

Firewise Group Meeting Notes
March 24, 2021
Via Zoom at 1:00 PM

Call to Order: 1:05 p.m.

Attendees: David Hubbell, Dan Dodson, Paul Ohlenbusch, Petra Garren, Melissa Lane, Carlton Mathis, and Judy Whitmore

Welcome & Comments:

Paul Ohlenbush

Paul conducted the meeting in David's place. David was present but not up to chairing the meeting.

Approve Meeting Notes from February 24, 2021 Meeting:

Paul Ohlenbush

The Meeting Notes from the February 24, 2021 meeting were distributed via email. They were approved unanimously via hand vote without modification.

Safety Moment:

Ron Thompson

Ron was not in attendance and no safety moment was given. Petra commented that folks should be careful if out walking, especially in the wind as there are limbs broken and falling after the freeze.

Resident & Neighborhood Rep Firewise Rep Comments:

Residents or Neighborhood Firewise Reps in attendance: no comments.

Liaisons:

Landscape Supervisor -

Carlton Mathis

- Carlton was present and stated they are cleaning level 2 and level 3 after the storm.

EMC – Don was not in attendance and no report was given.

Don Davidson

Wildlife: no report this month.

Property & Grounds – Report

No one from the group was in attendance and no report was given.

Reports from Work Groups:

Education/Training Work Group:

Dan Dodson

The committee continues to meet and monthly communication continues. Melissa is writing articles for the Sun Rays and stated she will write whatever is needed and when. She will use the calendar they put together at the meeting. The Trumpet will also continue to be used to educate.

Training:**Paul Ohlenbusch**

The date has been set tentatively for the next HIZ Training: October 29, 2021. October 5, 2021 is the Town Hall.

HIZ Work Group:**Ron Thompson**

Ron was not present, however Paul stated of the 1037 requests, 2 were recently done and 46 remain open.

Renewal Work Group:**Paul Ohlenbusch**

At previous meetings, Paul Ohlenbusch reported that annual Renewal documentation was completed on time and was submitted to NFPA. We have received our approved renewal certificate, which covers us for 2021.

Firewise Clearing Crew:**Petra Garren**

Petra Garren reported that the clearing crew is now working in N 64, Rocky Hollow Drive. Work is slow or has been cancelled due to various reasons (i.e. weather or unavailability of CA personnel). Petra stated that Glenn, CA FWCC Rep., has been busy and unavailable to review requests for potential clearing locations.

Petra would like to know what the requirements are for the FWCC and who to contact concerning the Outdoor Transitional Guidelines. Paul said she could email Katie about this.

Petra also requested that when emailing groups, those emailing should send emails out using BCC: (Blind Copy) on all emails for security reasons. Using BCC: prevents addresses from being shared and if someone responds, the group won't be added to the conversation unnecessarily.

Other Topics:

NRO Neighborhood Firewise Reps: It was suggested that a duty description be provided explaining what the Firewise Group would expect these reps to do. Once prepared, it would be shared with the NRO. Dan will be in charge of doing this and others will send Dan suggestions. Paul suggested the reps should be required to come to the HIZ training which would help them with the educational side of the Group.

Mapping needed. Paul noted that Sun City needs to be divided into 4 communities for Firewise purposes. This was a goal before Covid and has been tabled but needs to be accomplished.

Internal Operations:

- None reported.

Upcoming Events:

Town Hall, October 5
HIZ Training: October 29, 2021

Next Meetings: Group

April 28, 2021

Education

April 15, 2021

Adjourned: 1:45 PM