



EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP  
(EVCG)  
Monthly Meeting Minutes, November 2, 2021  
Meeting held via Zoom

Present: Betsy Race, Josie Carothers, Allison Belisle, Marcia Hammond, Elizabeth Lord, Joan Feierabend, Mark Kelley, John Pimental, Christine Settles, Sarah Jolivette, Bobbie Kimberly, Kristine LeFevre

1. Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Betsy Race at 5:43 PM.
2. Introductions – new member Kristine LeFevre
3. Changes to the Agenda: none
4. Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported that the draft October minutes need to be corrected. The correction will reflect that a motion was passed to approve the minutes of the 9/23/21 Special Meeting.

A motion to approve the October minutes, with the correction, was made by Joan Feierabend, and seconded by John Pimental. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

A motion to approve the October Treasurer's report with minor corrections was made by John Pimental, and seconded by Joan Feierabend. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

The October balance sheet includes the following:

- In-kind donations from Betsy and David Race for ADA compliance (lumber for the stairway and railings)
- The donation from Sprague Ranch

Allison also reviewed different options for managing the EVCG account. She explained that our current account does not accrue interest. In order to open an interest-bearing account, EVCG would need to maintain a minimum balance of \$15,000. The minimum balance requirement would significantly limit use of our money and earn very little interest in return. Everyone in the group agreed that it's not worth making the switch in accounts. EVCG needs access to all of the available money for the near future. Consideration of investment options is something to revisit in the future.

## 6. Committee Updates

### a. Events Committee (Report from Marcia):

Cleanup of the EVCG garden on the Mound is completed.

Future activities:

- Decorate the East Valley Community Hall (“the Hall”) for the winter holiday season.
- Put up a barn quilt on the side of the hall and solicit design ideas. Allison reminded the group that we had previously discussed seeking a community vote. Kristine mentioned that she’s a quilter and notes that there’s a quilt block logo for Vermont that could provide ideas for a sample.
- Joan suggested the idea of selling small 12 x12 inch porch quilts at the Chandler Artisan Holiday Market. It’s too late to get prepared for this year, but it’s a good project to work on for the upcoming year.
- Winter events – sledding party. Christine is looking into the detail of insurance coverage for hosting a gathering. This is a topic for future discussion with the Events Committee.

b. Public Relations Committee (Report from Marcia): The Fall EVCG Newsletter was sent out last month, in time for Halloween. Allison will review the Mailchimp distribution list to make sure it is current and updated.

c. Capital Campaign & Grants Committee: Betsy reported that the committee has decided to postpone conducting joint meetings, and that the two sections will meet independently for the near future. The Capital Campaign section will be meeting next week. Josie reported that the Grants section met last night. John has prepared a spreadsheet of potential grantors for the group to evaluate. The focus will now be to look at grants related to restoration of the building’s foundation and ADA compliance.

Kristine LeFevre mentioned she is a special educator and has an interest in ADA compliance.

## 7. Old Business

a. Welcome Sign to the East Valley: No significant updates.

## 8. New Business

a. Architect News: Mark reported that the contract with the architect has been signed. The first meeting with the architect and the project manager will be on Thursday at 1:30. A public meeting will be held later. Mark has invited representatives from the town to attend Thursday’s meeting.

9. Next meeting: first Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 5:30 via Zoom.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM on a motion by Mark Kelley, and seconded by John Pimental.