

**Firewise Group Meeting
June 22, 2022**

Call to Order: Meeting commenced at 1pm at the Mesquite Room

David Hubbell

Attendees- David Hubbell, Paul Ohlenbusch, Brian Richard (EMC), Dan Dodson, Carlton Mathis, Petra Garren, Doug Lane, Melissa Lane, Don Davidson – EMC, Don Shawhan – NRO, Guy Byerly, Blair Thompson – N29

Welcome & Chair Comments:

David Hubbell

Approve Minutes from May 25 Meeting:

David Hubbell

- All approved with no changes.

Safety Moment:

- David Hubbell shared his opinion of a new type of grill cleaner, made of a canvas material, which eliminates food-based build-up, but doesn't shed metallic bristles.
- In this time of extreme temperatures – Hydrate to keep yourself safe.

Liaisons:

- **Landscape Supervisor –**

Carlton Mathis

Level 3 maintenance continues, with progress reported in various SCT publications.

- **EMC –**

Brian Richard

Don Davidson will resign as EMC chair, but will remain on the committee.

- **NRO** Don Shawhan has been asked to serve in this role.

Reports from Work Groups:

Education/Training Work Group:

Dan Dodson

Paul Ohlenbusch

- Dan Dodson mentioned that because the weather conditions and drought status change frequently, the Sun Rays is not the best tool for up-to-date communications. Weekly updates are needed and Dan will submit to the relevant newsletters/communicators.
- The Town Hall is in October. The September Sun Rays will contain a generic announcement of the event.
- HIZ evaluator training will be held on October 28, 2022. This training will be for newbies and serve as a refresher course for experienced evaluators.

HIZ Work Group:

Doug Lane

- Doug Lane reported that there have been 1067 HIZ requests received and 1066 completed. There are currently 17 fully trained HIZ evaluators, with 1 evaluator - Doug Lane – needing to complete one additional HIZ evaluation.

Renewal Work Group:

Paul Ohlenbusch

- The Firewise renewal application must be completed by November 15, 2022. Firewise USA requires that the size of the SC community be divided into 5 areas of no more than 2500 homes. In this definition of homes; a duplex counts as two homes. The deadline for this size adjustment is January 1, 2023. SCT has been recognized as a Firewise community in good standing since 2009. There is ongoing investigation of using some of the NRO data to simplify this size division.

Firewise Clearing Crew:

Petra Garren

- Petra reported that the Clearing Crew has been on siesta since May 31. Work will continue in the fall.

Website Work Group

- Melissa reported that duplicate sidebars (the orange colored links) on the right hand side of the website homepage have been removed. The same topics were already linked through the sidebars on the left side of the page.

Other Topics:

The administrative officers and work group leaders held a discussion reviewing various aspects of website maintenance, using the website's tools as they currently exist to safeguard our documents, and moving toward a more user-friendly website and related pages. Some years of documents have been made inactive – hidden from website view – but remain safely stored in the file documents library. These documents are accessible by contacting any of the three CA mandated microsite administrators.

Upcoming Events:

Next Meetings: **Education**: July 21, 2022. Mesquite Room, The Oaks, 1 p.m.

Firewise Group: July 27, 2022, The Oaks, Mesquite Room, 1 p.m.

Firewise Town Hall will be October 5th, SCB.

Adjourned: before 2:00 PM