

MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB
PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION
MVEST/Firewise Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Videoconferencing
March 29, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

MVEST Steering Committee Members Present: John Feld, John Hansen, Carol-Joy Harris, Kevin Mulvany, Steve Plocher, Erma Wheatley
Absent: Pam Berkon, Bill Davis, David Gray
Other MVEST team members and residents present: Peggy Hill, Ellen Jane Schulz

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Kevin noted that since AT&T workers have been seen working on cables near the laundry room, service in the Park may improve for their customers.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the March 22 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/>

Park Security

Kevin continues to monitor the area in and around the Park, and reported no new information.

John F. is continuing to pursue the formation of a Neighborhood Watch type group in the Park and has spoken with two Novato Police officers from what is called the Novato Response Team. The officers will be present at a community meeting about it, which will be held via Zoom on April 27 at 3:30 P.M. John is writing a tube flyer to announce it.

Mr. Bill's Shed

No report.

Marin Valley Firewise

John H. reminded the committee that there will be a FIRESafeMARIN webinar on Tuesday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m. Called "Defensible Space," the Zoom link is <https://firesafemarin.zoom.us/j/87382415962>. The speaker will be Todd Lando, Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Specialist/Battalion Chief, Central Marin Fire Department. 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.

Bill and John H. are working with the Novato Fire District on 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's article about the program appeared in the April *Echo*.

John H. again reported that the Park's 2021 fuel break planning is under way and will probably again include goats' grazing as part of the process. This year there may be sheep involved as well, who graze as

opposed to the browsing mode of the goats. One or even two chipper days may also be included, and there is a possibility of procuring grant funds for parts of the overall process. John H. and Bill will work with Lynne Osgood, Deputy Fire Marshall for Novato Fire District.

John H. again reported on 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. will write an article about these grant programs for the *May Echo*.

The Zoom meeting regarding resident utility connections, or pedestals, was held on March 24. The recording of the meeting will be available for viewing on our website, in addition to the information in printed form, which appeared in the *March Echo*.

The next topic to be handled in this fashion 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 is also researching a dryer vent cleaner that can be used by the homeowner, and has also found that the going rate for commercial companies to clean dryer vent systems seems to be \$275.

The following topic in the MVEST Zoom meeting series will be the wildfire mitigation program mentioned above, which will also be promoted via tube flyers.

Wildfire Smoke Mitigation

The KN95 masks have arrived, to be disbursed to residents if and when there are days with hazardous breathing conditions. John F. will write a brief instruction sheet to be given out with the masks.

Yard Maintenance Program

Peggy Hill reported that seven yards were pruned, weeded, and neatened over three days last week, using funds from the newly created

Humanitarian Fund for Yard Maintenance, under the auspices of PAC. Peggy has received thanks from some of the residents who benefited from this program. Matt has also contacted the Marin Christian Academy to have student volunteers perform this service for approximately 10 additional yards. That phase of the work has been postponed until late April. Matt, Peggy, and John H. are coordinating both aspects of this program, which will improve the fire safety and the appearance of the Park.

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. recommended both meetings as being highly informative for anyone interested in fire safety in our Park. The next meetings will be held on Friday, April 9 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., respectively.

Novato Fire District

No report.

Echo Articles

See above under “Marin Valley Firewise.”

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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.

Old Business

See above under “Marin Valley Firewise.”

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, April 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