

**Firewise Group Meeting Notes  
February 24, 2021  
Via Zoom at 1:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** 1:00 p.m.

**Attendees:** Dick Bruneau, David Hubbell, Dan Dodson, Paul Ohlenbusch, Petra Garren, Doug and Melissa Lane, Tom Li, Pete Nadolski, and Judy Whitmore

**Welcome & Chair Comments:**

**Dick Bruneau**

Dick welcomed the Group attendees. Meetings are continuing via Zoom.

**Approve Meeting Notes from January 27, 2021 Meeting:**

**Dick Bruneau**

The Meeting Notes from the January 27, 2021 meeting were distributed via email. They were approved unanimously via hand vote without modification.

**Safety Moment:**

**Ron Thompson**

Ron was not in attendance and no safety moment was given.

**Resident & Neighborhood Rep Firewise Rep Comments:**

No Residents or Neighborhood Firewise Reps in attendance. (Is this true? Technically I am a neighborhood Firewise rep. Is Tom Li?)

Dick stated that there is no job description for the Neighborhood Firewise Rep and he will work on that. There was a comment that the NRO needs to get names of the Firewise Reps.

**Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair:**

**Dick Bruneau**

Chair: David Hubbell was elected Chair. (Thank you Dave!!) Dave said he was the EMC Firewise Rep but has stepped down from that position.

Vice-Chair: Doug Lane volunteered for Vice-Chair and was duly elected.

Recorder: Judy Whitmore was elected Recorder.

Petra Garren agreed to assist Dan with the website when he needs help.

**Liaisons:**

Landscape Supervisor - Carlton Mathis

- Carlton was not in attendance; no report was given.

EMC –

Dick summarized the EMC meeting: Vaccinations are continuing. The Sun City CA had major problems with water pipes bursting and causing damage in many facilities. The Crisis Management plan was discussed at the meeting and with a new person in charge changes will be made. CPR classes will resume as vaccinations increase. Also EMC wants to purchase 3 wheelchairs.

Wildlife – Report: no news to report this month.

## **Property & Grounds – Report**

No one from the group was in attendance and no report was given.

## **Reports from Work Groups:**

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

**Dan Dodson**

Things are slow now with Covid continuing to disrupt. Wildfire Preparation Day is cancelled for April.

### **Training:**

**Paul Ohlenbusch**

Paul reported that the Landscape Vendor Training took place on January 29th. There were 4 companies being trained. Two companies could not attend and will be extended for one year. Two others were not heard from and will be dropped from the list.

### **HIZ Work Group:**

**Ron Thompson**

Ron will assign people to do the HIZ assessments. It was noted that people often ask for assessment of the areas farther away from homes where the CA has authority, not Firewise. Carlton Mathis is the person to contact for that area. An article regarding this is planned for May issue of Sun Rays. There have been 1037 requests, 989 of those have been completed and 48 remain open.

### **Renewal Work Group:**

**Paul Ohlenbusch**

At previous meetings, Paul Ohlenbusch reported that annual Renewal documentation was completed on time and was submitted to NFPA. We have received our approved renewal certificate, which covers us for 2021.

### **Firewise Clearing Crew:**

**Petra Garren**

Petra Garren reported that the clearing in N47 is complete and residents there are very thankful for removal of a lot of willow and debris. There are 5 areas to review for future work which Petra will do with Glen. Petra reported she has about 50 volunteers, of which about half are regular participants.

### **Other Topics:**

Dick Bruneau and others stated that the operating procedures are from 2011 EMC and need to be updated. EMC needs to approve. They are online and can be downloaded.

### **Internal Operations:**

- None reported.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Wildfire Preparedness Day- cancelled

**Next Meetings: Group**

March 24, 2021

**Education**

March 18, 2021

**Adjourned: 1:35 PM**