

**Firewise Group Meeting
January 26, 2022**

Call to Order: Meeting commenced at 1pm at the Mesquite Room.

Attendees- Dave Hubbell, Paul Ohlenbusch, Brian Richard, Dan Dodson, Carlton Mathis, Pat Garren, Tom Kisinger, Doug Lane, Melissa Lane, Jim Van Cleef, Dave Tanner, Duane Murray (representing P&G), Rick Householder, Judy Whitmore.

Welcome & Chair Comments:

David Hubbell

Approve Minutes from December 1, 2021 Meeting:

David Hubbell

- All approved with no changes.

Safety Moment:

Ron Thompson

Ron was not at the meeting but sent this by email: There is a product he has purchased that helps choking victims. Life Vac is a facemask that seals around the nose and mouth of a choking victim. There is a one-way hand pump that you compress and then pull up rapidly. This causes suction and can dislodge the blockage. The masks come in adult and child sizes. There are videos of adults and children being saved by this. The website is <https://lifevac.net>. To view the video that particularly impressed Ron: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQzGPDnJqmc>

Resident & Neighborhood Rep Firewise Rep Comments:

- Judy reported hearing concerns from neighbors after the wildfire in Boulder, Colorado area who asked if we could be vulnerable to such a fire and if our evacuation routes are adequate. Paul responded that we could not have such a fire here as there is not adequate open space here. Brian responded that the EMC is addressing evacuations routes.

Liaisons:

- **Landscape Supervisor –**

Carlton Mathis

Carlton reported that work is ongoing to clear ditches and level 3's.

- **EMC –**

Brian Richard

Brian reported there is an upcoming EMC Town Hall on March 25th with a focus on the Sun City Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The Firewise Group will be asked to set up and staff their usual Town Hall booth for a resident breakout session. On April 6th the EMC will conduct a "table top" exercise of the Sun City EOP, and the Firewise Group will be invited to have subcommittee representatives participate.

Reports from Work Groups:

Education/Training Work Group:

Dan Dodson

- Dan reported that there is a New Resident Orientation on February 17th. Residents will be instructed on how to keep their houses safe. Paul stated they need two more people

to assist with that. Paul repeated that he needs someone to take over the display equipment PLEASE.

Firewise Wildfire Preparedness Day will be May 6th. They will start working on it next month.

The Firewise Town Hall will be October 5th.

Training:

Paul Ohlenbusch

- Landscape Vendor Training was held January 21st. Ten companies attended, 2 of which were returning and 5 renewing. Two companies did not participate so were dropped off the list. The list is now updated on the website.

HIZ Work Group:

Ron Thompson

Ron sent a message that there have been a total of 1054 requests of which 60 remain open. He will be calling the open HIZ's to see if they would still like an evaluation. There have been 11 new requests since the Town Hall and one is in progress to be done by Aggie Gladson and Jim Van Cleef. Ron said he will have all outstanding HIZ's assigned by next week. Doug Lane volunteered to assist with calls and HIZ requests. Petra and Dave will assist Ron as needed as well.

Renewal Work Group:

Paul Ohlenbusch

Data collection continues.

Firewise Clearing Crew:

Pat Garren

- Pat reported they are working in N16 where they have been twice. They are hoping for good weather this coming week to finish that area.

Other Topics:

David Hubbell

- HIZ Evaluations Coordinator. Ron is becoming somewhat more active. Doug Lane volunteered to take over as HIZ Coordinator.
- 2022 Officers: Elections will be in February. Dave is stepping down so the Chair position needs to be filled. We need to elect a Vice Chair. Judy volunteered to continue for this year as Recorder.

Upcoming Events:

Next Meetings: **Education:** February 17, 2022. Mesquite Room, The Oaks, 1 p.m.

Firewise Group: February 23, 2022, The Oaks, Mesquite Room, 1 p.m.

Adjourned: at 1:35 pm