

Firewise Group Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2025, 1:00 pm
Mesquite Room at The Oaks, 301 Del Webb Blvd

***Call to order:** 1pm
(14 in attendance)

Mark Marino

Attendance - Mark Marino, Pete Molidor, Petra Garen, Paul Ohlenbusch, Doug Lane, Rich Theis, Ken Morrow, William S., Sue Edwards, Barbara Bergin-Nader, Blair Thompson, Tom Megara

***Welcome & Chair Comments:**

Mark Marino

***Approve Minutes** from January 22, 2024 Meeting:
No additional comments or input. Was approved online.

Passed

***Safety Moment:** Clear leaves and other debris around your homes; unplug exterior electrical cords when not in use.

***Resident Comments:** None.

***Liaisons:**

* Landscape Supervisor - Charles Moore: work continues in Level 3 and 4 areas, currently performing removal of debris in ditches and along creek for flood control.

* NRO – position open.

*- EMC - Doug Lane: A 2-way radio exercise was conducted. Indoor at The Retreat reception needs to be addressed; Master Inventory was conducted on storage and supplies; EMC's Public Safety Event will be on 20 Apr at the SCB at 9am. Annual Evaluation Drill will be on the 17th of Apr. EMC Town Hall, 20 Mar, SCB at 9am.

* Property & Grounds - Melissa Lane: Committee meeting 4 Mar, 2pm at The Oaks. The presentation will be given by Landscape Vendor Brightview.

* Wildlife Management - Henry Schuessler; not present

***Reports from Work groups:**

***HIZ Work Group:**
1165 request to date, 1157 completed, 12 new, 8 open and 1 over 30 days

Paul Ohlenbusch

***Firewise Website:**
Feb's Trumpet has been posted. Meeting notes have not been submitted yet.

Melissa Lane

***Education/Training Work Group:**

Paul Ohlenbusch

Neighborhood Firewise Partners: Currently all FW Partners are not known. Contact will allow sharing information. NR52 Partner Sue Edwards will see if she can collect that information.

Training: Landscape Vendor training, January 31, 2025. In attendance was 6 contractor companies, 2 representatives from the Austion Area Firewise Alliance, and 8 Staff from Georgetown Fire Department.

Community Wildfire Preparedness-Appreciation Day, May 9. Information will be in the Communicator and NRO Bulletin. Program will be held at Cowan Amenity Center. Review of planned events. There are a few positions still needing to be filled.

Firewise Trumpet: February's Trumpet is out. Currently working on March's. A request to a volunteer to write a article. NR76 Partner Barbara Bergin-Nader volunteered.

***Renewal Work Group:** Data collection has started for 2025 Paul Ohlenbusch

***Firewise Clearing Crew:** Petra Garren
Continuing with efforts to help keep our Community a Firewise Recognized one.

***New Business:**

*** Upcoming Events:**

- * Work Group, 1:00pm, Mesquite Room, The Oaks
- * March 20, Education-Training ,1:00pm, Mesquite Room, The Oaks
- * March 26, Firewise Group meeting, 1:00 pm, Mesquite Room, The Oaks
- * May 9, Community Wildfire Preparedness Day and Volunteer Appreciation, Cowan Amenity.
- *May 15, Meet Your Community Welcome Day, 8:30am, SCB

***Adjourned** at 1:55 pm

Mark Marino