

MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB
PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION
MVEST/Firewise Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Videoconferencing
December 21, 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
Absent: David Gray
Other MVEST team members and residents present: Ellen Jane Schulz

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the December 7 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.

Firewise

No report.

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. This is especially important at this time of year, with the increase in the number of packages delivered to porch steps. 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.

The resolution of a recent event that concerned a suspicious vehicle in the Park whose occupants claimed to be lost was aided by the new camera installation on Marin Valley Drive, which captured the license plate number of the vehicle.

EyeOn App

This application (app), which costs \$3, allows users to create check-ins on their smartphone or tablet, and it will signal for help if they don't respond. Members of the committee will conduct a trial of the app to help decide whether MVEST is disposed to widely recommend it to Park residents. Recipients of these minutes are encouraged to test the app and give feedback to this committee to help in this process. Erma will put some information about it in the cover email to the January *Echo* so that there is as much feedback as possible about the app's possible usefulness to Park residents. Residents can submit feedback to John Hansen. There will be financial aid to defray the \$3 cost to the first 10 applicants who ask MVEST for such aid.

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>. 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. also urged the committee members and everyone else to attend the Firewise Leaders Zoom meeting to be held Friday, January 8 at 11:00 a.m. The link is <https://firesafemarin.zoom.us/j/87919166406>.

Members of this committee will be participating in a pilot study of NOAA weather radios to test the possibility of their replacing or augmenting the Alert Marin system in case of power outage. The radios have not yet been distributed to the committee members but have been promised soon.

Novato Fire District

Bill reported that the NFD is bracing for the expected surge-upon-surge after the holidays, when people who have gathered with relatives will undoubtedly add to the number of Covid-19 cases.

Echo Articles

In the January issue there will be a brief article by Kevin about the small house fire that recently occurred on Marin Valley Drive. This in addition to the information about the EyeOn App (see above) and Bill's article about power strips. John F. will also be writing an article.

John F. will write an article for the February issue about safety in the Park with regard to nonresidents' suspicious -- or worse, criminal -- behavior, such as thefts of delivered packages.

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Our website continues to be updated and improved.

Old Business

John F. is developing a script regarding residents' power pedestals for a video training to be posted on www.marinvalley.net. John H. will help with the video production. Another possible future topic is clothes dryer safety. Besides posting on the website, these presentations may also be planned to train residents in real time.

These videos are in addition to Block Captain training videos, still in the planning stages.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, January 4 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