

**MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB**  
**PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION**  
**MVEST/Firewise Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**  
Via Zoom Videoconferencing  
September 14, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

MVEST Steering Committee Members Present: Pam Berkon, Bill Davis, John Feld, John Hansen, Carol-Joy Harris, Kevin Mulvany, Erma Wheatley

Absent: Steve Plocher

Other MVEST team members and residents present: Pat Higgins, David King, Judi Purdom, Ellen Jane Schulz, Jay Shelfer

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the August 31 meeting were approved.

Reports

HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) Demystified

Resident Pat Higgins, who was formerly an investigator for the Department of Health and Human Services, where she was involved in monitoring and enforcing HIPAA, reported that MVEST is not covered by HIPAA since the Act does not apply to neighborhood groups. Privacy concerns that residents may have about sharing sensitive information, such as health conditions, may be allayed by assuring the residents that only the Block Captain will know the information, or another Block Captain in the event of an actual emergency or disaster (such as in the case of the regular Block Captain's absence from the Park when the disaster strikes), and then only for the purpose of assisting that resident (such as letting MVEST Incident Command know that the resident needs assistance).

### Coronavirus

No change. That is, 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, Carol-Joy reported that Marin Valley will not be a polling place nor will it be the location of a dropbox for ballots. The Marin County Registrar of Voters asks that the people who vote by U.S. mail do so as early as possible (ballots will be mailed to all active registered voters on October 5). Ballots may also be dropped into a clearly marked, secure ballot dropbox or in person at any of the 21 polling places in Marin, all 21 of which will be open from October 31 through November 3. Of course, a voter can vote in person at their assigned polling place. Complete information may be found in your voter information pamphlet or at [marinvotes.org](http://marinvotes.org).

### Air Quality Monitoring

John H. reported that there is now a monitor at Hamilton for the PurpleAir website.

### Extreme Heat

The committee thanked John F., Steve, and Kevin for setting up the misting station in the clubhouse breezeway for resident use during days of extreme heat.

### Smoking in the Park

The attachment to this meeting's agenda, Ordinance No. 1616, "Novato Smoke-Free Air and Health Protection Ordinance," was discussed, with its implications for areas in the Park other than private residences. Carol-Joy reported that this issue will again be taken up at a 2X2 meeting.

### Marin County Firewise/FIRESafe Marin

John H. reminded the committee 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.

### Firewise

John H. thanked Bill and Carol-Joy for putting up the flags and banners and taking them down. Erma noted that it is difficult to research information about when the Red Flag Days begin and end, and Bill agreed.

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 from John F. to Block Captains. Residents will be informed by a tube flyer, a robocall, and an article in the *Echo*.

### Novato Fire District

No report.

### CERT

John F. reported that there will soon be a train-the-trainer event via Zoom, and he can send the information to anyone who is interested.

### Echo Article

No report.

### Marinvalley.net

No report.

### Old Business

None.

### New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, September 21 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 agenda, which includes an email invitation to join the call via your computer or phone.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol-Joy Harris  
Recording Secretary