

**Firewise Group Meeting Minutes**  
**October 26, 2022**  
**Mesquite Room at The Oaks, 301 Del Webb Blvd**

**Call to Order: 1:04 pm**

**Welcome & Chair Comments:** **David Hubbell**

**Approval of Meeting Notes from last meeting occurred online**

**Safety Moments:** **Open**

1. After high winds, there is debris around houses. Be sure to clean up debris.
2. Acorns falling: because there are many little round acorns on sidewalks and paths, they can get underfoot and act like walking on glass. Be careful of falls.
3. Address number lights have gone out on some houses. The CA office has replacement bulbs for free. Pull them straight out to change. Do not touch bulbs with fingers.
4. Time change is coming. It's a good time to change smoke alarm batteries and those in irrigation boxes.

**Display Board:** **David Hubbell**

David brought in the new, lighter weight display board which is used for events advertising Firewise, such as New Neighbor Orientation, Town Halls, etc. In order to decide what information should be on the new board, a committee was formed to meet and discuss this. Volunteers for the committee are Paul Ohlenbusch, Petra Garren, David Hubbell and Doug Lane.

**Resident & Neighborhood Rep Firewise Rep Comments:** No comments

**Liaisons:**

- **Landscape Supervisor:** **Carlton Mathis**  
Carlton explained that the recent high wind storm has forced them to stop the Level 3 work and shift gears to clean-up all levels 1-4 from the storm. They continue to be short staffed.
- **EMC:** **Brian Richard**

Firewise requests for funds were approved, including for the new display board and for Clearing Crew equipment.

The new scheduled date for the EMC Evacuation Drill is April 28, 2023 (previously set for 04/21/23).

- **Property and Grounds –** **Duane Murray**

Duane reported that he is heading up the Flood Mitigation Group. Compared to other parts of Georgetown, it is apparent that Sun City has done more than others to mitigate potential flood damage, thanks in part to Firewise, Carlton and his crew, etc. He stressed the importance of keeping people advised who are in the areas that have flooded in the past. The flood plain is

changing and he noted that flood insurance is available for a reasonable price. A discussion ensued about the flood potential in the future due to upstream development. Paul pointed out the bridge over Sun City Blvd. is a flood weir. Duane reported that an engineering firm (Halff) is working on assessing future flood risk.

- **NRO-**

**Don Shawhan**

Don reported that Keith Steiner is working with neighborhood coordinators to get Firewise “Partners” in each neighborhood up to speed with the work of Firewise. Work continues to address this role.

### **Reports from Work Groups:**

#### **HIZ Work Group:**

**Doug Lane**

Total HIZ requests: 1086; Total Completed: 1082, 4 are outstanding and 2 are in progress. 44 HIZ evaluations will have been completed this year, and there have been 35 requests this year. HIZ Evaluator Training takes place this Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Paul and Dan have been working on a new evaluation form.

#### **Firewise Website:**

**Melissa Lane**

Melissa was unable to attend this meeting. Petra reported Melissa will post pictures from the Town Hall on the website.

#### **Education/Training Work Group:**

**Dan Dodson**

Nothing new to report.

#### **Training:**

**Paul Ohlenbusch**

1. HIZ evaluator training this Friday: Paul reported all but 4 evaluators will be there, and there will be two new people.
2. Landscape Training will be in January 2023.

#### **Renewal Work Group:**

**Paul Ohlenbusch**

- The five “new” communities have been designated. Paul is finishing up the statistics for time, etc. and the paperwork will be submitted.

#### **Firewise Clearing Crew:**

**Petra Garren**

Because of Charles Moore being short-staffed, the Clearing Crew is on hiatus until notified otherwise. Petra is gathering her numbers to submit to Paul.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**Volunteers are needed for the New Resident Orientation on November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Next Meetings:**

**Education** January 19, 2023- 1:00 PM - Mesquite Room at The Oaks

**Group:** December 7, 2022 - 1:00 PM - Mesquite Room at The Oaks

**Closing Comments:**

**David Hubbell**

Thanked everyone for taking time to attend. Asked if any other questions or comments.

**Adjourned: 1:45 pm**