

MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB
PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION
MVEST/Firewise Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Videoconferencing
July 13, 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: Ellen Jane Schulz

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the July 6 meeting were approved.

Old Business

Coronavirus

Though cases in Marin are increasing, most Park residents continue to show good compliance with public health orders, wearing masks and social distancing, thus keeping MVMCC Covid-19 free thus far.

New banners are coming this week to thank residents and visitors for this compliance.

Weather Radio Alert System

No update.

CERT

No report.

Marin County Firewise/FIRESafe Marin

John F. recommended the YouTube trailer for Ron Howard's soon-to-be-released documentary, "Rebuilding Paradise."

John H. reported that the chipper program this summer is the biggest residential fire prevention program ever in Marin. Working with FIRESafe

Marin, he has secured a chipper day for the Park, which will be on August 26. This will help our landscaping crews clear more areas, since they will save the time they would have spent chipping.

Park Security

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.

Erma is forwarding the committee an article about private security cameras being used effectively in neighborhoods in San Francisco.

Bill has checked 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 await more information from the NFD on how to minimize the fire danger (vegetation) in the area.

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 has taken photos of the lock configurations on both ends (Marin Valley and Bay Vista), and Bill has talked to the Novato Fire District. The locks are being reconfigured so that we can open those gates in case of emergency.

Firewise

John H., with the help of Bill and Carol-Joy and Pam, is planning a brief 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 Marin Valley website for later viewing. It will include a panel of gardening experts for a question-and-answer period at the end of the webinar. The panel will consist of Park resident Bob Tanem, nationally renowned gardener, and Park resident Michele Rivers. The date has been moved to Thursday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m. Residents will be informed about it with a tube flyer and a robocall. John H. will write an article about it for the *Echo*.

Bill and John H. are working on the defensible space projects at 160 and 198 Marin valley Drive.

A Park-wide evacuation exercise is being planned for late summer. We will work with the Novato Fire District. John F., John H., and Erma are working on this. Again, a tube flyer and a robocall will inform residents. John F. has written an article for the *Echo* about it.

Novato Fire District

Bill reported that NFD will soon be sending out a mailer that has evacuation instructions and a map of evacuation routes.

Echo Article

See above.

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Dave Tetta and Erma are continuing to update the MVEST area of the website.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, July 20, 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