

MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB
PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION
MVEST/Firewise Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Videoconferencing
January 11, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

MVEST Steering Committee Members Present: Pam Berkon, Bill Davis, John Feld, David Gray, John Hansen, Carol-Joy Harris, Kevin Mulvany, Steve Plocher, Erma Wheatley
Other MVEST team members and residents present: Judi Purdom, Ellen Jane Schulz

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Bill and Kevin will look through the medical supplies in Mr. Bill's Shed in the clubhouse breezeway and move MVEST supplies to the MVEST shed.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the January 4 meeting were approved.

Reports

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. As the weather has cooled, activities have moved indoors, and cases are surging dangerously, Marin has moved to a period of increased restrictions. As most Marin Valley residents are in a vulnerable age group, we all need to be even more cautious than ever, despite the fact that we may be experiencing “pandemic fatigue.”

Vaccinations for our “tier” are probably still months away. When they are ready for our population, there is a possibility that our clubhouse may be used as a vaccination site. MVEST committee members are exploring this possibility with the appropriate officials. In the meantime, and even after vaccinations are received, mask-wearing and social distancing will still be necessary for quite some time.

Since the situation is rapidly evolving, John H. recommended using the following link for keeping up to date regarding the local vaccination rollout: <https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/>

Firewise

See meeting and webinar information below under “Marin County Firewise.”

John F. and John H. are developing an instructional video regarding resident utility connections. This will be the first in a series of video trainings to be posted on www.marinvalley.net. These presentations may be planned to train residents in real time, possibly in a Zoom meeting that would be recorded and put on the website. That format would allow for a question-and-answer period and therefore might prove to be more useful than a straightforward training video.

David reported on the Electrical Safety Subcommittee’s activities, thanking John F. his work on the above-mentioned video, as well as the articles in the February *Echo* by Bill, about power strips, and by Kevin, about the recent house fire.

Park Security

Kevin continues to monitor the area in and around the Park, and he has noticed no new camping activity lately. As always, Park residents are asked to be vigilant and report any suspicious goings-on to Matt Greenberg. Of course, if you see an actual crime occur, it is best to call 9-1-1 immediately. It is helpful to have a description of the vehicle or persons involved and a license plate number if possible. A smartphone camera can aid in this endeavor. Also, if a resident finds evidence of something such as the residue of a fire in the surrounding hills, it is requested that the evidence not be disturbed so that the incident can be properly investigated. This also should be reported to Matt as soon as possible after its discovery.

Kevin has spoken with personnel at Hamilton Woods and at Bay Vista about his monthly hikes in the hills surrounding our neighborhoods, emphasizing the fire danger. Both said they welcome receiving Kevin’s monthly reports, which also go to this committee, to Matt, and to the Novato Police Department.

John F. is trying to reach the Novato Police Department about establishing a Neighborhood Watch group in the Park but has yet to reach the appropriate contact person.

National Risk Assessment

John H. shared the following link:
<https://hazards.geoplatform.gov/portal/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ddf915a24fb24dc8863eed96bc3345f8>. It shows that Marin County is rated overall “Relatively Low.”

Marin County Firewise/FIRESafe MARIN

John H. reported that there will be a FIRESafeMARIN webinar via Zoom on Tuesday, January 26 at 6:00 p.m. Called “Fire Adapted Communities,” the link is <https://firesafemarin.zoom.us/j/87382415962>. Speakers include Novato Fire Chief Bill Tyler and the retired Chief Scientist for the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS), Steve Quarles. If the Zoom call is at capacity, it can be viewed in real time on Facebook. It will be available for viewing after the event on the FIRESafe MARIN website and also on our website, www.marinvalley.net.

John H. reported that there are now 74 Firewise Communities in Marin and soon to be more. John F. thanked John H. for his leadership in effecting that achievement, as well as his leadership of MVEST.

Novato Fire District

Bill pointed out that the vaccination rollout is of the utmost importance to the first responders in Novato.

Echo Articles

No report.

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Our website continues to be updated and improved, including information about MVEST and Firewise meetings and webinars.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, January 18 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