

FROM: The former Four Hills Village Neighborhood Association

TO: All Four Hills Residents

The Four Hills Neighborhood Association (FHVNA) was established in 2007 and has been an advocate for change in our community. Over the years, it has played a key role in resolving many of the issues that seemed to be tearing our neighborhood apart. So this year we (the Neighborhood Association Leadership Team) started to look at the idea of “merging” with the Four Hills Village Homeowners Association (FHVHA). Key players for both Associations met to discuss such a merger and all agreed “it would be in the best interest of our community”. They took this idea back to their respective Associations to get a final agreement.

For our part, we (the Neighborhood Association Leadership Team) only agreed to merge if the following items were agreed upon:

1. **Covenants:** When buyers close on their property in Four Hills, it should be disclosed that the Homeowner’s Association has no authority to enforce covenants and cannot charge fees for anything.
2. **Architectural Control Committee (ACC):** This was originally created back in the 1970’s to protect the market value of the Developer’s lots. Once all lots were sold, ACC was abolished. Residents have advised us the Homeowner’s Association routinely charges \$100.00 to review any design/structure/landscaping changes you wish to make to your property. **The City charges a fee for this and is ultimately responsible for all requests pertaining to property changes, variance/zoning issues, etc. and has the final say.** FHVHA charging is totally illegal and must cease.
3. **THE ASSOCIATION NAME:** **The Four Hills Village Neighborhood Association** should be the name. As previously stated, many residents assume it is a true homeowner’s association and it is not. It causes so much confusion before and after purchase. **Name it what it truly is (and The Chronicle admits it is actually a neighborhood association).**

Because we were led to believe that these items were agreed to, the Neighborhood Association Leadership Team agreed to work with the Homeowner’s Association to finalize the merger. All realized it would take time, changes, new Bylaws, and work to make this happen and all seemed willing to go forward together for the good of the whole neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Association submitted papers to the *New Mexico Secretary of State* and *Albuquerque Office of Neighborhood Coordination* to dissolve. These actions were approved and finalized. These actions also terminated the City’s recognition as a City-sanctioned association and rendered the Neighborhood Association website as “unofficial” since we officially dissolved.

The Homeowner’s Association issued the Autumn 2015 Chronicle and did NOT mention the merger NOR follow our agreement.

Thank you for caring, as we do, about **OUR** Neighborhood and we THANK YOU for your support for the Neighborhood Association through our active years.