

MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB
PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION
MVEST/Firewise Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Videoconferencing
July 6, 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: Joe DeAvila, David King, Ellen Jane Schulz, Pat Thompson

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Joe De Avila reported that he heard several gunshots in the late evening of July 4.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the June 22 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 signs are coming soon to thank residents and visitors for this compliance.

Weather Radio Alert System

No update.

CERT

No report.

Marin County Firewise/FIREsafe Marin

John H. reported that monthly webinars will become available soon.

John H., working with FIREsafe Marin, 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.

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, and by whom, to help prevent future fires there.

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 will again talk to the Novato Fire District about if and how we can open those gates in case of emergency.

Firewise

John H., with the help of Bill and Carol-Joy and Pam, are 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 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. The date was moved to Thursday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m. Bob Tanem, nationally renowned gardener who lives in the Park, has already expressed willingness to be on the panel. Bill will contact several more gardeners in the Park to assess their interest in being on the panel. 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. will write an article for the *Echo* about it.

Kevin has asked Matt about the possibility of installing no-smoking signs in the Park.

Novato Fire District

Bill reported that PG&E has stated that their planned power outages will be fewer and of shorter duration this summer, and they will be in smaller, more targeted areas. This will be of great help to NFD and to all of us. One suggestion is to leave the area if it's feasible for you to do so once the outage has been announced, for instance, to stay with family members elsewhere.

Echo Article

Erma is again the editor. See above for upcoming MVEST articles.

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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 13, 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