

**MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB
PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION
MVEST/Firewise Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Videoconferencing
June 21, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**

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

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

None

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the June 14 meeting will be resubmitted with corrections at the next meeting.

Reports

Coronavirus

John Feld and Erma Wheatley reported on their discussion with Matt a few hours earlier, who said he was following guidance from the Marin County Health and Human Services (link on our website www.marinvalley.net — <https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/BeyondTheBlueprint>) and not requiring masks or proof of vaccination to enter the clubhouse.

Jay Shelfer said that we are still in a dangerous situation especially with people traveling now. There would be more protection for us from potential litigation if we had a sign asking people to please wear a mask if they are not vaccinated—ask them to, putting the onus on the unvaccinated and not the Park. Joe DeAvila noted that it's hard to question anybody. We know what's happened with the public when asked to wear a mask. But that's not our situation; even though we are operated by the City, we are a private organization, and private individuals, and entitled to protecting ourselves. It's not an issue of government or law, but something you would publicly do for yourself and everyone else, especially with the threat of the new variants.

John F. said the clubhouse is not just our clubhouse—it's City property. So City rules and regulations apply to the clubhouse. They don't apply to everyone else in the Park. John Hansen recommended Jay Shelfer speak with Matt and that we need a single message that goes out. Judi Purdom wondered why MVEST felt it was in their realm of authorization and thought it would be up to HOL and Mar Val who would be the parties responsible for making decisions for social activities in the clubhouse. John H. said the entire state is under emergency. That's health and safety, and that's what we cover, what we address, and is very appropriate in his opinion.

The card sleeve distribution will be left on hold depending on what Matt and Jay arrive at.

Extreme Heat

John H. asked for answers to a resident's enquiry about what to do during extreme heat. Kevin noted the misters now up in the breezeway. The clubhouse is a good cooling station with air conditioning inside the clubhouse, along with the swimming pool. John F. said the mister works

best if there is a breeze otherwise you have to stand under it. John H. recommended getting wet, taking a shower, and not drying off. You can use or buy cloths online that you get wet and put around your neck, or a wet bandana also works well to cool off the blood going to your head. People should recognize this is not the hottest year we are going to see. It's going to get warmer and warmer and warmer. These situations will probably be longer and hotter as we go along, just like the fires. More fires, bigger fires, hotter fires — all part of the same issue each individual needs to address and acknowledge.

Park Security

Kevin noted no new activity and would be going up into the hills next week for his monthly walk to see what's going on.

Marin Valley Firewise

Goats are making their way around the Park and doing their job leaving the grass very very short.

Joe DeAvila said the goats were doing a good job especially at getting the Scotch broom. Ellen Jane said she had hoped they would be closer to her home.

There were no controlled burns this year near St. Vincent's but instead at the north end of Big Rock in May. They will resume whenever it starts to cool in the Fall (if it does).

John H. reported that the FIRESafeMARIN Zoom webinar at 6 p.m. on June 29 is called "Pet Evacuation: Fire-Safe Animal Information." Speakers will be Julie Atwood and Cindy Machado of the Marin Humane Society who are well informed and excellent speakers. The Zoom 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 FIRESafeMARIN website, www.FIRESafeMarin.org, and also on our website, www.marinvalley.net. John F. said some people in Marin said their evacuations have been stymied because they couldn't get their pets into a container, which is not unusual, especially without training. This points to a possible problem where you can't pick them up, or they won't go in, and you'll have a fight on your hands and you might get burnt. John H. said people die because of that.

Yard Maintenance Program

No report.

Novato Fire District

No report.

***Echo* Articles**

John H. said if we get one or more wildfires near us we could be in a smoke alert situation and could do an article about that. Erma suggested covering the information from the upcoming pet webinar. John H will send an email to Pam to see if she could cover the webinar and possibly update her pet articles especially in view of new people coming into the Park. John F offered to write the article if Pam couldn't and will try recording it.

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Our website continues to be updated, including information about MVEST and Firewise meetings and webinars. Erma will start showing examples of drought resistance gardens to recommend.

Old Business

We will resume trainings for Zone Chiefs and Block Captains — first meeting in two years. John F. will reserve July 17 with the 24th as a backup in the Ballroom at 10 am. Pizzas will be served. Erma recommended not asking block captains if they want to resume, but rather assume they will, and ask if they have suggestions or recommendations for starting up again. We need everyone with experience to be involved along with the new residents to the Park. We will invite everyone using the community email list.

The wildfire smoke event is on hold until there is a smoke event when we have our masks available. Could be any day now. When John F. passes around his smoke masks article everyone will take a look so we'll be ready.

After that, MVEST will again conduct an evacuation drill, perhaps one that involves just the steps needed by residents to get into their cars but not actually driving out of the Park. The timing will be after our mask event, on one of the days that are smoky and scary. John F. would like to involve the Fire District and that we go to a place to evacuate. Or we could go back to the clubhouse afterwards to talk about the evacuation. We'll wait till Bill returns so he can speak with the Chief.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, June 28 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconferencing. Zoom meetings are easier for some people, but other people like the sense of community by meeting in the clubhouse. Each way has its advantages and disadvantages. Some are ok either way. Let's put it off until Thursday, to decide after we get the minutes.

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,
Erma Wheatley
Stand in Recording Secretary