

MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB
PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION
MVEST/Firewise Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Videoconferencing
February 8, 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

None.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the February 1 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 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 many residents may still be weeks or months away, depending on the availability of the vaccine. There is still the possibility that our clubhouse may be used as a vaccination site, and MVEST committee members are exploring this possibility with the appropriate officials. In the meantime, and even after both doses of the vaccine are received, mask-wearing and social distancing will still be necessary for quite some time. It is recommended that residents get vaccinated as soon as possible, through whatever channel first becomes available to that

individual, especially since new variants of the virus are quickly becoming more widespread.

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/>

Marin Valley Firewise

John H. reported that there will be a FIRESafe MARIN Board of Directors meeting on Friday, February 12, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom, followed by a Zoom meeting of Firewise Community leaders at 11:00 a.m. He recommended these meetings, both held monthly, to all members of this committee and, in fact, all residents of Marin Valley, saying that the meetings are always very informational. He has the Zoom links to send to anyone who asks, and Erma will also put the meeting information on our website, www.marinvalley.net.

John H. reminded the committee that there will be a FIRESafeMARIN webinar via Zoom on Tuesday, February 23 at 6:00 p.m. Called “Zone Zero – The Critical First 5 Feet,” the link is <https://firesafemarin.zoom.us/j/87382415962>. Speakers will be Todd Lando, Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Specialist/Battalion Chief, Central Marin Fire Department, and Steve Quarles, Chief Scientist (retired), Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety. 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 plans for evaluations by a Novato Fire District Wildfire Mitigation Specialist for the entire Park, including individual homesites. No date has been set, though this will probably happen in April or May. MVEST will use this as an educational opportunity for residents, stressing that it is entirely free and voluntary for the resident and that the information about the resident’s property will be private, shared only with that resident. There will be an article about this program in the April *Echo*.

John F. and John H. have developed an instructional video regarding resident utility connections, or pedestals. This will be the first in a series of video trainings for residents. They will be presented via Zoom meetings that will be recorded and later posted to the website,

www.marinvalley.net. This format will allow for a question-and-answer period and therefore may prove more useful than a straightforward training video. This first Zoom meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. The information will also be presented in printed form in the March *Echo*.

The next topic to be handled in this fashion is home laundry dryer safety, which David Gray is working on.

Park Security

Kevin continues to monitor the area in and around the Park. His reports are sent to the Novato Police Department and neighboring communities, including Bay Vista. Novato Police and Novato Fire will attend to the two possible campsites/campers and fallen trees on a fire road that were recently discovered by Kevin.

John F. is continuing to pursue the formation of a Neighborhood Watch type group in the Park.

Novato Fire District

Bill reported that there was a fire at Novato RV Park today which included a fatality. This event underscores the importance of fire alarms in our units, as well as all the other safety measures addressed by MVEST, not the least of which is prevention. There may be a brief mention of this incident in the March *Echo*.

Echo Articles

See above under “Marin Valley Firewise” and “Novato Fire District.”

www.marinvalley.net

Our website continues to be updated and improved, including information about MVEST and Firewise meetings and webinars. Carol-Joy reported that the website designer is working on including MVEST minutes on the site.

Erma again reminded the committee that there are also links on the home page for information about Covid-19 vaccinations.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, February 15 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