

# FOUR HILLS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL MEETING

10:00 am January 18, 2020

Canyon Club, Boardroom

### I. **Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Cochran at 10:00 am. Quorum was met and verified, with attendance recorded.

PRESENT: President Jim Cochran, Vice President Herb Wright, Secretary Jennifer Lopez, Treasurer Charley Rhodes, Parks and Open Space Director Steve Brugge, Public Relations Director Lynda Hartman, Publication Director Linda Konkel, Webmaster Linda Martinez, Membership Director Jan DeMay, Government Affairs Director Andrew Lipman, Security and Overflights Director George Gibbs, and Member at Large Linda Andrews

### II. **Approval of the Agenda:**

George Gibbs made a motion to approve the agenda with Andrew Lipman making the second. The motion unanimously carried.

### III. **Introduction of Special Guests:**

Jim Cochran remembered Joe Zmuda, a long time FHV resident who passed away this last year. Albuquerque District 9 Councilman Don Harris, Senator Jim White (NM District 19), Representative Abbas Akhil, (NM District 20), Bernalillo County Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty, APS Representative Elizabeth Armijo, Greg Seeley, who is the Field Representative for Representative Deb Haaland, and IPS CEO Aaron Jones were all in attendance as guest speakers. They spoke on the following topics:

### IV. **Guest Speakers:**

**Councilman Harris:** The City Council has assisted in the purchase of the sign that will be installed at the entrance to Four Hills. A fence has been installed around the Supper Rock area to help curb vagrancy. The city now has 200 more police officers and more funding for the District Attorney's office. The city is purchasing the bottom of Tijeras Arroyo so that we may patrol and control access. The Singing Arrow Community Center will be built and the archaeological site on it's premises will be preserved. Apartments for low income seniors will be built on the site north of Home Depot. It will be a well-built facility and will generate little or no crime. Colleen Aycok stated that she would rather see business along the East Central corridor. She believes that businesses and new jobs, not low-income apartments is what will revitalize the area.

**Commissioner Pyskoty:** The county is assisting with the renovation of the Sandia Vista apartments. She will hold community meetings in the voting centers. Her background is working in mental and behavioral health. The county's RV, Big Bertha, travels the county and transports mental health caregivers to where low income and/or homeless constituents can benefit from their services. They also work on picking up needles. She is working in tandem with Councilor Harris on the purchase of Tijeras Arroyo and economic strategies to bulk up the East Gateway.

**Senator Jim White:** He reminded us of how important it is for neighbors to volunteer in their community. FHVA is one of the longest operating neighborhood associations. Also, FHV has continuously provided state or national representatives. We are well represented! He shared that our national economy is strong, labor is up, unemployment has decreased, interest rates are

down, and the GDP is up. Thanks to the oil revenues, our state income boasts an 11% increase. He believes we need to spend this surplus on one-time expenses, not recurring ones.

**Representative Abbas Akhil:** In order for change to occur in the East Central Corridor, citizens must participate in the process. Travel to the legislature and speak to committees. Your participation helps your legislature understand your community and its needs.

**APS Board Member, Elizabeth Armijo:** Our district holds 13,000 students and our enrollment is holding steady. Fifty-four million dollars is spent on children in District 6. These monies go towards mental health service, instructional materials, professional development, transportation, career and technical education, college readiness, and salary increases for all staff. The last mill levy passed and provided \$290 million to the schools with no new tax. The community is encouraged to participate in the interviews for the new APS Superintendent in March and April. Ann Harris-Davidson asked her to hold town hall meetings twice a year. Jim Cochran told Ms. Armijo that the elementary, and mid and high schools that FHV kids attend do not align with each other. It causes the students to make new friends every time they change schools.

**Greg Seeley, Field Representative for Representative for Deb Haaland:** New Mexico is well-represented in Washington, as Representative Haaland sits on the House Oversight, Armed Services, Readiness, Personnel, and National Resources committees. She ranks #1 in contacting constituents. She introduced 27 bills and co-sponsored 574 bills. She has worked on military housing reforms, repealing the widow's tax, and issues regarding Sandia Labs. Currently, she is attempting to garner a new flying mission for the NM National Guard

**Aaron Jones (IPS):** I began my business in FHV 14 years ago. FHV is special to me and it is an honor to watch over this neighborhood. Please be aware of how pending legislation such as the Red Flag Law may affect you and your neighborhood.

V. **Review of meeting minutes:**

George Gibbs made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2019 meeting with the correction of stating that Mr. Abbas is a Representative, not a Congressman. Mr. Donald Gluck made the second. The motion unanimously carried.

VI. **Status of the FHVA**

1. **President: Jim Cochran**

a) **Accomplishments:** The sign that will be placed at the entrance to the neighborhood is being made. Hopefully, we will have 3 surveillance cameras strategically placed throughout that will be monitored by APD. Our Spring Clean Up was a success, as was our October Shred Event.

b) **Approval of Budget 2020:** Frank Lujan made a motion to approve the budget and Jan DeMay made the second. The motion unanimously carried.

2. **FHVA Holiday Light Contest Winners:** FHVA donated a \$50 gift card to the dining room at the Canyon Club. The Club matched each gift card for a total of \$100 to each winner.

- a) Paul Feist Family
- b) Jon and Jessica Locker
- c) Larry and Lisa Gallegos

**3. Naming the park to “Barsis-Mickelson Memorial Park”:** Ed Barsis and Roger Mickelson were both influential movers and shakers within the FHV community. We want to honor their contributions by naming the park after them. Bob Martinez made a motion to rename the park in Barsis-Mickelson Park. George Gibbs seconded the motion. One resident suggested that we add Dorothy Voorhees name to the park, as she was influential in starting Four Hills Neighbors. Jim Cochran stated that organization is separate from Four Hills Village Association, but that something could be looked at in the future to honor Mrs. Voorhees. The motion carried to rename the park Barsis-Mickelson Park with 4 opposing votes.

## **VII. Elections**

Jim Cochran stated that we would normally have FHVA Board elections at this time. We asked for residents of FHV to serve on the nominating committee or to run for office via the Chronicle and Next Door website. We had no responses. Thus, we cannot have elections today. He contacted the Albuquerque Office of Neighborhood Coordination and self-reported that we were not following the by-laws and that our election will be delayed. Linda Konkel, Marilou Cochran, and Linda Andrews have all agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. Mail-in ballots will be sent out this next week. Jim Mowry asked who can vote. Jim Cochran answered that you had to have been a member since December 2019 to be eligible to vote. Scott Austin responded that Jim’s interpretation of the by-laws is incorrect. He stated that all present at this Annual Meeting should be able to vote. The Office of Neighborhood Coordination will be contacted again. Carri Mowry asked if the audience can hear from the FHVA Board candidates. Jim introduced all the candidates to the audience. Linda Andrews shared that bios of each candidate will be sent with the ballots. Jim Cochran was asked had it not been his responsibility to appoint a nominating committee in a timely manner. He answered yes, but it is also citizens’ responsibility to volunteer. The consensus from the audience is that a more comprehensive means of communication is needed from the FHVA Board.

## **VIII. Discussion of Issues**

a) All pertinent issues have been discussed.

**IX. 2021 Annual Meeting Saturday, January 23, 2021–** none

**IX Adjourn:** Mike Blackledge made a motion to adjourn. Don Conklin made the second and the motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted

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Jennifer J Lopez  
Secretary