

**Firewise Group Meeting Notes  
July 28, 2021  
Mesquite Room – Legacy Oaks**

**Call to Order:** 1:00 p.m.

**Attendees:** David Hubbell, Dan Dodson, Paul Ohlenbusch, Judy Whitmore, Carlton Mathis, Brian Richard (new EMC liaison), Tom Kisinger, Blair Thompson

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

**Approve Meeting Notes from June 23, 2021 Meeting:** **David Hubbell**

The Meeting Notes from the June 23, 2021, meeting were distributed via email. They were approved unanimously via hand vote without modification.

**Safety Moment:** **Ron Thompson**

Ron was not in attendance, however he sent a message through David continuing his warning about the danger of snakes, scorpions, and spiders and to watch for them when we go through junk in the garage or debris and mulch in the garden. He also warned that folks are seeing centipedes including the Texas red-headed centipede which can measure 5 to 7 inches long (Carlton said he saw one recently almost a foot long). They can inject venom with some huge pinchers. Unless you have an allergic reaction, the bite is like a bee sting with localized swelling and pain that subsides in hours. So be careful and be aware!

**Resident & Neighborhood Rep Firewise Rep Comments:**

Residents or Neighborhood Firewise Reps in attendance: no comments.

**Liaisons:**

Landscape Supervisor -

**Carlton Mathis**

- Carlton reported that work continues with the mowing of Level 3, and after that is done then creek clearing begins. Level 4 requests are stacking up and probably won't be addressed until next spring. Carlton reported that residents are often confused about the difference between Levels 2, 3 and 4 and who is responsible for each. It was decided that it would be wise to write something for the NRO Bulletin (etc.) to educate about this. Paul and Dan will work on this.

EMC

**Brian Richard**

The new liaison from the EMC, Brian Richard, introduced himself and was welcomed by the group. Brian reported that the EMC had finalized and approved their Operating Procedures and was going to submit them to the Board of Directors.

**Reports from Work Groups:**

**Education/Training Work Group:**

**Dan Dodson**

The Firewise Town Hall is set for October 5, 2021, SCB 9:30 a.m. Paul shared his announcement for the Sun Rays about the event entitled "Wildfires, Embers and Houses, A Good Mix?" together with some possible photos to accompany the announcement. He will be submitting those shortly.

**Training:**

**Paul Ohlenbusch**

HIZ Training is set for October 29, 2021. There is still a desire to schedule a training sooner, however no details have been worked out to date.

October 5, 2021 is the Town Hall as above.

**HIZ Work Group:**

**Ron Thompson**

Ron was not present, and there was no report of outstanding evaluations to be conducted.

**Renewal Work Group:**

**Paul Ohlenbusch**

Paul reported that the renewal process will begin in September.

**Firewise Clearing Crew:**

**Petra Garren**

Petra was not present. The Clearing Crew is on summer hiatus.

**Other Topics:**

**HIZ Evaluators:** Paul reported that 20 people responded to his survey of those who were on the HIZ evaluator list. Of those 20, 13 remain active, 2 are inactive due to medical issues, and 5 have resigned, some of those due to medical issues as well.

NRO Neighborhood Firewise Rep: No report

**Operating Procedures:** A draft of changes to the Firewise Operating Procedures has been distributed. The changes to the Operating Procedures were adopted.

**Upcoming Events:**

New-resident Orientation is August 17<sup>th</sup> from 8-9:30. Firewise will have the normal table set up. Paul, Dan and Dave will attend.

Town Hall, October 5, 2021

HIZ Training: October 29, 2021

**Next Meetings: Group**

August 25, 2021, TBA

**Education**

August 19, 2021, TBA

**Adjourned:** 1:29 p.m.