

MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB
PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION
MVEST/Firewise Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Videoconferencing
June 7, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

MVEST Steering Committee Members Present: Bill Davis, John Feld, John Hansen, Carol-Joy Harris, Kevin Mulvany Steve Plocher, Erma Wheatley
Absent: Pam Berkon, David Gray
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 May 31 meeting were approved.

Reports

Coronavirus

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/>

John H. reported that the plastic badge holders, along with lanyards to hold them, have arrived. They may be distributed for use if needed to identify residents' and guests' vaccination status for participation in events such as Mar Val events.

Park Security

Kevin reported no new confirmed campsites around the Park.

Marin Valley Firewise

John H. reported that there will be a FIRESafeMARIN Zoom webinar at 6:00 p.m. on June 29. Called "Pet Evacuation: Fire-Safe Animal Information," speakers will be Julie Atwood and Cindy Machado of Marin

Humane. 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 FIRESafe MARIN website, www.FIRESafeMarin.org, and also on our website, www.marinvalley.net.

John H. reported that the Park's 2021 perimeter fuel break planning is under way. Hand crews are clearing a 10- to 20-foot break around the entire Park perimeter, and the goats arrived today. The goats are expected to complete a 100- to 200-foot shaded fuel break around the Park perimeter. There is \$50,000 in our budget for the process, which is twice what was allotted last year. Also, Matt Greenberg has applied for a grant from the Novato Fire District for \$50,000 to aid in the fuel break process, and those funds if granted would be counted in the '21/'22 fiscal year.

John H. has written an article for the July *Echo* regarding the very successful latest step in the continuing process of fire-hardening the Park, the recent visits by the Novato Fire District Wildfire Mitigation Specialists. He has also posted information about this process in the MVEST glass case in the clubhouse breezeway. Highlighted in both of these places is the availability of matching funds for homeowners who do home-hardening work and apply for assistance from the NFD.

John H. reported that we may receive \$1500 in matching funds for this fiscal year and \$1500 for next fiscal year, which starts July 1, for work on the defensible space around the clubhouse and other "fire hardening" work on it. Work is to begin this week on the project with such things as replacing the vents and placing gravel on the ground next to the clubhouse.

John H. reported that the monthly FIRESafe Marin meeting and the Firewise leaders meeting will take place online on Friday, June 11 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., respectively. More information on these may be found at www.FIRESafeMarin.org.

There was no report on the Novato Fire District/Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority grant application progress.

There was a discussion about the Midland WR-120 weather radios that were given to some residents who had Wildfire Mitigation Specialists' 360-degree assessment, and it was determined that they may not be of great use in the Park because of iffy reception.

There was a discussion about resident home-hardening, specifically, the replacement of vents with 1/8-inch screening. It was determined that

because of the huge variation in homes' current status and the abilities of residents to utilize the screening, MVEST will not pursue the purchase of such screening for residents' use.

Yard Maintenance Program

No report.

FIRESafe MARIN/Marin County Firewise

See above under "Marin Valley Firewise."

Novato Fire District

Bill reported that the fire season is under way in Novato.

Echo Articles

See above under "Marin Valley Firewise."

John F. has written an announcement for the July *Echo* to recruit new MVEST Block Captains and Zone Chiefs.

www.marinvalley.net

Our website continues to be updated and improved, including information about MVEST and Firewise meetings and webinars.

Old Business

See above under "Marin Valley Firewise."

It was decided that when meetings can again be held in person, that MVEST will resume trainings for Zone Chiefs and Block Captains.

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.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, June 14 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