

MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB
PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION
MVEST/Firewise Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Videoconferencing
May 3, 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: Joe DeAvila, Peggy Hill, Judi Purdom, Ellen Jane Schulz, Jay Shelfer

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Peggy asked about the possibility of a water usage report as the drought continues. She will bring it up at a full PAC Board meeting.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the April 26 meeting were approved.

Reports

Coronavirus

The fact that the Park has so far remained virtually free of Covid cases 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, even when outdoors. As most Marin Valley residents are in a vulnerable age group, we all need to be as cautious as ever, despite the fact that we may be experiencing “pandemic fatigue.”

Though many residents have received at least one vaccination dose, not all residents are yet vaccinated. Even after both doses of the vaccine are received, mask-wearing and social distancing will still be necessary for 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 still rapidly evolving, John H. again recommended using the following link for keeping up to date regarding vaccinations and health care directives: <https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/>

Park Security

Kevin continues to monitor the area in and around the Park, and he reported no new activity. Kevin reminded the committee that the correct procedure is to call 9-1-1 if there is a crime in progress. If suspicious activity is observed, the resident should call Matt Greenberg, even after office hours.

For instance, recently there was a woman on Marin Valley screaming and acting erratically, and the Novato Police were called. It is believed that the woman, apparently not a Marin Valley resident, was detained.

John F. reported that the Novato Response Team's Zoom meeting with our community was well received, and the video of the call will be posted to the MVEST YouTube channel, which will be linked to the Marin Valley website, www.marinvalley.net.

Marin Valley Firewise

John H. reported that there will be a FIRESafeMARIN community workshop on Wednesday, May 5 at 5:00 p.m., on wildfire preparedness. The speaker will be Jordan Reeser. The Zoom link is <https://firesafemarin.zoom.us/j/81659676635>. 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, www.FIRESafeMarin.org, and also on our website, www.marinvalley.net.

John H. reported that there will be a FIRESafe MARIN Board meeting and a Firewise Leaders meeting on Friday, May 14 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. respectively. Information may be found on the FIRESafe MARIN website and on www.marinvalley.net.

John H. reported that there will be a FIRESafeMARIN Zoom webinar at 6:00 p.m. on May 25 called "Environmental Best Practices." The Zoom link is <https://firesafemarin.zoom.us/j/87382415962>, and the other information is the same as above.

Five Wildfire Mitigation Specialists from the Novato Fire District performed roadside assessments for the entire Park, including individual homesites, on April 27, 28, and 29. MVEST is using this as an educational

opportunity, stressing that this is a free service to Park residents and that the information about the resident's property will be private, given only to that resident. There has been an *Echo* article, a tube flyer, and a robocall about the effort, as well as an electronic sign at the top of the hill near the Park entrance and another at the clubhouse. Several MVEST committee members enjoyed spending lunchtime with the specialists on the days they were here, and the committee provided the specialists lunch on one of the days.

Any resident may also at any time request a "360" review of their individual residence, where the specialist will view that entire rental space and give the resident a report of their findings and recommendations – again, entirely free, voluntary, and private.

John H. again mentioned possible grants for homeowners for fire-risk-reducing yard work (\$500) and for home-hardening measures -- e.g., replacing single-pane windows with double-pane ones or changing home siding to a more fire-resistant material -- for matching funds, up to \$2,500, which would come from the Novato Fire District as part of the efforts of the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority. MVEST may be able to help with the application process.

There is also the possibility of obtaining a similar matching-funds grant for improvements to the MVMCC clubhouse, up to \$1,500, from the same source. John H. wrote an article about these grant programs for the May *Echo*.

John H. reported that the Park's 2021 perimeter fuel break planning is under way. The goats will be here in late May, from the same company that was used last year, and there will also be hand crews. This year the entire Park perimeter will be done. One or even two chipper days may also be included. Matt Greenberg has applied for a grant from the Novato Fire District for \$50,000 to aid in the fuel break process. John H. and Bill are working with Lynne Osgood, Deputy Fire Marshal.

The next topic in the MVEST Zoom series is home laundry dryer safety, which David has researched. His article on it appeared in the April *Echo*, but the date for the Zoom presentation is yet to be determined. David has also been researching a dryer vent cleaner that can be used by the homeowner. This project is on hold.

The following topic in the MVEST Zoom meeting series may be a follow-up to the wildfire mitigation assessment program mentioned above.

Wildfire Smoke Mitigation

John F. will write an article for the June *Echo*.

Yard Maintenance Program

Peggy reported that the committee needs the names of more gardeners who will work for \$35 an hour. It may be time to send second letters to the residents whose yards have been identified as needing help, and it may be time to identify more yards.

FIRESafe MARIN/Marin County Firewise

See above under “Marin Valley Firewise.”

FIRESafe MARIN Board meetings and Firewise Leaders meetings, both held monthly via Zoom, may be viewed on the FIRESafe MARIN website at www.FIRESafeMarin.org. John H. and John F. again recommended both meetings as being highly informative for anyone interested in fire safety in our Park.

Novato Fire District

See above under “Marin Valley Firewise.”

Bill will ask NFD staff whether having reflective address signs on houses here would be useful.

Echo Articles

See above under “Marin Valley Firewise” and “Wildfire Smoke Mitigation.” Also, Bill and Jay will write an article for the June edition about MERV 13 air filters.

www.marinvalley.net

Our website continues to be updated and improved, including information about MVEST and Firewise meetings and webinars. Erma reported that a YouTube channel is being set up for MVEST-related material only, which can be accessed from both our website and YouTube. Erma has also posted MVEST information in the glass case in the clubhouse breezeway.

Old Business

See above under "Marin Valley Firewise."

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, May 10 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