

**MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB**  
**PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION**  
**MVEST/Firewise Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**  
Via Zoom Videoconferencing  
August 17, 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, Jay Shelfer, Ellen Jane Schulz

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Carol-Joy reported that a Dumpster has been ordered for the garbage and vegetation debris at the top end of Scenic, which will arrive this week.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the August 10 meeting were approved.

Reports

Coronavirus

As far as we know, Marin Valley remains Covid-free, which is likely a direct result of residents and visitors adhering to local and state health care directives, mainly wearing masks – correctly – and maintaining social distance.

Concerning the November 3 election, it is not known yet whether Marin Valley will again be a polling place. Carol-Joy will again contact resident Jim Harais, the longtime Chief Inspector at our polling place, for more information. Several ideas for polling place safety in the time of Covid-19 were discussed, and it was suggested that there be robocalls about it in any event.

### Marin County Firewise/FIRESafe Marin

John H. reminded the committee that there will be an important FIRESafe Marin webinar via Zoom on Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m. called "Community Organizing for Fire Preparedness & Incorporation of Ecologically Sound Practices." To join the meeting, go to <https://firesafemarin.zoom.us/j/87382415962>. John H. will be one of the featured speakers of the event, which will be recorded for later viewing at any time on the FIRESafe Marin website.

Working with FIRESafe Marin, John H. 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. In preparation for this event, on Sunday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m. Park residents should come to the south end of Club View to help gather the cleared vegetation for chipping. People should wear gloves. In fact, people may also bring their own woody vegetation (maximum length of 10 feet) to be chipped as well. If the resident is unable to bring their wood to this area, the chipper can come to their home address for the few minutes the chipping will take. To register for this curbside service on August 26, go to [chipperday.com/marin](http://chipperday.com/marin).

### Park Security

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

Regarding the apparent picnicking activity on the hill near the Park entrance, because our community members are very worried about the possibility of wildfire, residents should notify the Novato Police of this activity if they see it so that officers can divert the picnickers to a more appropriate site, such as a local park.

### Firewise

There are many fires presently in Marin. A Red Flag Day warning was in effect over the weekend, but committee members could not access the Red Flag and banners, which were in the clubhouse. They will be moved to the MVEST shed in the breezeway.

More rolling blackouts are expected in the months to come. Jay reported that he will suggest in the next *Echo* that residents turn off their

appliances, particularly electronic ones, when the power is out to prevent a possibly harmful surge when power is restored. An alternative is to turn off all your electrical breakers and turn them back on again one at a time when power is restored. Meanwhile, Jay is working with Matt to make sure that we do not have a repeat of the situation during a PSPS when our backup generator also failed because of its battery not being sufficiently charged.

As to the recent excessively hot days, a number of solutions were proposed. There are cooling centers set up at Marin Civic Center and at Margaret Todd Senior Center. Matt Greenberg is working with Novato Public Works to possibly set up a cooling center at Marin Valley. John F., with help from Steve and Kevin, will research and possibly install a misting system, possibly in the clubhouse breezeway. It was also stated that you can cool down your house by spraying it with water in the evening. HOL's Buddy System and just neighbor-to-neighbor concern are avenues for individual residents to check on each other during such days.

A Park-wide evacuation exercise is being planned for late summer. John F., John H., David King, and Erma are working on this. A tube flyer and a robocall will inform residents.

#### Novato Fire District

Bill reported that NFD is very busy now with all the fires here and elsewhere. The recent lightning storm started many fires.

#### CERT

No report.

#### Echo Article

No report.

#### Marinvalley.net

Dave Tetta, Anila Manning, and Erma are continuing to update the MVEST and coronavirus areas of the website. The MVEST minutes will be placed as a subsection of PAC at the bottom where the PAC Board minutes are and will be deleted on a quarterly basis to keep the website up to date.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, August 24, 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