

MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB
PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION
Firewise/MVEST Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom Videoconferencing

June 15, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

MVEST Steering Committee Members Present: Pam Berkon, Bill Davis, John Feld, John Hansen, Carol-Joy Harris, Kevin Mulvany, Steve Plocher, Erma Wheatley
Other MVEST team members and residents present: Judi Purdom, Ellen Jane Schulz

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Steve reported that Henry Frummer has suggested the use of baby monitors for MVEST block captains. John H. and others delineated reasons that that system would probably not work in the Park.

Erma brought up the idea of a database to track where cigarette butts are appearing in the Park. Instead, it was suggested that Matt be asked about putting up no smoking signs throughout the Park, possibly on the speed limit signs. Kevin will bring this up with Matt.

Ellen Jane asked about defensible space and was referred to the FIRESafe Marin videos that are on the Marin Valley website and which will also be the subject of the first MVEST Zoom webinar (see below).

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the June 8 meeting were approved.

Old Business

Coronavirus

Most Park residents continue to show good compliance with public health orders.

Weather Radio Alert System

No update.

CERT

No report.

Park Security

There was a young nonresident in the Park today who smoked a cigarette and charged his cellphone at an outdoor outlet at the clubhouse and who, when questioned by an alert resident, said he was looking for a restroom. He was escorted out of the Park.

No new camping activity has been noted within or around the Park, but again Park residents are asked to be vigilant and report any suspicious goings-on to Matt Greenberg.

Bill will check with the Novato Fire District about the status of an inspection of the site of the recent (May 23) fire at the top of the hill near the water tank (the tank that is between MVMCC and Hamilton Woods). We need to know who owns this land and what can be done to help prevent future fires there (by whom).

There has apparently been more picnicking activity in the hills near the Park entrance, although there is no evidence of smoking or campfires at the site. Kevin continues to do inspections and to work with this committee, Matt, and the police department on all these issues.

Regarding our secondary evacuation route, Kevin will take photos of the lock configurations on both ends (Marin Valley and Bay Vista), and Bill will again talk to the Novato Fire District about if and how we can open those gates in case of emergency.

Firewise/FIRESafe Marin

John H. and Bill will attend the (Zoom) meeting of the new joint powers agency, the Marin Wildfire Protection Authority, on June 18.

John H., with the help of Bill and Carol-Joy and Pam, will produce a short webinar for Park residents concerning preparations residents can make to prepare for this year's fire season, which is expected to be particularly brutal. It will focus on hardscaping the "zero zone," the area within 5 feet of residences, and fire-smart landscaping in general. The webinar will be recorded and put on the website for viewing later. It is planned to include a panel of gardening experts for a question-and-answer period at the end of the webinar. Residents will be informed about it with a tube flyer and a robocall, and it is planned for July.

A Park-wide evacuation exercise was discussed, to be held in August. We will work with the Novato Fire District. Again, a tube flyer and a robocall will inform residents.

The goats have arrived and are working hard.

Novato Fire District

No report.

Echo Article

No new articles to report about.

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Links to access the FIRESafe Marin videos will be added to our website.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, June 22, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconferencing.

Residents who are not on this committee who would like to attend, please contact John Hansen so that he may send you an email invitation to join the call via your computer or phone.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol-Joy Harris
Recording Secretary