

Four Hills Village Association (FHVA)

Minutes of the FHVA Annual General Meeting

January 14, 2023

Held at The Canyon Club at Four Hills

9:00am -10am (Breakfast); 10:00am-12:00pm (Business Meeting)

1. Call to Order, quorum verified, attendance recorded:

President Andrew Lipman opened the meeting at 10:00am. He noted that a quorum had been verified.

In Attendance:

Officers: Andrew Lipman, Linda Martinez, Jennifer Lopez

Directors: James DeMay, Howard Kimberly, Troy Hill, Brigid Conklin, Jerry Gallegos

Immediate Past President: Steve Brügge

Member-at-Large: absent

Absent: Kelly Cockrell, Lisa "Rusty" Goetz, both excused.

2. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made to approve the agenda of the January 14, 2023, Annual General Meeting (AGM). A second was offered and the motion carried.

3. Introduction of Special Guests: Guest Speakers 3-5 minutes each.

a.) Albuquerque District 9 City Councilor, Renee Grout

- She shared that the Traffic Study is still being discussed. No concrete decisions have been made and money will certainly be a factor in the final decision.
- Please reach out to Rachel Miller, her policy analyst, if you would like to receive Councilor Grout's newsletter.
- The Four Hills Shopping Center property manager told Councilor Grout that Subway and Sprouts are not moving. Also, BCSO will be leasing a space in the center in order to open a substation.
- She says APD Chief Medina may double the Proactive Response Team along the East Central Corridor.
- She filed an amendment to previous legislation to amend the lack of a requirement for a full kitchen in housing units.
- She is working on getting a dedicated shelter for youth.
- A new fire station may be built at Juan Tabo and Central.
- She is working with state legislators to gain funding for the repair of the streets in Four Hills Village, decreasing the amount of loitering along Central and Tramway, and building a new playground at the Singing Arrow Community Center.
- The plans for the Multicultural Arts Festival scheduled for May 6, 2023 are in full swing!

b) Representative Meredith Dixon NM District 20

- The legislative session begins on January 17. She wants all constituents to complete her survey so that she can know how we wish her to vote and work towards our interests.
- NM has a budget surplus and some of the ways the money may be spent are in the areas of public safety, fighting organized crime, CYFD oversight, and economic diversification.

c.) Bernalillo County District 5 Commissioner, Eric Olivas

- He has been on the job for 2 weeks. He has met with various government officials and departments and his priorities are as follows:
- Reform our behavioral health system.
- To reduce redundancy in efforts and funding, combine the city and county homelessness and increasing the housing stock.
- BCSO deputies will now have a substation at the Four Hills Village Shopping Center and will patrol the East Central Corridor at night.
- Obtain better lighting for the East Central Corridor.
- Rebuild the Open Space police force.

d) APD Foothills Area Command new Commander, Shawn Garrett

- The Foothills Area Command covers 40 square miles and looks over 120,000 residents.
- They have been working hard to clear 700 warrants and have cleared 400 arrests.
- The Foothills Command Community Policing Council has a vacancy. Please send in your application.

e) Albuquerque Fire and Rescue

- A representative was unable to attend.

4. Review of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting. A second was offered and the motion carried.

5. Status of the FHVA

a.) Accomplishments, President Andrew Lipman.

- **Public Safety.** Between the Traffic Study and Rusty's work analyzing our roads and providing a report to elected officials, we are hopeful that the state of the roads and traffic within FHV will improve.
- **Singing Arrow Community Center.** FHVA monthly meetings are now held at this facility. It's a lovely center with many offerings and we hope you will support them.
- **Multicultural Arts Festival.** This has been in the works for 3 years and all our hard work is paying off. The festival will be held Saturday, May 6, 2023. Vendors are in place and we are still looking for artists. We hope to elevate the look of the East Gateway Corridor.
- **National Night Out.** FHVA works in tandem with Four Hills Neighbors to produce the NNO events every year. This past year we had 7 sites.
- **Contributions of FHVA to the Neighborhood.** Free Shredding, members receive The Chronicle every quarter, as well as a yearly Membership Directory, Open Space clean up days, the Annual FHV Yard Sale, and 1-2 Social Events for FHVA members
- **Board Vacancies.** The Vice President, Open Space, Government Affairs, and Membership Directors are vacant. Please contact Andrew Lipman for information and join us in serving our FHV community.

b.) Approval of Budget 2023, Linda Martinez, Treasurer

During 2022 we had a total income of \$11,710.75 and total expenses of \$12,464.88, which left us with a deficit of \$754.13. Growth of our membership and subsequent income of \$25 dues is important to fund our services such as our Shred Event, publication of The Chronicle and Membership Directory, Holiday Light Contest, social events and membership breakfast before the Annual General Meeting. Our proposed 2022 expenses were \$8,735.00 but our actual expenses were \$12,464.88, a deficit of \$3729.88. And unfortunately, our actual dues collected were \$797.00 less than our proposed income for 2022. Our proposed budget for 2023 is \$13,004.

c.) FHVA Holiday Light Contest Winners

Steve Brugge and Jennifer Lopez spent several evenings touring our neighborhood to find the most stellar light displays. This task gets more difficult each year, as all FHV residents proudly celebrate the holiday with lights! In no particular order, they chose the following homes this year and each of these homeowners will be awarded a \$50 gift card.

- 1107 Warm Sands
- 1520 Bush Court
- 912 Seattle Slew

d) Special Award Presentation (Road Warrior)

Jennifer Lopez presented Rusty Goetz with the Road Warrior Award in honor of her countless hours of walking the neighborhood while analyzing every inch of roadway in Four Hills Village. Rusty, a retired geologist, donated her expertise, energy, and time for the betterment of our community. Not only did she make note of literally every 1/4" of the roadway and its faults, but then produced a professional grade coded map and scientific report to disburse to local elected leaders. She hosted them at her home to explain in

layman's terms exactly what FHV needs in regards to roads and why. If FHV is awarded funds for road repairs, it will be because of Rusty!

6. Elections:

These people have volunteered and have been elected to serve the Four Hills Village community on the FHVA Board of Directors.

- President: Andrew Lipman
- Treasurer: Linda Martinez
- Secretary: Jennifer Lopez
- Security: Troy Hill
- Public Relations/Real Estate: James DeMay
- Education and Youth Affairs: Jerry Gallegos
- Publications: Brigid Conklin
- Webmaster: Howard Kimberly
- Member-At-Large: Rusty Goetz
- Vice President: Open
- Parks and Open Space: Open
- Government Affairs: Open
- Membership: Open

7. Acknowledgement of Outgoing FHVA Board Members

- Vice President: Ellen Lipman
- Parks and Open Space: Rusty Goetz
- Membership: Kelly Cockrell
- Member-At-Large: Ann Harris Davidson
- Past President: Steve Brugge

Andrew thanked all these people for their many hours of service to our community.

8. Discussion of Issues

Andrew asked the audience if anyone had questions or comments for the elected official who were present or for the FHVA Board.

Tom Gutierrez asked why New Mexico arrests criminals but then gives them a presumption of innocence and allows them to be released. Representative Dixon answered that law enforcement and the courts have to act within the constraints of the Constitutional amendments enacted 2 years ago.

Michael Blackledge asked if the increase in the migrants crossing our southern border is causing the increase in homeless in Albuquerque and New Mexico as a whole. Rep. Dixon said it is a federal issue and that improvements have been made at the Port of Columbus and that we are getting support from the National Guard..

Neal Johnson asked about New Mexico's water security and wondered if piping desalinated water from the ocean is a viable option. Rep. Dixon answered that the Office of State Engineer has a 50 year plan regarding our water and desalinization may be a part of it.

Sui Wong asked if FHV can have street cleaners come through the neighborhood on a regular basis.

9. 2023 Annual Meeting Tentative Date.

Next year's Annual General Meeting is tentatively set for Saturday, January 20, 2024.

10. Adjourn.

A motion was made to adjourn at 11:04. A second was offered and the motion carried.