

MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB
Park Acquisition Corporation
MVEST/FIREWISE STEERING COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes
 Clubhouse Deck, 100 Marin Valley Drive, Novato, CA
 October 11, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

MVEST Steering Committee members present: Pam Berkon, John Feld, John Hansen, Kevin Mulvany, Erma Wheatley
Absent: Bill Davis, David Gray, Carol-Joy Harris, Steve Plocher
Other MVEST team members and residents present: Jay Shelfer

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

John F. said he was contacted by a resident who has plants in the public space between her house and a resident below, which were not addressed in this year's pruning and seemed to be a fire hazard. She wondered if anything could be done. Since Matt had explained that the pruning for this year has been completed, any new Park pruning will have to wait till next year, other than addressing the plants themselves or with volunteers.

Erma said she noticed lights in the clubhouse left on after 3 a.m. on three separate occasions and wondered if that is an issue for only the twins or if security isn't also monitoring the clubhouse. In either case the lights have been left on all night.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the October 4 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Report

John H. reported that there is still \$3,883 in the MVEST account.

Reports and Notices

Coronavirus

The upcoming relaxation of County rules will probably not affect the current mask requirements for our indoor spaces, including the clubhouse and gym, but we will have to wait and see and keep up to date at: <https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/>

Park Security

Kevin reported some small children, about six or seven years old, from outside the Park were wandering around the gym and breezeway boutique last Saturday and were asked to leave. They said they were from Bay View and that their contact here was Suzanne Somers. When they came back wandering around again on Monday, they were identified to Matt who confronted them.

Kevin also said a mountain lion was sighted near the entrance to the Park near someone's back yard within the past few weeks. John H. said we will probably have more sightings during this time of the year especially with the drought.

Marin Valley Firewise

HOL Yard Maintenance Help Program

John F. said Peggy is initiating a new walkthrough around the Park. When they locate areas, they will prepare a list to send to Matt. John H. wondered if there might be outside funding for this.

Fire Safe Marin and Firewise Leaders Report

Leaders Meeting on Friday, Oct. 8, showed parts of the new *Wildfire Watch, Episode 2* on "Evacuation" scheduled for October 14. John H. noted that even though Zonehaven was highlighted, you don't really need to know your Zonehaven code—it's a tool for first responders and has nothing to do with residents. It's a complication. Instead, for evacuating, register with Alert Marin, which is specific to your street, when you have something needed to do. Nixel is strictly information. The "evacuation preparation" section of *WW* presented the sort of useful information we should gear our evacuation training around. John F. said what seemed like honeycomb flexible rubber stuffed over an air vent looked interesting and a new good solution to retrofitting our air vents, which didn't require going under the house to apply 1/8-inch screen. John H. said there are several simple, very rapid, temporary fixes for air vents, such as aluminum flashing, cut up to the air vent size and duct taped over as a temporary fix but keeps embers out. It was used in the West Marin fire last year. One-eighth-inch mesh screen can also be put directly behind and in front of air vents and doesn't require going under the house.

Novato Fire District

There was no NFD report. John H. sent a Red Flag Warning announcement to Matt, although it was aired a day later with the information altered somewhat. John F. said he has never been told about a Red Flag Warning through Nixel but gets them through Marin County Fire. He wondered if we should be telling people to sign up with marincountyfire.org for alerts as well as Alert Marin. John H. said the Novato Fire District doesn't always follow their recommendations and issues warnings specifically for Novato, although it's not always clear to whom.

Echo Articles and www.marinvalley.net

The Red Flag Warning was also put on the website. A gardener was asked to stop using a leaf blower as it was a red flag day even though he was eliminating the danger of dry leaves. John H. said Fire Weather Watch provides a better lead-in time to rake and prepare for Red Flag Warnings. Currently, no one is telling us about Fire Weather Watch.

It was only *the San Jose Mercury News* who issued a watch notice, and it was for the East Bay Hills. Erma suggested Fire Safe Marin include information about Fire Weather Watches perhaps as an episode on *Wildfire Watch*, so people will know about it and have enough time to be sure their leaves are raked, and dangerous fuel can be eliminated in advance of Red Flag Warnings.

The December *Echo* issue will be covering (MarinCIL).

Old Business

Marin Center for Independent Living

John H. submitted MVEST's MarinCIL partnership application. John F. communicated with one of their partners who said that MarinCIL's major focus is for people with *physical* disabilities not the elderly and infirmed or those who just need help. They help to find homecare people for the disabled and then instruct them about assisting in evacuations. John H. said that is exactly the kind of information we need in connecting residents with their services. John F. will consult with social services to find out how one goes about finding recommendations for home care services.

BC Standard Equipment/Supply Refresh

John H. needs a definitive directive to buy some radios, which are still available. The more we order, the better deal we could get. We have six or seven unassigned radios. John H. will get another three for the three now considered lost. All the radios need renumbering, so the BC's radio numbers correspond to their zone number. It was decided to issue new numbers and give them to the zone chiefs to distribute to their BCs so they can replace their old number with the new one consistent with their zone. We need to have new numbers so the vest numbers, radio numbers, and zone numbers are the same. We also have about half dozen spare, good quality, lithium-ion batteries for the phones if anyone needs one. They generally hold their charge very well and take a good new charge.

In view of returning the extra CERT kits—while other cities are getting their CERTs together, no one for the county is centrally in charge of CERT yet to contact.

MVEST Activity Planning

Evacuation Preparedness Update

No report, but stuff is still happening, and we still need parts of a video and a program going forward.

BC Refresher Class Make-Up Update

John F. said he got 6 replies from the 12 people contacted for the BC make-up class who were unable to attend the September 11 training. He will instead do a Zoom presentation with Pam probably on a weekend, record it, and put it on the website. Depending on the quality, it could also be used for new Block Captains.

MVEST Emergency Handbook

There was no report on the MVEST Emergency Handbook. The Emergencies Operation Plan (EOP) is coming along and on its way.

Home Replacement Cost Projections

The American Standard Insurance Co. was short on information about who they covered. John F. will contact them for additional information.

MVEST Steering Committee Expansion

The ad hoc subcommittee will not be meeting until Bill gets back next month. We need to come up with a plan first.

New Business

Next Meeting

Monday, October 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fireside room, clubhouse deck, or location TBD.

As a corollary to the drought — Jay Shelfer added that the land underneath his house is sunk in a couple of places, probably due to the water table dropping under his house, so that the land is dropping down. In the long scheme of things that's going to affect residents' foundations and leveling of their homes.

Residents who are not on this committee who would like to attend, please contact John Hansen (johnhansen.emt@gmail.com) so that he may send you an agenda.

Erma Wheatley