

**Firewise Group Meeting
December 1, 2021**

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

Attendees- David Hubbell, Paul Ohlenbusch, Brian Richards, Dan Dodson, Petra Garren, Tom Kisinger, Doug Lane, Melissa Lane, Judy Whitmore.

Welcome & Chair Comments: **David Hubbell**

Approve Minutes from October 27, 2021, Meeting: **David Hubbell**
- All approved with no changes.

Safety Moment: **Petra Garren**

Ron was not at the meeting, however Petra commented that with folks putting up holiday lighting to be aware of potential dangers: make sure wires are not frayed, clean up leaves and debris where wires run, make sure the lights and plugs etc. are rated for outdoor use.

Resident & Neighborhood Rep Firewise Rep Comments:
- No input.

Liaisons:
- **Landscape Supervisor** - Carlton Mathis was not present, no report given.
- **EMC** – Brian Richard

EMC is planning an emergency/evacuation drill for next year. Brian is wondering if a wildfire could be the emergency event. Prior drills have focused on tornadoes. EMC is welcoming 3 new members. Dan Dodson will be one of them.

Reports from Work Groups:

Education/Training Work Group: **Dan Dodson**
- Nothing new this month.

Training: **Paul Ohlenbusch**

- Landscape Vendor Training will be January 21, 2022, at 2 p.m. Paul will need a couple people to assist with that.

HIZ Work Group: **David Hubbell and Paul Ohlenbusch**

- Because of Ron's absence, no new HIZ's have been completed. There is an outstanding list. The group discussed the need to assist Ron to get HIZ's going, as lack of action has potentially impacted the reputation of Firewise in the community. Petra and David are willing to assist.

Renewal Work Group:**Paul Ohlenbusch**

- The FW Renewal work has been accomplished. Volunteer hours total 44 weeks of work; Clearing Crew totaled 14 weeks of work or 19 workdays; investment was at \$7.1 million.

Firewise Clearing Crew:**Petra Garren**

- Petra reported they are working in N11 now behind Camp Drive, doing both clearing and cleaning up some drainage areas.
- December 14, 2021, will be the last workday for the year and work will recommence in January. Petra commented that there were fewer hours of work this year due to the CA employee situation changing. The CA is working on getting their employees on track, and she hopes for more workdays next year.

Other Topics:**David Hubbell**

- HIZ Evaluations Coordinator. The lack of work in this area is concerning and will be addressed.
- 2022 Officers: Elections will be in February. David, current Chair, is stepping down so the Chair position will need to be filled.
- Paul stated that someone needs to take over the handling of the display materials for events. The newsletter will have the dates for events that need to be covered. It was noted that the display also needs updating.

Upcoming Events:**Next Meetings:** **Education:** January 20, 2022. Mesquite Room, The Oaks, 1 p.m.**Landscape Vendor Training:** January 21, 2022, 2 p.m. (TBA)**Firewise Group:** January 26, 2022, The Oaks, Mesquite Room.**Adjourned: at 1:19pm**