

Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

Minutes of the FHVA Board Special Meeting of November 28, 2023

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

1. Call to Order

President Andrew Lipman opened this hybrid meeting at 6:03 p.m.

In Attendance:

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

Directors: Julia Vertrees, Jerry Gallegos, Brigid Conklin, *James DeMay, Howard Kimberly

Member-at-Large: Rusty Goetz

Absent: Paul Yarrington, Troy Hill (Andrew shared that Troy has resigned due to increased work and travel obligations and he is also taking advanced courses at UNM.)

Guests: Ann Harris Davidson, a FHV resident and former Board member who still observes meetings, Sara Valentine and Carmil Surritt, *Tim Gallegos, and Steve McCampbell—all FHV residents who are considering running for a Board position

Denotes attendance via Zoom*

2. Report by Board Member Rusty Goetz

2.A. Emergency Exit Signs: Signs noting the Emergency Exit Route via Rio Arriba have been installed. The only concern is that they indicate a hurricane evacuation route! Also, “No Parking” signs need to be installed in front of the gate at Rio Arriba as an RV is now parked in front of it.

2.B. Records of Outgoing Officers: Rusty suggests that all outgoing officers provide a binder containing contact names and numbers of the people involved in the carrying out of duties of that specific position.

2.C. Annual FHVA Holiday Light Contest: Rusty made a motion that we continue the contest this year. Howard made the second. Jennifer stated that she will take on this task. Sara Valentine volunteered to assist her if Steve Brugge is not available. We agreed the judging will be complete by December 22.

3. Introduction of Guests:

3.A. Sara Valentine and Carmil Surritt. Sara and Carmil moved to FHV 3 years ago and are now interested in how the FHVA Board operates and possibly in seeking an office on the Board.

3.B. Ann Harris Davidson. Ann is a former Board member and still observes meetings.

3.C. Tim Gallegos. Tim is interested in how the Board operates and in running for a Board position.

3.D. Steve McCampbell. Steve is a long-time FHV resident and is interested in sitting on the Board.

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

Herb made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2023 FHVA Board Meeting; Jerry seconded the motion noting that he had asked for some deletions from his Education report. The items he asked to be deleted were not statements he made, but rather background information on the topic. The motion carried and the vote was passed. These minutes may be posted on the Association’s website at www.fhva.org.

5. Update on Election Process and Discussion Regarding Membership and Bylaws.

5.A. Membership and NARO. The NARO states that no dues will be required of FHVA members beginning January 2024. All one needs to do to be a member or run for office is to register. Julia wants to make sure everyone knows the definition of a member, to include Contributing and Non-Contributing Members.

5. B. Forms. Brigid shared the different membership registration forms she created. After a discussion, we agreed 2 forms were best. One will be a form for people registering as Non-Contributing members. Multiple people from the same household registering as Non-Contributing members can use this same form. The second form will be for the registration of Contributing Members. Non-Contributing members in the same household can also register on that same form. It is hers, Julia's and Howard's opinion that having forms that allow multiple people to register is more user friendly and also easier for the Membership Director to disaggregate information.

5.C. Election. Herb thanked Ann Harris Davidson for her work serving on the Nominating Committee. We currently have 3 people wanting to run for offices of President, Vice President, and Security Director. The offices of Publications, Webmaster, and Government Affairs are still vacant. Linda's term as treasurer is technically over, but if need be, she has volunteered to stay on. The new President and Board would have to appoint her at the beginning of the year.

5.D Other Vacancies. Andrew shared that the Urban Enhancement Trust Fund is in need of members. City Councilor Renee Grout has asked if any of us are interested in serving on this Board.

6. Annual General Meeting Planning

Linda has reached out to the Canyon Club regarding renting a room and having coffee and pastries provided. Unfortunately, no one from the Club has responded to her. The Singing Arrow Community Center is not available on weekends. Herb has not heard back on his queries to the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center regarding us holding the meeting there. He now suggests the public meeting room at Smith's Grocery Store. Jennifer suggested renting a theatre at Icon Cinema. She will reach out to them. Rusty points out that in order for the meeting date and time to be placed in the next edition of The Chronicle, we need to have the venue nailed down by this Friday. Rusty, Herb, and Jennifer will work together over the next 3 days to try and commit to a venue for the Annual General Meeting. Doug Small, the Director of Public Affairs in Mayor Keller's office, has stated he will try to attend, as will the Mayor.

7. Update on the October 24, 2023 Planned Burn on Kirtland Air Force Base.

Even though the burn was three times the size of the earlier burn, it was less visible to FHVA residents. It was further on to the Base and there was less smoke.

8. FHVA Sign Repair.

The repair of our vandalized sign has been placed out for bid by the City. Most of the remaining letters have now also been stolen and will have to be replaced.

9. Letter Sent in Support of Route 66 Trailhead Project.

Andrew sent an official letter of support of the Route 66 Trailhead Project.

10. Next Meeting-Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 6:30 at the Singing Arrow Community Center.

Our guest will be Ayoni Oyenuga of the City of Albuquerque's Open Space Division and she will speak on the Stagecoach Trail Project.