

**Firewise Group Meeting Notes  
December 6, 2023  
Mesquite Room at The Oaks, 301 Del Webb Blvd**

**Call to Order: 1:00 pm**

**Dan Dodson**

**Attendees:** Dan Dodson- 51, Paul Ohlenbusch - 3, Petra Garren - 11, Mark Marino - 24, Doug Lane - 86, Judy Whitmore - 56, Brian Richard (EMC) - 85, Barry Johnson - 22, Rich Theis - 68, Pete Molidor -71.

**Welcome & Chair Comments:**

**Dan Dodson**

**Approval of Meeting Notes from last meeting**

Approval occurred online for the October meeting notes.

**Safety Moments:**

**Open**

Winter emergency preparedness is important. Review items needed in case of power outages. For outdoor holiday lighting, be sure to use lighting, plugs and extension cords that are specifically for outdoors. Because there are a lot of acorns that have fallen from trees, be careful walking. Also fallen leaves can become slippery especially when wet, so take care.

**Resident & Neighborhood Firewise Partner Comments:**

None.

**Liaisons:**

- **Landscape Supervisor:**

**Carlton Mathis**

Not present, no report.

- **EMC:**

**Brian Richard**

The EMC had their quarterly meeting with Georgetown representatives on December 4. An estimated 10,000 people attended the holiday lighting of the town square on November 24th. City staff is currently planning for much larger crowds in the Georgetown area for the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024.

The EMC is currently focused on a two-day Point of Dispensing (POD) training on January 11 - 12, 2024. A POD is a community location at which state and local agencies distribute medical countermeasures to the public. A POD table top exercise is scheduled in May 2024.

Two new members will join the EMC effective January 1, 2024: Bill Blount and Buzz Garner.

- **Property and Grounds:**

**Duane Murray**

Duane was not present, no report.

- **NRO:**

**Don Shawhan**

Don was not present, no report.

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

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

**Doug Lane**

Doug reported there have been 42 HIZ requests this year, 41 of which have been completed, one is in the works.

#### **Firewise Website:**

**Melissa Lane**

Melissa was not present, no report.

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

**Paul Ohlenbusch and Dan Dodson**

**HIZ Training:** HIZ Training was held October 27<sup>th</sup>. There were 9 renewing and 3 new.

**Landscape Vendor Training:** to be held January 26, 2024 at 1:30. Paul reported they do not anticipate a large group as most of the companies have participated recently and do not need to attend this training.

Paul reported that the 2024 calendar will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the Trumpet. He asked folks to please put dates on your calendars. If anything needs to change, changes need to be requested before March.

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

**Paul Ohlenbusch**

Paul reported work on the Renewal is DONE! (Thank you, Paul!) We will be getting new signs because of the division into 5 areas. The documents will be linked in the newsletter and video.

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

**Petra Garren**

Petra reported the Clearing Crew has been back to work and there has been a great turnout with several new members.

#### **Old Business:**

**Paul Ohlenbusch**

Four Firewise members participated in the New Resident Orientation and spoke with an estimated 25 people. There are new cards to hand out to communicate about Firewise. They are located behind Dick Baker's desk with Paul's name on the file. Cards will now be going into the new resident packets.

### **New Business:**

Election of officers will be held at the February meeting. Dan needs to be replaced as Chair. Judy is leaving and will need to be replaced as Recorder. Paul needs assistance to accomplish all the tasks he does. People need to step up, please!!

### **Upcoming Events:**

Landscape Vendor Training: January 18, 2024 - 1:30 p.m. at the Atrium  
New Resident Orientation: February 15, 2024 - 8:30 a.m. SC Ballroom

### **Next Meetings:**

Education and Training: January 18, 2024 - 1:00 PM - Mesquite Room at The Oaks  
Firewise Group: January 24, 2024 - 1:00 PM - Mesquite Room at The Oaks  
Education and Training: February 15, 2024 - 1:00 PM - Mesquite Room at The Oaks  
Firewise Group: February 28, 2024, 1:00 PM - Mesquite Room at The Oaks

**Adjourned: 1:40 pm**

**Dan Dodson**