

**Firewise Group Meeting  
October 27, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Meeting commenced at 1pm, via video conference.

Attendees- Dave Hubbell, Paul Ohlenbusch, Brian Richards, Dan Dodson, Petra Garren, Tom Kissinger, Carlton Mathis, Judy Whitmore.

**Welcome & Chair Comments:**

**David Hubbell**

**Approve Minutes from September 22, 2021 Meeting:**

**David Hubbell**

- All approved with no changes.

**Safety Moment:**

**David Hubbell**

- Driving golf carts on Sun City- Be Alert for Deer. A couple had a buck deer run into their golf cart. The passenger was thrown from the cart and received injuries including broken bones and head injury, but fortunately the injuries were not life-threatening. The driver received minor injuries.

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

- No input.

**Liaisons:**

- **Landscape Supervisor** - Carlton Mathis
  - Mowing continues in the Level 3 areas. Moving along well, even with the tall grass and rains.
  - Seeds may be picked off of dead plants in common area as long as the plant is not removed or damaged (includes the area as well).
- **EMC** – Brian Richard
  - Attended a Red Cross meeting. Red Cross deals with the “aftermath” of events, not the “preparing for”. EMC is considering a memorandum for assisting Sun City for the “after event”. This will not be an immediate since there will be things that will need to be worked out.
  - EMC is planning a COVID Booster Clinic to be held in Sun City. They want to partner with Walgreens again. Possibility in the November timeframe.

**Reports from Work Groups:**

**Education/Training Work Group:**

**Dan Dodson**

- Monthly Communicator and NRO Bulletin articles: Items continue to be submitted.

**Training:**

**Paul Ohlenbusch**

- HIZ Evaluators Training, October 29
  - Will be held in the Mesquite room at The Oaks. Currently there are 4 new evaluators and 7 for refresher.
- Paul attended the Neighborhood Emergency Coordinator (NEC) meeting. A point was brought up that the FW Group did not know who the Firewise NEC representative are. Also, when the

NRO breaks into 5 neighborhoods regions in January, could Firewise use their regions to meet Firewise USA requirements? Representation to Firewise will be determined.

- New Residents package is missing the new Firewise card, it needs to be included.
- Preparing for the Landscape Training course will begin in November.

**HIZ Work Group:**

**Dave Hubbel and Paul Ohlenbusch**

- 7 new requests received from the Town Hall; some have been assigned already.
- HIZ Status Report: 1063 Total; 58 open; 998 completed; and 7 new requests.

**Renewal Work Group:**

**Paul Ohlenbusch**

- Work is already underway and has been reviewed once. Some additional information is still needed. Also, he will send out request for individual volunteer hours for other than normal Firewise events.

**Firewise Clearing Crew:**

**Petra Garren**

- Work has been completed in N2 now. Six weeks there greatly improved the area. Residents expressed their appreciation and support.
- Petra is reviewing other potential work areas with CA Representative for future work areas.

**Other Topics:**

**David Hubbell**

- HIZ Evaluations Coordinator. It is recommended that there needs to be a back up to/for the HIZ Coordinator to assist when needed. Dave Hubbell and Petra Garren said they'd be willing to help.
- Town Hall Meeting Review. Positive comments and feedback from attendees. One of largest turnouts in a while.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Next Meetings:**    Education-    November, No meeting

Newcomers Orientation    November 18, 2021, 8:30 a.m., SCB

Firewise Group

December 1, 2021- Details to be announced

**Adjourned: at 1:32pm**