

**Firewise Group Meeting
25 April, 2018
AC Meeting Room 3-4, at 1pm**

Attendance: Blair Thompson, Tom Kisinger, Carlton Mathis, Jim Mills, Paul Ohlenbusch, Dan Dodson, Ron Thompson, Petra Garren

Call to Order: 1pm

Welcome & Chair Comments: **Petra Garren**

Safety Moment: Security: Lock doors and windows. Put a "Charile Bar" on sliding doors.

Clean gutters and leaves from around home.

Watch out for wildlife.

Ron Thompson

Resident Comments: No visitors in attendance

Liaisons:

Landscape Supervisor, Carlton Mathis- ready to support Community Wildfire Preparedness Day

Review Notes from March Meeting: Passed as is. **Fred Hill/Petra**

Reports from Work Groups:

Education Work Group: No class in May

Dan Dodson

Training: HIZ Training is scheduled for 19 Oct 2018

Paul Ohlenbusch

HIZ Work Group:

Jim Mills

HIZ Status Report

Total Received:	906
New Request:	3
Total Complete:	885
Total Open:	18
Working:	2
More than 60days:	16
On Hold:	1

CWPP/Recertification Work Group: 10th year Anniversary for the SC

Paul Ohlenbusch

- 10th Anniversary for the SC Firewise Group.

- Firewise USA has revised their requirements for new communities. They will be limited to 2,500 houses. Sun City is currently approaching 7,800 houses. We are 'grand fathered' at 7,500 houses. In the next 2 years, the current idea is to create 2 new communities (on paper) to conform with the new guidelines. The new ones will probably be one for the Queen tract and one for the Somerset tract. The Sun City Texas Firewise Group will continue to cover all of Sun City.

Firewise Clearing Crew: see attached notes. The Clearing Crew is always looking for volunteers to come out Tuesdays mornings to help cut juniper and vines. So far we have 10 volunteers signed up to lead Clearing Teams on the 4th May.

Petra Garren

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Community Wildfire Preparedness Day Update:

- Sign up has started. Event has no Rain Day Plans.
- The Fire Dept will have vehicles on hand for group picture and exhibit (until a call comes in for them).
- Will need volunteers to man the sign table and display boards.
- Last “advertisements” going out coming week.

Other Topics:

Internal Operations:

- Need to develop a plan to “recruit” more volunteers in all aspects of the Firewise Group.
- Develop written procedures for Firewise.
- Ask for ideas and ways to improve our group.

The above topics were discussed but will require time to develop ideas and to be implemented.

- Currently Paul has all Firewise data, and has it on a USB drive.
- A manual “Resource guide” to assist members pertaining to Leadership roles and the Firewise procedures and well as requirements will be developed by the Chair and Vice Chair (with additional input where needed).

Upcoming Events:

3 May 2018, Walk thru for Wildfire Preparedness Day, 1:30pm, SC Center
4 May 2018, SC Wildfire Preparedness Day, 8:30am, SC Center
5 May 2018, Wildfire Preparedness Day, Local/ National
19 Oct 2018, HIZ Training

Next Meetings: Group

May 23, 2018
June 27, 2018

Education

May 17, 2018
June 21, 2018

Adjourned: 2pm