

MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB
PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION
MVEST/Firewise Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Videoconferencing
January 18, 2021, 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

Absent: David Gray

Other MVEST team members and residents present: Judi Purdom, Ellen Jane Schulz

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Pam reported that she is in quarantine because of a Covid-19 outbreak at one of the schools where she teaches.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the January 11 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.”

Though a few residents have received at least one vaccination dose, vaccinations for most residents may still be months away, depending on the availability of the vaccine. There is still the 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. again recommended using the following link for keeping up to date regarding the local vaccination rollout: <https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/>

California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action

John H. and Bill recommended an excellent, comprehensive report recently released by Cal Fire. It can be found at <https://www.savetheredwoods.org/blog/wildfire-action-plan-unveiled-in-response-to-record-breaking-fire-season/>

Marin Valley 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.

Park Security

Kevin continues to monitor the area in and around the Park. 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.

John F. has contacted the Novato Police Department about establishing a Neighborhood Watch group, or its equivalent, in the Park. More information will follow.

Marin County Firewise/FIRESafe MARIN

John H. reported that he will soon be retiring from his staff position with FIRESafe MARIN.

John H. reminded the committee about the 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.

Novato Fire District

Bill pointed out that the Covid-19 vaccination rollout is of the utmost importance to the first responders in Novato.

Echo Articles

Erma reported that there will be a reminder for everyone to stay as cautious as possible about mask wearing and social distancing, even after receiving our vaccinations.

www.marinvalley.net

Our website continues to be updated and improved, including information about MVEST and Firewise meetings and webinars. Erma reported that there is a link on the home page for information about the Covid-19 vaccinations.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, January 25 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