

**Firewise Group Meeting Minutes**  
**January 25, 2023**  
**Mesquite Room at The Oaks, 301 Del Webb Blvd**

**Call to Order: 1:00 pm**

**Attendees:** David Hubbell, Dan Dodson, Paul Ohlenbusch, Petra Garren, Doug and Melissa Lane, Judy Whitmore, Duane Murray (P&G), Carlton Mathis (Liaison), Brian Richard (EMC), Clint Bond, Don Shawhan (NRO Liaison), Steve Bereheiko (N40), Lisa Bereheiko (N40), Steve LeClaire (HIZ), Mark Marino (FWCC), Mike Moulton (N64), Bill Keefe (N64)

**Welcome & Chair Comments:**

**David Hubbell**

**Approval of Meeting Notes from last meeting**

Approval occurred online, however it was made clear that the attendance list should be included in the meeting notes once again as well as the Attendance Sheet sent out to the members.

**Safety Moments:**

**Open**

People are warned that the crosswalks are not safe even when equipped with warning lights. Pedestrians need to be careful and not assume vehicles are going to stop, even when the lights are flashing.

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

Residents from N40, Steve and Lisa Bereheiko, reported that someone is burning something that causes embers to land in their yard and even next to their home. Carlton took their address and will look into the situation.

**Board Elections in February:**

Elections for the Firewise Board will be held at the next meeting. So far no one has stepped forward to volunteer to be the Chairperson or the Vice-Chair. Judy stated she would continue to be the Recorder as long as she has helpers to cover when she is away. If there is no Chairperson elected, per the CA rules, the Firewise Group cannot be considered a committee.

**Publications Review Group:**

**Paul Ohlenbusch**

The members of this group are Paul, Clint, Doug and two more to volunteer. The goal is to review all publications sent to the Sun City community.

**Wildfire Preparedness Day, May 5, 2023:**

**Paul Ohlenbusch**

Paul will not be the Chair of this event this year and needs to “pass the torch”. He will help out with it. There needs to be a volunteer to be the Chair of this event.

## **Liaisons:**

- **Landscape Supervisor:** **Carlton Mathis**

Carlton stated that his crew is primarily working on creek maintenance in case of future flooding events.

- **EMC:** **Brian Richard**

Brian reported that Walgreens has requested the EMC to hold a vaccination clinic for Shigrix vaccinations. They are looking into a date for this.

- **Property and Grounds:** **Duane Murray**

Duane reported that a Town Hall will be held March 3, 2023 in the Ballroom on the issue of Flood Risk and Mitigation in Sun City. There will be a meteorologist attending as well as an engineer from Atlas 14 study plus a representative of FEMA to discuss potential flood insurance and costs. Duane asks that Firewise be represented to talk about what Firewise does with respect to flood mitigation.

- **NRO:** **Don Shawhan**

Don reported they are looking forward to meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> to work on and finalize the details of the Neighborhood Firewise Representatives job description. The committee to work on this is Dave Hubbell, Paul Ohlenbusch, Petra Garren, Keith Steiner, Jim Cluck (?)

## **Reports from Work Groups:**

- HIZ Work Group:** **Doug Lane**

Doug reported there were 14 new requested for HIZ evaluations in the final quarter of 2022. All evaluations have been accomplished and there are none outstanding. There are 14 active evaluators and one trainee.

- Firewise Website:** **Melissa Lane**

Melissa reported that she moved the Annual Renewal reports to a separate category on their own. She fixed the trained landscaper list. All 2022 Trumpets have been added. With Paul's help she added the July 2021 notes and 3 older renewal documents to the website.

**Education/Training Work Group:****Dan Dodson**

Work continues on the monthly communicators and NRO articles. He noted that we need to know if we have a Chair for the Wildfire Preparedness Day by March 1<sup>st</sup> so that organization and publicity for it can be organized on time. The usual sequence is 4 Sun Rays article and regular (monthly?) coordinated articles for the Communicator and NRO Bulletin.

**Training:****Paul Ohlenbusch**

1. **Landscape Training** will be January 27, 2023. Four companies with 18 people total have signed up. One company is bringing 11 people, another 6 or 7. Brightview is one of the companies. Paul needs volunteers to help set up chairs and tables.
2. **Wildfire Preparedness Day:** As above, Paul will not head up the organization of this event, so there needs to be someone to chair and take the lead. The plan is to work on Level 3 and possibly 4 in N51; work will be a little more difficult than last year.

**Renewal Work Group:****Paul Ohlenbusch**

- Paul has had folks volunteer to meet about organizing the Renewal effort, however they have not been able to meet due to schedule conflicts. They need to maintain the data base, update the annual renewal document and input data in order to accomplish it.

**Firewise Clearing Crew:****Petra Garren**

The Clearing Crew began work again in January, N69 and N11. Rain canceled the effort this past week, hoping next week to be back at it.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Landscape Vendors Training:** January 27, 2023 – 2:00 PM - Atrium

**Next Meetings:**

**Education:** February 16, 2023- 1:00 PM - Mesquite Room at The Oaks

**Group:** February 22, 2023 - 1:00 PM - Mesquite Room at The Oaks

**Closing Comments:****David Hubbell**

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

**Adjourned: 1:35 pm**