

Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

Minutes of the FHVA Board Meeting of August 19, 2024
Hybrid meeting – held at Singing Arrow Community Center & via Zoom
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order.

President Brook Jilek opened this hybrid meeting at 6:33 p.m.

In Attendance.

Officers: President Brook Jilek, *Vice President Tim Gallegos, Treasurer Herb Wright, and Secretary Jennifer Lopez

Directors: Carmil Surritt, Julia Vertrees, Paul Yarrington, Jerry Gallegos, Jimmie Wolf, James DeMay Steve McCampbell,

Member-at-Large: None

Immediate Past President: Andrew Lipman absent

Absent:,

*Denotes attendance via Zoom.

Guests: Trisha Korbas, a resident of FHV, is attending with a possible interest in becoming a part of the FHVA Board.

2. Approval of Agenda.

Brook asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Herb made a motion to approve the agenda. Carmil made the second and the motion carried.

3. Approval of the Previous Month's FHVA Board Meeting Minutes.

Carmil made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2024 FHVA Board Meeting. 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.

4. Reports, as needed from Officers and Board Members

4.A. Vice President, Tim Gallegos.

4.A. E-Waste Event. Tim plans to contact the City to inquire about hosting a E-Waste Recycling event in conjunction with our Shred Event being held on October 5.

4.B. Sign Repair. Tim and Brook have been in contact with the City regarding the repair of our sign. We thought it had been repaired after being vandalized but the rails are not in place. Thus, we are unable to place messages on it. At this point we have been told it will be cheaper for the city to purchase a new and improved sign rather than to continue fixing this one.

4.B. Treasurer, Herb Wright.

4.B.1. Access to Accounts. Herb is still working with a banker at PNC to gain access to the accounts. The banker has provided Herb with statements, and he is now working to reconcile the accounts.

4.B.2. CDs. The CDs are scheduled to roll over tomorrow. Herb is asking the Board if we wish to keep them in place or reinvest elsewhere. He shared that we have earned \$500 in interest in the last 3 months. Carmil made a motion to move the funds into savings account until we can research different institutions and find a better rate of return. Jerry made the second and the motion carried. Herb will research if we can remove the "restricted" status from the CDs so that we can use them for other purposes other than legal costs.

4.B.3. Transition to Non-Profit Status. The grant we received requires that we are or are sponsored by a non-profit organization. Herb would like to re-apply for non-profit status. It was originally filed years ago when we were a HOA, and we are now a neighborhood association. Herb made a motion that we reapply for a 501c3 non-profit status. Carmil made the second and the motion passed. Jennifer made a motion to give Herb the approval to spend up to \$100 for payment of any required fees connected to the application for 501c3 status. Jimmie made the second and the motion passed.

4.C. Publications, Jimmie Wolf.

4.C.1. Fall Edition of *The Chronicle*. The next edition of *The Chronicle* should include all the election information, to include ballots. Please get articles in soon. Brook asked that we all think hard about our positions on the Board and recruit new Board members, if necessary.

4.C.2. Membership Directory. Jimmie asked when the annual membership directory should be mailed. Julia replied that it should have been mailed in early Summer. A discussion was held and Carmil made a motion to print the membership directory after the elections, as many new members often join in the late Fall and their information could then be included in the directory. Paul made the second and the motion carried.

4.C.3. Marketing Options. Jennifer asked the Board's opinion on doing a joint mailing with FHVA for marketing purposes. Jimmie will do some research with our printer to ascertain what the printing costs will be with different page sizes and paper weights.

4.D. Secretary, Jennifer Lopez.

4.D.1. Collaborate with FHN. Jennifer made the point that it would be mutually beneficial to FHVA and FHN if we worked together in marketing for new members. It just makes sense to share publication costs and to split the costs of mailing. Additionally, it would be wise to work together in producing events like the upcoming Star Party. Everyone agreed that it is certainly beneficial for the 2 organizations to work together. Jimmie will research different mailing costs.

4.E. Membership Director, Julia Vertrees.

4.D.1. Directory. Julia has not been as active the last couple of months due to a death in her family and her need to deal with an estate. She shared her frustration with the current system of tracking members and also the question of when and how to publish the directory.

4.F. Government Affairs, Carmil Surratt.

4.F.1. Communicate with Councilor Grout. Carmil will communicate with Councilor Grout as to why we can no longer access crime statistics. He will also ask why the city-sponsored crime survey was taken down. James shared that Councilor Grout will be hosting a Meet & Greet at her home this Saturday from 4-6.

4.G. Education & Youth Affairs Director, Jerry Gallegos

4.F.1. Business Cards. Jerry distributed more FHVA business cards he had printed.

4.F.2. Collaborating with FHN. He agrees that it is a good idea to co-sponsor events such as the Star Party with FHN. Holding it on Veterans Day, November 11 may be a good idea, as the skies will be conducive for star gazing. Trisha Korbas suggested calling it Stars and Stripes!

4.F.3. Education. Albuquerque School of Excellence, the closest K-12 charter school to FHV is now offering bus service to FHV.

4.G. Security Director.

4.G.1. Statistics. Steve shared that he no longer has access to crime statistics. Jerry shared that he visited with APD officers during NNO. Jerry informed the officers that his street had been "mobbed" by a group of teenagers. Retired law enforcement officers live on his street and were able to get them to leave. However, they soon came back with weapons and were going house to house knocking on windows with their guns. The APD officer said they had no record of that incident and that it is imperative that we report all that happens in FHV. They can only justify patrolling our neighborhood if they have record of deviant activity that needs attention.

4.H. Open Space Director, Paul Yarrington.

4.H.1. October 5th Shred Event. Paul shared that the upcoming shred event will be at his house at 901 Toro Rd. He asked if we can advertise it on MailChimp and our website. Trisha shared that she spoke to folks who said they were leery about taking their confidential documents to “a truck in somebody’s driveway” and that it would behoove us to advertise that this is a *secure* shred event being done by a reputable company. Jerry volunteered to make the sign to place at the Y advertising this event.

4.I. Public Relations & Real Estate, James DeMay. (as of August 19, 2024)

4.I.1. Active Listings: 9 in FHV with an average 2620sf at avg \$208.85 per sq. ft.

4.I.2. Pending Sales: 9 in FHV at an average 2731 sf at an avg of \$193.78 per sq ft

4.I.3. Closed: 4 in FHV at an average 2849sf at an avg of \$201.29 per sf

4.J. Webmaster, Howard Kimberly

4.G.1 No report.

5. New Business

5.A. Proposal to raise dues to \$30 per year. Brook shared with the Board that the FHVA dues have not been raised since the 70s. And considering that dues are no longer mandatory, Brook reiterated to us that with our current request for \$25 donations we are operating at a financial loss. He is asking that we raise our requested donations \$5 a year for 2 years. The entire Board agreed that an increase in dues is overdue and necessary. Herb made a motion that we increase the requested donations to \$35 a year. Jerry made the second and the motion carried.

6. Announcements

6.A. Next meeting.

The next monthly Four Hills Village Association Board Meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2024, 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 Brook Jilek 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.

7. Adjournment

Herb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerry seconded it and the motion passed unanimously. President Brook Jilek adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

FHVA President Printed Name

FHVA President Signature