

Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

(Amended Final) Minutes of FHVA Board Meeting, August 18, 2020
Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting

1. Call to Order

President Steve Brugge opened this virtual meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Attendance:

Officers: Steve Brugge, Jennifer Lopez, Lee LaBrier, and Linda Martinez

Directors: George Gibbs, Lynda Hartman, Lisa “Rusty” Goetz, Andrew Lipman, Mike Blackledge, and Brigid Conklin.

Past President Jim Cochran

Member-at-Large Ann Harris Davidson

Delayed Arrival: Jan DeMay

General FHVA member in attendance as guest: Jim Church

2. Approval of Agenda

Ann Harris Davidson moved to approve the agenda; Jennifer Lopez seconded; and the motion passed with unanimous approval.

3. Approval of July 2020 FHVA Board Meeting Minutes

Linda Martinez moved to approve the July 2020 FHVA Board Meeting minutes; George Gibbs seconded; and the motion passed with unanimous approval. The approved minutes can be found on www.fhva.org.

4. Reports, as needed from Officers and Board Members

A. Steve Brugge, President

A.1 Steve expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Board Members for their commitment and ability to work together to move forward on issues important to the Four Hills Village.

A.2 President Steve Brugge was approached by a member regarding a traffic control planning document that was part of the historical record on www.fhva.org. The member was concerned that the traffic calming devices shown on the document would be implemented. Steve contacted the City to research the document and was informed that it was a study done several years ago by the City of Albuquerque. The study criteria for implementing traffic calming devices were not met so there was no action taken by the City.

B. Jennifer Lopez, Vice-President

Jennifer, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, will be providing her report under Old Business Item 5.B.

C. Linda Martinez, Treasurer

Linda reported that the current Money Market Balance is \$23,291.95; and the current Checking Account balance is \$6,696.47. The bump in interest rate yielded interest of \$9.86. Office slow-downs due to the COVID-19 pandemic have made communication with the IRS, about acquiring a new non-profit number, difficult but Linda will continue to pursue this.

(Linda's report was presented late due to technical difficulties but appears in order here in the minutes)

D. Lee LaBrier, Secretary- No report this month.

E. Andrew Lipman, Government Affairs Director

E.1 Andrew is still working with the City on the landscaping of Four

Hills Road (east side), for the Right of Way Landscape Stabilization & Erosion Control Project. It has come to his attention that the City is working on preserving an area around the Tijeras arroyo, called the Tijeras Arroyo Biozone Project. There may be opportunities for Four Hills Village to participate in some aspects of this project. Those opportunities may include volunteerism, trails connecting the village to the project, and possibly financial. Rusty contributed to the discussion that she is working on a report of the ownership of lands that abut Four Hills Village. Unfinished Business.

- E.2 The rest of Andrew's report will be covered under Item 5.A Old Business: Four Hills Village Sign.

F. George Gibbs, Security Director

- F.1 George shared the highlights of the recent (07/20/2020 to 08/18/2020) APD Activities Report for Four Hills Village. Again, crime in Four Hills Village has remained low.
- F.2 George attended the recent virtual Foothills Area Command's Community Policing Council meeting. Highlights included: news that 12 firearms were stolen from vehicles in the area of Foothills Command, currently police are in "stand down" mode with regard to panhandling (this is related to issues around civil liberties, relative to a previous ACLU court case); and if you hear someone rattling your door at night be sure to show that someone is home and stay on the line with the operator if you need to call 911.
- F.3 George is still working to procure the brochure to help people know their rights when they are stopped by a police officer. Unfinished Business.

F.4 George announced that Paul Sedillo, a resident of Four Hills Village, has been appointed to the Foothills Community Policing Council.

G. Jan DeMay, Public Relations/Real Estate Director

G.1 Active Listings: 9 active listings in Four Hills Village, averaging \$143.77 per sq. ft.

G.2 Pending Sales: 9 sales pending, averaging \$146.80 per sq. ft.

G.3 Closed Sales: 8 sales were completed, averaging \$143.00 per sq. ft.
(Jan joined the meeting late but her report appears in order in the minutes)

H. Rusty Goetz Open Space Director

H.1 Rusty will send out announcements soon for the Shredding Event scheduled for September 19, 2020 between 9 AM and 12 PM in the parking lot of The Canyon Club.

H.2 Open Space Maintenance: Rusty reported that there are only 2 boards that remain to be replaced by the City in the Open Space. Unfinished Business.

H.3 Rusty has ascertained that the planes flying low over Four Hills Village for hours at a time on a regular basis are government planes.

I. Brigid Conklin, Publications Director

Brigid announced that with the help of Lynda Hartman she has been able to create a Mac template for The Chronicle from the previously

used MS Publisher template) and that she is ready to produce the next edition of The Chronicle.

J. Lynda Hartman, Membership Director

J.1 Lynda announced that the total membership has increased by 5, to 370 households.

J.2 Two of the new members are new residents of Four Hills Village who joined as a result of receiving a welcome packet that included a complimentary copy of The Chronicle.

K. Ann Harris Davidson, Member-At-Large

Ann Harris Davidson noted that, in the preceding day, a resident of Four Hills Village had posted a query about public education options for Four Hills Village on Nextdoor and that, within a few hours, more than 30 responses were posted. This emphasizes that the Board needs to make a concerted effort to fill its position of Director of Education and Youth Affairs, which has been vacant since it was created in 2017. Jan DeMay agreed that this is important.

L. Jim Cochran, Past-President- No report this month.

M. Mike Blackledge, Webmaster

Mike reported that he has been communicating with Laila Lunderman, a professional web designer who lives in Four Hills Village, and that Laila supports that WordPress is a better platform for hosting our web site FHVA.org than Weebly is. Mike will continue to use Weebly through 2020 but hopes that Laila may agree to be the FHVA Webmaster in 2021.

5. Old Business

A. The Four Hills Village Sign and camera, Andrew Lipman

- A.1 The new sign is installed. Lighting was connected today. A walk through with the City will happen tomorrow. The City will provide a key to access the message board as well as letters to create messages. Cameras are still to come. Unfinished business.
- A.2 We need two Board Members to take on the responsibility of the key and letters, as well as the message board. President Steve Brugge agreed to take on that responsibility until a more permanent decision is reached. (Lynda Hartman suggested that the first message read “Welcome Neighbors, find us at www.fhva.org”, or some similar welcome that fits on the board.). Unfinished business.

C. Bylaws Committee report

- C.1 Jennifer Lopez reported that the Bylaws revision has essentially been completed.
- C.2 The Bylaws Committee is now working on revising the Standing Rules. Board member responsibilities are currently being reviewed. Jennifer anticipates a preliminary report by the next Board meeting. Unfinished Business.

6. New Business

A. Next Chronicle-Bylaws and voting only? Steve Brugge

President Steve Brugge has suggested that the next edition of The Chronicle be dedicated exclusively to presenting the newly revised Bylaws to the membership and include a ballot and envelope to allow the membership to vote on the Bylaws. Discussion followed. It was suggested and agreed that the cover be marked, “Special Edition”. It was mentioned that the ballot would be the back side of the last page which has the name and address of the voting household, thus eliminating one

risk of voting fraud. It was suggested that there needs to be prominent mention of the upcoming annual meeting and election and the need for volunteers for the board positions. The Board was polled and there was unanimous agreement for dedicating the upcoming Chronicle to the membership vote on the new Bylaws, and for incorporating the referenced suggestions. President Steve Brugge will now work with Publications Director Brigid Conklin to produce the “Bylaws Special Edition” of the The Chronicle.

A. Public Service Announcements in The Chronicle and Web. Steve

Ann Harris Davidson has been approached by a member wondering if a free PSA could be placed in The Chronicle. In discussion, Board Members mentioned that there are often competing views on PSAs and this could lead to conflict. It was agreed that this topic requires more thought and discussion (and it was noted that, in any event, there will not be any advertisements, not even paid ones, in the next Chronicle). Unfinished business.

B. Human/Animal interactions, Lee

Lee LaBrier shared an experience of seeing a motorcyclist hit a deer on Four Hills Rd on the evening of 8/13/2020. The deer was killed and the motorcyclist injured. Lee suggested investigating what is required to have that area signed as a wildlife corridor. Steve Brugge spoke of seeing a mountain lion on his camera one night and then hearing from 2 neighbors that they had seen a mountain lion within the last few days as well. Steve contacted Fish and Game and was told that three sightings in eight days is not of concern to them. Rusty Goetz spoke of her efforts to provide Biologic Signage for Four Hills Village. It is also her ambition to get input from residents of Four Hills Village on a survey exploring the variety of wildlife they have seen here.

7. Announcements

The next FHVA board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. The meeting is likely to be held virtually on GoToMeeting given social distancing requirements necessitated by COVID-19.

8. Adjournment

Jim Cochran made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Andrew Lipman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. President Steve Brugge adjourned the meeting at 7:59.