

**Firewise Group Meeting
27 June, 2018
AC Meeting Room 3-4, at 1pm**

Attendance: Tom Kisinger, Joe Scavalla, Therese Verdak, Ron Thompson, Dan Dodson, Blair Thompson, Paul Ohlenbusch, Petra Garren

Starting Time: 1:07pm

Welcome & Chair Comments: (see other topics) **Petra Garren**

Safety Moment: **Ron Thompson**
Avoid, Deny and Defend - Video available by TSU Criminal Law Department- find on web browser.
Well worth watching. Know what to do in unsafe situation.

Resident Comments: None

Liaisons:
Landscape Supervisor- Carlton Mathis- unavailable to due to Water pump issues. No input.
EMC, Dave Hubbell- Unavailable due to other commitments. No input.

Review Notes from May's Meeting: No additional adjustments **Fred Hill/Petra**

Reports from Work Groups:

Education Work Group: In planning stages for the Town Hall Meeting **Dan Dodson**

Training: **Paul Ohlenbusch**
HIZ training in Oct is for new evaluators as well as for all current evaluators. New changes and new data will be introduced. Encourage all current evaluators re-newing to attend.

HIZ Work **Jim Mills/ Paul**
HIZ Status Report

HIZ Status 6/27/18
Total Received 916
New Requests 0
Total Complete 901
Total Open 15
Working 3
More than 60 days 12
Total On Hold 0

Renewal Work Group: **Paul Ohlenbusch**
Paul is looking for volunteers to help put this document together. (It's for our annual Firewise renewal.) Must be finalized by November. Please let him know if you can help.

Firewise Clearing Crew: **Petra Garren**

The Clearing Crew will be on "Seista" at the end of June until Fall time frame. A two week advance notice will be given when we start up again- around Sept.

Other Topics:

EMC Meeting Update: V/Chair attended on 8 June. First Aid kits are still being developed. Goal is to find one that can be used in any location. (For Firewise Clearing Crew we may need to add some additional supplies.)

NRO Meeting Update: EMC Chair was guest speaker. As a sub-committee, the Firewise Chair was invited represent the Group. EMC Chair, Dick explained how they worked, goals, and what each Sub-committee did.

The **CA doesn't approve of residents clipping or clearing in the green spaces** here in Sun City. Someone is going around and improperly cutting and leaving those clipping on the ground as well. When this dries it is instant fuel for fires. Please report to the CA if you observe this happening.

Internal Operations:

- We need to update our Liaisons to the Wildlife Committee and Property and Grounds. We need volunteers.
- Reviewed the Firewise Operation Procedures to better understand intent of procedure. (How each sub-committee interacted under the Group, identity of members, ect.) It was agreed that there is a need to do some updating.
- Paul provided historical information on how this organization was developed and shared his binder with the information

Upcoming Events:

- 9 Oct 2018**, Firewise Town Hall
- 19 Oct 2018**, HIZ Training

Next Meetings:

<u>Firewise Group</u>	<u>Education</u>
27 July, 2018	19 July, 2018
22 Aug, 2018	16 Aug, 2018

Adjourned: 1:45pm



**Firewise Committee Monthly Meeting Flag Day
SC Firewise Clearing Crew Input – 23 June, 2018**



Clearing Update:

26 Jun18- N27, San Saba. The sun was out and so was the humidity. Our 8 Crew members did a great job clearing the ditch area from the Junipers, the Willow and the Williwow Baccharis. We started from the street and worked our way down towards the primary drainage ditch in the back. This will help prevent flooding to residents' property. Also, removed was Landscape Contractor trash. What a difference we made- and all in one day. Our CA Reps, Jon and Eric, had piles of mulch to spread and Williwow Baccharis to haul off. No incidents or injuries reported.

19 June18- New location, N27, San Saba. Due to inclement weather workday was cancelled.

2. 12June18 - Work is completed for N4. It was fairly nice morning for our 9 folks to work in. After reviewing the planned work area again, it was decided it didn't really need work. So we moved down to the corner of Running Water and Stetson Trail. The green space there had plenty of Juniper that needed to be limbed or cut out. Jon, our CA Rep, brought out the mulch machine and spread it around the oak trees there. We met a few of the "locals" again. They were determined to make sure we did our job right because they never left their spot on the ridge. No injuries or incidents reported.

5June- New location, N4, 313 Running Water. We had a humid morning to work in, but the shade made clearing under the big Oak & Elms bearable. 9 Volunteers on hand- few of our Crew members live in N4. Jon also has a new assistant. He is also named Eric. We wish him well and hope he hangs around to work with us. We removed small Junipers and limbed up the bigger ones. Residents' yard waste was also picked up along with our cuttings. Fortunately for us, there wasn't alot of vines to deal with and no poison Ivy- Yeay. Plenty of golf balls, a tennis ball and a dog toy to be found. Also interesting rocks (concrete edging). Great "supervision" today from the locals, a first for us,- Turkeys and a Deer. Hopefully they liked what we did for them. No injuries or incidents reported.

29 May- cancelled, Memorial Holiday

2. Completed Work location(s): 2 this reporting period

3. Residents Request for neighborhood area clearing: 0

4. Volunteer Crew List Total (as of 19 Jun 18):

45 volunteers / Weekly Emails: 26

New Volunteer (s) 2018: 3

Additional Information- June 26 is our last workday for the summer.

We will be on “Siesta” until the fall time frame (Sept most likely). A two week advance notice will go out when we will start again.

Submitted by Petra Garren, FW Clearing Crew Leader