

MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB
PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION
MVEST/Firewise Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Videoconferencing
February 22, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

MVEST Steering Committee Members Present: Bill Davis, John Feld, David Gray,
John Hansen, Carol-Joy Harris, Kevin Mulvany, Steve Plocher, Erma Wheatley

Absent: Pam Berkon

Other MVEST team members and residents present: Janie Crocker, Ellen Jane Schulz,
Jay Shelfer

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Ellen Jane had a question about home siding material and was referred to Matt Greenberg.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the February 15 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 even more cautious than ever, despite the fact that we may be experiencing “pandemic fatigue.”

Though some residents have received at least one vaccination dose, vaccinations for many residents may still be weeks away. 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. 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.

There was no report on the status of plans for evaluations by a Novato Fire District Wildfire Mitigation Specialist for the entire Park, including individual homesites. 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. Bill is researching details on the process and the timeline and will write an article about it for 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.

The following topic will be the wildfire mitigation program mentioned above, which will also be promoted via tube flyers.

Mr. Bill's Shed (named for recently deceased Bill Crozier, who started it and maintained it for many years)

Bill Davis has done a quick inventory of the contents of the shed and will contact more charities to see if any of the medical equipment can be donated to them. Surplus may be dispensed with via a sign in the clubhouse breezeway, a listing on Nextdoor, and/or a message on the MVMCC website. Bill is of the opinion that two-thirds of the contents need to be removed from the shed.

FIRESafe MARIN/Marin County Firewise

See above under "Marin Valley Firewise."

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 have already or will soon clean up the two abandoned campsites and fallen trees on a fire road that were recently discovered by Kevin. There are no occupied sites at present.

A discussion was held about the continuing problem of residents trespassing on St. Vincent's property, both from the southern easement and on the ridgetop trail, as well as the trespassing onto Marin Valley property by horseback riders coming from St. Vincent's. Carol-Joy will discuss the situation with Matt and ask him to contact St. Vincent's. Matt has okayed the placement of a no-trespassing sign on the easement that leads to St. Vincent's property.

John F. is continuing to pursue the formation of a Neighborhood Watch type group in the Park. John has spoken with two Novato Police officers from what is called the Novato Response Team. They would like to hold a community meeting. If conducted as a Zoom meeting, perhaps this could be one of the series of MVEST meetings mentioned above under "Marin Valley Firewise." John will follow up.

Novato Fire District

No report.

Echo Articles

See above under “Marin Valley Firewise.”

Erma reported that Anila Manning has volunteered to be the temporary editor of the *Echo*.

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Our website continues to be updated and improved, including information about MVEST and Firewise meetings and webinars. Erma again reminded the committee that there are also links on the home page for information about Covid-19 vaccinations.

Old Business

See above under “Marin Valley Firewise.”

The committee again discussed the purchase of a tool to help residents lift and/or move their clothes dryers in their fire prevention efforts (see above under “Marin Valley Firewise”). John F. has researched these and will do further research to identify the most appropriate model. John H. will have the purchase, from the MVEST account, approved by Matt.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, March 1 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