

Firewise Group Meeting Notes
August 24, 2022
Mesquite Room at The Oaks, 301 Del Webb Blvd

Call to Order: 1pm

Welcome & Chair Comments:

David Hubbell

Approve Minutes from June 22, 2022 Meeting: Approved

David Hubbell

Discussion for online approval of meeting minutes- passed. Draft will be sent out within 10 days from meeting to all participants for approval. Should changes be need after individual approval it will be resent.

Safety Moment: Stay hydrated, current rains aren't enough to resolve draught, beware of heat exhaustion.

Open

Display Board:

Tabled for later discussion

Still gathering information & Judy Whitmore, point, is unavailable.

Resident & Neighborhood Rep Firewise Rep Comments: No comments

Liaisons:

- **Landscape Supervisor** - Carlton Mathis, unable to attend due to prior obligation.
- **EMC** – Brian Richard-
 1. 2 EMC positions filled. Keith Clanahan, Chair and Alan Parrish, Secretary.
 2. 1 resignation and the CA Nomination Committee will begin interviews for replacement.
 3. EMC's 2023 Budget voted upon. Requests due to unanticipated expense can be changed.
 4. Quarterly joint meeting with Georgetown Emergency Management Coordinator, Georgetown Police Department Representatives held 15 Aug 22. A topic discussed was grassfire across Sun City property on north side of Ronald Regan Blvd. Georgetown EMC Coordinator confirmed that some residents in area were sent alerts via Warn Central Texas system about possibility of evacuation if fire or winds shifted. Fire was quickly contained, and no evacuations required.
 5. Grassfire provided test of the communications process for this emergency.

Barabra Bergin, Neighborhood FW Rep (76) and member, asked question of who's responsible for maintaining area behind homes. CA has overall responsibility for all CA common areas. With guidance from the CA the Firewise Clearing Crew will clear areas in Level 3 areas. If within the strip lease agreement with the CA, resident can do limited things.

- **Property and Grounds** – Duane Murray- not in attendance
- **NRO- Don Shawhan-** The NRO is ready and willing to work with Firewise on aligning the Firewise Communities with the Five NRO areas. The NRO is waiting to hear from Firewise to work out how to proceed.

Reports from Work Groups:

HIZ Work Group:

Doug Lane

Total HIZ requests: 1074; Total Completed: 1072 (1 is 19 days old and other is 6 days old).
Challenges for completion due to Evaluator's availability during the summer months.

Firewise Website:

Melissa Lane

Several months of meetings minutes were missing from the website (years affected were 2020 (1 ea), 2021-(7 ea.), 2022 – 2ea). With assistance from Judy Witmore, Recorder, the approved notes were added to the website. Saved as PDFs for viewing and downloading.

Operating Procedures:

David Hubbell

Possible reducing of meeting months. Will stay at 11 months as in current S.O.P. Cancel as needed.

Education/Training Work Group:

Dan Dodson

- Monthly Communicator and NRO Bulletin articles. Firewise is continuing to provide information for residents through these publications. Sun Rays is 2 months behind when comes they out.

Training:

Paul Ohlenbusch

- October Town Hall topics
 1. Explain **fuel** breaks- and fire breaks- description, where, what looks like.
 2. Attendees and speakers to invite: TX A&M Forestry; Georgetown Fire Dept; and Georgetown EM Coordinator. {Police Dept removed}
 3. Date was clarified due to slight confusion - 4 Oct 22 at 9:30am.
 4. Knox Boxes and Fire Dept equipment to be present again.

Renewal Work Group:

Paul Ohlenbusch

- Process to create five “new” communities. Online with the NRO. In process of updating the value charts to reflect the break down. FW Clearing has been completed, HIZ is next.

Firewise Clearing Crew:

Petra Garren

2 weeks pre-notice has been sent out. Another will go out week prior with necessary workday information. Target date is 1st Tuesday in Sept (dependent on weather and other factors).

Budget Requirements:

David Hubbell

Add new board display cost to FW Budget- Dave. Any other costs need to be submitted “quickly” to the EMC for their approval and submission to the CA.- Brian

Georgetown Emergency Services Meeting- Brian Richards, held on 15 Aug 22. SC EMC met with Georgetown EM Coordinator and other Georgetown representatives. A few of the topics discussed were:

1. The need to improve warnings for outages electrical & water.
2. Need to clarify and improve procedures for Warn Central Texas by hiring an assistant who would establish and format an improved system.
3. Could SC assist by providing DRONE coverage. The Fire Dept already has and if individual is not commercially certified, they aren't authorized.

4. Communication and decisions Rights. Georgetown EM Coordinator, Christy Rodgers stated that currently the Warn Central Texas will only send notices out to residents/individuals who are enrolled and are in the geographical area.
5. Quarterly meetings will continue.
6. David Hubbell asked if the Firewise Group Chair should attend this meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Next Meetings: Education

September 15, 2022 - 1:00 PM - Mesquite Room at The Oaks

Group

September 28, 2022 - 1:00 PM - Mesquite Room at The Oaks

Town Hall

October 4, 2022 – 8:00 AM to set up. Actual event starts at 9:30am. –
Sun City Ball Room

HIZ Evaluation Training

October 28, 2022 – More details to be provided.

Closing Comments:

David Hubbell

Thanked everyone for taking time to attend. Asked if any other questions or comments.

Question asked by new member and FW NR76,- what does the FW NR do? A document prepared in 2019 by the Firewise Group explaining the role is in “negotiation” with the NRO. Follow up needs to be done to see what status is.

Adjourned: 1:55pm