

**Firewise Group Meeting  
February 23, 2022**

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

**David Hubbell**

Attendees- Dave Hubbell, Paul Ohlenbusch, Brian Richard (EMC), Dan Dodson, Doug Lane, Carlton Mathis, Petra Garren, Pat Garren, Melissa Lane, Don Davidson (EMC), Judy Whitmore.

**Welcome & Chair Comments:**

**David Hubbell**

**Approve Minutes from January 26, 2022 Meeting:**

**David Hubbell**

- All approved with no changes.

**Safety Moment:**

**David Hubbell**

David warned about the danger of slipping on wet leaves, as he witnessed someone fall and become injured as a result. Petra asked to remind folks to pick up dead leaves around homes and garden trash around homes and to please not throw it out to the Level 3 CA property where it becomes a fire hazard. Judy witnessed a truck not stopping for a young woman in a crosswalk and suggested warning people that cars often do not stop for people even though they have the right-of-way.

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

Nothing new.

**Liaisons:**

- **Landscape Supervisor –**

**Carlton Mathis**

Carlton reported that work is ongoing to clear ditches and level 3's. They are working in N6 as well as some hiking trails. The list of requests from last year's ice storm has been whittled down to 40 from over 400 requests.

- **EMC –**

**Brian Richard**

Brian reported they continue to work on the upcoming EMC Town Hall on March 25<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Paul Ohlenbusch**

The New Resident Orientation earlier this month went well. One resident requested an HIZ evaluation.

Firewise Wildfire Preparedness Day will be May 6<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for any Sun City resident to learn about trimming the common areas of potentially damaging plants. A light breakfast will be available prior to going out into the field and a lunch will be

provided to volunteers. A notice is going into the next Sun Rays. Sign up will begin April 29th.

**HIZ Work Group:**

**Doug Lane**

Ron has resigned from the HIZ position as well as the Firewise group. Doug Lane will take over the position. Paul has been working on the list which he sent to Doug. There have been 1058 requests received, 1037 completed, 3 new requests, 20 remain open with 0 on hold.

**Renewal Work Group:**

**Paul Ohlenbusch**

Sun City will have to be divided into 5 separate communities for data purposes for the Firewise Renewal application by the end of this year. (There can be no more than 2500 houses per community.) Eventually the goal is to have the data base on the Sun City website in a secure location so that future updates will be easier. Because the NRO is also similarly dividing into areas, the job will be easier.

**Firewise Clearing Crew:**

**Petra Garren**

- Petra reported they have finished in N42 and will be working with the CA to determine the next area.

**Other Topics:**

**David Hubbell**

- HIZ Evaluations Coordinator. Doug Lane has taken over as HIZ Coordinator.
- 2022 Officers: nominations were proposed and seconded, all were elected unanimously:
  - Chair: David Hubbell
  - Vice-Chair: Petra Garren
  - Recorder: Judy Whitmore

Because some of the officers were reluctant to serve again, there was discussion about the importance of getting more people involved in the Firewise Group.

- David asked earlier about whether there would be a Volunteer Appreciation Day as there used to be prior to Covid. He noted that was a fun event and could help with volunteer interest.

**Upcoming Events:**

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

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

**Firewise Town Hall** will be October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourned: at 1:45 pm**