

MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB
PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION
MVEST/Firewise Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Videoconferencing
August 31, 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: Kamala Allen, Peter Dyke, David King, Ellen Jane Schulz, Jay Shelfer, Dave Tetta

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Kamala commented on the safety issue of smoking in the Park. She asked that no smoking signs be installed at various places in the Park. Since the City has advised us that we cannot make the entire Park a nonsmoking area, it was suggested that “thank you for not smoking” signs be installed instead. The issue will be brought up again at the PAC Board meeting.

Ellen Jane asked about the MVEST minutes’ availability on the Marin Valley website. They will be there if they are not already. She asked about the recent FIREsafe Marin webinar and was referred to their website.

David K. asked about putting brief information about air quality on the Marin Valley website. Erma responded that if David will research it, she will put the link/s on the home page.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the August 24 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 still not known whether Marin Valley will again be a polling place. John H. said that if not a polling place, it might be the location of a dropbox for ballots. We will not have more information until October, when the Marin County Registrar of Voters publishes the lists of those locations.

Air Quality Monitor

A discussion was held about the need for an air quality monitor in the Park, which would give more accurate readings than the ones available online at sites such as PurpleAir. These readings are especially helpful for people with health issues such as asthma. Several people, including Dave T., David Gray, and Peter, have been researching this. Since a wi-fi connection is necessary, the clubhouse is the optimal location, and it has been determined that connecting to the PurpleAir network would be the most advantageous. The issue will be brought up at the PAC Board meeting.

Marin County Firewise/FIRESafe Marin

John H. reported that there will be a FIRESafeMarin webinar via Zoom on September 29 at 6:00 p.m. Called "Community Organizing for Fire Preparedness & Incorporation of Ecologically Sound Practices," the link is <https://firesafemarin.zoom.us/j/87382415962>. If the Zoom call is at capacity, it can be viewed in real time on Facebook.

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.

A few days ago several residents noticed some apparent picnicking activity on the hill near the Park entrance, and the Novato Police were notified. An officer walked up the hill to the picnic area and made contact with the individuals located there.

Kevin reported there appears to be a locked gate on St. Vincent's paved access road separating the southeast sewer easement dirt road and Highway 101.

Firewise

John H. thanked Bill for putting up the flags and banners and taking them down.

John H. noted that the nomenclature regarding Red Flag Days may change.

More rolling blackouts are expected this summer, so residents should be prepared. A new law requires cellphone/internet service providers to have 72 hours' worth of battery backup in case of power failure or blackout, but they still have some months to implement that. Matt has had the battery replaced on the clubhouse backup generator, which is tested regularly.

John H. reported on the chipper day for the Park, which went well, chipping a large pile of vegetation at the south end of Club View. Several residents who live near the site were not aware of the activity because they don't participate in several of the noticing vehicles (robocalls, the *Echo*, etc.), but once they were informed about what was happening, their anxiety level decreased. Erma pointed out that of the 400+ residents in the Park, only 5 people (4 of whom are on this committee) helped to gather the cleared vegetation for chipping. However, the only notice of this activity was in these minutes, which only about 75 people receive, and in the digital version of the *Echo*, which is sent to the 246 residents whose email addresses are listed in the directory. The *Echo* mailing noted the change of date for the pre-chipper vegetation gathering from August 23 to August 25 due to the Red Flag Days' threats of lightning.

A Park-wide evacuation exercise will be held on Saturday, October 10 at 11:00 a.m. John F., John H., David King, and Erma are working on this. Block Captains should talk to their assigned blocks' residents beforehand. More information will be forthcoming to Block Captains. Also, 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. Many resources, including federally funded ones, are being expended on the Woodward Fire in Point Reyes, with the goal being complete suppression.

Echo Article

John F. has written yet another article on grab-and-go bags.

Pam is writing an article about backup batteries, for use in times of power outages, for people with disabilities and/or older adults.

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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

John F. has researched a misting system for the clubhouse breezeway for resident use on extremely hot days. He and Steve and Kevin will continue to research and possibly install this.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, September 7 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