

MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB
PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION
MVEST/Firewise Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom Videoconferencing

April 12, 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: Peggy Hill, Ellen Jane Schulz, Jay Shelfer

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Ellen Jane asked about the special PAC Board meeting regarding the '21/'22 budget, which will be held April 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the April 5 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/>

The MVEST banner at the top of the hill near the Park entrance, reading "Thank you for wearing a mask," which was stolen, will be replaced by a new one, which has been ordered by John H.

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

Bill reported that he will be meeting this week with three other residents to begin to manage the contents of the shed.

Marin Valley Firewise

John H. reported that in honor of Marin Valley's 5-year anniversary of being a Firewise community, we have received a congratulatory email from the national association and will soon receive new metal Firewise signs.

John H. reported that there will be a FIRESafeMARIN webinar on Tuesday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. Called "Fire Smart Landscaping," the Zoom link is <https://firesafemarin.zoom.us/j/87382415962>. The speakers will be Fay Mark, a UC Master Gardener, and a colleague of hers. 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 Novato Fire District Wildfire Mitigation Specialists for the entire Park, including individual homesites. This team of specialists will be in the Park on April 27, 28 and 29. MVEST will use 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, shared only

with that resident. Bill's article about the program appeared in the April *Echo*, and there will also be a tube flyer and a robocall.

Any resident may also request a "360" review of their individual residence, where the specialist would 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 reported that the Park's 2021 perimeter fuel break planning is under way. The goats will be here in early June, from the same company that was used last year. 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. has written an article about these grant programs for the May *Echo*.

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 is also researching a dryer vent cleaner that can be used by the homeowner, and he 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

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

Yard Maintenance Program

Peggy Hill reported that work has been done on some residents' yards, and more is slated to be done later this month by volunteers from the Christian Academy. The committee will meet next week.

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 latest meetings, which were held on April 9, included discussions about insurance companies possibly being legally required to offer homeowners insurance to all homes, without "cherry picking," in any area in which they do business.

Novato Fire District

No report.

Echo Articles

See above under "Marin Valley Firewise" and "Wildfire Smoke Mitigation." 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.

Old Business

See above under "Marin Valley Firewise."

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, April 19 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