

Firewise Group Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2023
Mesquite Room at The Oaks, 301 Del Webb Blvd

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Call to Order:

1:00 pm

Attendees: David Hubbell, Dan Dodson, Paul Ohlenbusch, Petra Garren, Doug and Melissa Lane, Carlton Mathis (Liaison), Brian Richard (EMC), Mark Marino (FWCC), Blair Thompson (FWCC)

Welcome & Chair Comments:

David Hubbell

Approval of Meeting Notes from last meeting

Approval occurred using the online email process.

Safety Moment

Open to all

The SCT area is in a moderate drought condition at this time.

Publications Review Group:

Paul Ohlenbusch

Two additional volunteers are welcome to join this team.

Wildfire Preparedness Day, May 5, 2023

Paul Ohlenbusch

Paul will not be the Chair of this event this year, but is willing to assist. There needs to be a volunteer to be the Chair of this event. Currently, this event is still scheduled, but no publicity will be made until leadership of the event is confirmed.

Liaisons:

Landscape Supervisor

Carlton Mathis

Carlton explained the workflow process for the ice storm clean-up. At this time, CA employees are gathering fallen brush and limbs into accessible locations. In a week or two, Brightview crews will address broken limbs that are higher up in the trees.

EMC

Brian Richard

The evacuation tabletop exercise will be held on April 6 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. An actual drill will occur on April 28.

(On behalf of) Property and Grounds

A Town Hall will be held March 3, 2023 in the Ballroom on the issue of Flood Risk and Mitigation in Sun City.

Reports from Work Groups:**HIZ Work Group****Doug Lane**

There is only one HIZ request outstanding at this time. It has been assigned for scheduling with the homeowner.

Firewise Website**Melissa Lane**

Recent additions to the website include the addition of the 2023 Firewise trained Landscape providers and the January 2023 Notes.

Education/Training Work Group**Dan Dodson**

No report until a Chair is identified for the events that require publicity.

Training**Paul Ohlenbusch**

Paul is willing to assist, but not chair, the planning of the Wildfire Preparedness Day.

Renewal Work Group**Paul Ohlenbusch****Firewise Clearing Crew****Petra Garren**

The Clearing Crew has been inactive due to weather and the complications of CA staff being consumed with ice storm clean-up. The Firewise CC team is willing to assist and support the CA staff.

Election of Officers**David Hubbell**

Outgoing Chair David Hubbell, and other Firewise members, have been canvassing for interested volunteers for several months now. No interested parties have stepped forward for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. After discussion, Dan Dodson volunteered and was elected as an Interim Chair.

David Hubbell thanked all volunteers, team leaders, and work groups, for their assistance over the past year.

Next Meetings

**Education
Group:**

March 16, 2023- 1:00 PM - Mesquite Room at The Oaks

March 22, 2023 - 1:00 PM - Mesquite Room at The Oaks

Adjourned at 1:40 PM.

