

MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB
PARK ACQUISITION CORPORATION
MVEST/Firewise Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Clubhouse Deck, 100 Marin Valley Drive, Novato, CA
August 16, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

MVEST Steering Committee Members Present: Pam Berkon, Bill Davis, John Feld,
John Hansen, Carol-Joy Harris, Kevin Mulvany, Erma Wheatley

Absent: David Gray, Steve Plocher

Other MVEST team members and residents present: Martina Koeckritz, Jay Shelfer

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Martina asked about the use of the outdoor grill used by Mar Val because she observed a resident using it for personal use. She was referred to Matt.

Erma reported that Alhambra Water is apparently having supply issues, but we should be receiving water for the clubhouse, though possibly in smaller bottles than previously.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the August 9 meeting were approved as submitted.

Reports and Notices

Coronavirus

Masks are required in all indoor spaces now, including the clubhouse and gym. Since the situation is still rapidly evolving, John H. again recommended using the following link for keeping up to date:

<https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/>

Financial Report

John H. reported that there is still \$4,028 in the MVEST account.

Park Security

Kevin reported no new activity regarding confirmed campsites around the Park.

Marin Valley Firewise

Yard Maintenance Program

No report.

FIRESafe MARIN Zoom Webinar

John H., Bill, and Erma briefly reported on the FIRESafe MARIN Board meeting and the Firewise Leaders meeting held on August 13. John H. suggested that the committee somehow use – possibly in the *Echo* or in the monthly rent invoices – a series of short sayings about safety that have been developed by FIRESafe MARIN.

John H. reported that there will be a final FIRESafe MARIN Zoom webinar at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31. Entitled “Powered and Prepared,” the subject is emergency preparedness for people with disabilities, and the speaker will be Eli Gelardin, Executive Director of Marin Center for Independent Living. 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. The webinar will also be shown in real time in the MVMCC clubhouse ballroom. It will also be available for viewing after the event on the FIRESafe MARIN website, www.FIRESafeMarin.org, and also on our website, www.marinvalley.net.

In the future, FIRESafe MARIN’s public programs will be televised as “Wildfire Watch” rather than as webinars via Zoom.

FIRESafe MARIN/Marin County Firewise

See above under “Marin Valley Firewise.”

Novato Fire District

Bill reminded the committee that Marin County is like a powder keg in this record-breaking fire season, and that plans for evacuation are key; that the Dixie Fire in Northern California is still raging and only 20-30% contained; and that a very recent house fire in Novato was ignited by a dryer vent. Bill will write another article for the *Echo* about dryer vents.

Bill reported that he recently attended a hands-only CPR class and wants to have the class presented in Marin Valley if there is enough interest. He will write an article for the *Echo* about it.

Echo Articles

For the October issue, John F. will provide a map of the six MVEST zones and a listing of Zone Chiefs and Block Captains.

David is writing an article regarding PSPS preparedness for people who need electrical power to run vital medical equipment.

Also, see above under “Novato Fire District.”

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

Old Business

Wildfire Smoke Event Planning

John F. reported that because of the likelihood of poor air quality days occurring very soon, a robocall went out this morning informing residents that they could pick up a mask from MVEST at the clubhouse. These masks are KN95s, different from the masks used for COVID protection. One hundred twenty-eight were distributed today between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Since this represents only about 30% of the Park residents, the event may be repeated. Residents were told about the Purple Air monitor system that we have – the real-time information is available on www.marinvalley.net in the upper right-hand corner of the home page – and reminded to procure a supply of the KN95s for themselves, available at Home Depot and Pini Hardware and Amazon, for example. Residents were very polite and grateful.

Extreme Heat Event Planning

John H. reported that the clubhouse will act as the Marin Valley cooling center and is equipped with all necessary supplies, including ice, water, and Marin Valley nurses on call. This may be the subject of a future *Echo* article. (Residents also may use the mister in the clubhouse breezeway at any time.)

Upcoming MVEST Trainings

There was no report on the upcoming orientation meeting for Block Captains.

There was no report from the subcommittee – Bill, Steve, John F., and John H. – on the event, “Evacuation, Step One.”

The following items were tabled: the MVEST 2021 Preparedness Fair, the MVEST Emergency Handbook for all, and the MVEST “Start Here” handbook for the Marin Valley Incident Command.

New Business

There will be a new code for the lock box for clubhouse access for MVEST use only in case of emergency.

Next Meeting

Monday, August 23 at 5:00 p.m. on the clubhouse deck.

Residents who are not on this committee who would like to attend, please contact John Hansen so that he may send you an agenda.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol-Joy Harris
Recording Secretary