four Hills Village Sign Repair. Councilor Grout will keep us updated as to the status of the repairs.

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

The next Four Hills Village Association Board Meeting will be held on November 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.

8. Adjournment

Julia made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Herb seconded it; the motion passed unanimously. President Andrew Lipman adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.