

**MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB**  
**Park Acquisition Corporation**  
**MVEST/FIREWISE STEERING COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes**

January 3, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Meeting via Zoom Teleconferencing

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

Absent: David Gray

Other MVEST team members and residents present: Joan Cervisi, Ellen Jane Schulz

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Pam suggested that research be done to find a company to clean residents' coaches' gutters, and one to install firewise vent screens on the coaches, companies that might even give a group discount of some sort. This item will be added to the next agenda.

Ellen Jane asked the committee for an apology about comments made during the last PAC Board meeting, and John H. said that he would address that at the January 4 PAC Board meeting.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the November 22 meeting were approved.

Minutes of the special meeting of December 13 were approved.

MVEST Financial Report

John H. reported that there is \$3,573 in the MVEST account.

MVEST Notices and Project Reports

Coronavirus

Marin Valley is following county health guidelines, so that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, is required to wear masks indoors at all times, unless they are eating or drinking. It was noted that the clubhouse is open, given these directives, and that Pub will be resuming this week.

Since the situation is still rapidly evolving, John H. again recommended using the following link for keeping up to date:

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

David, though absent, submitted a report that he asked be amended to these minutes. There was no objection, so that report, which concerns the current status of the virus locally, as well as David's opinions, is at the end of these minutes.

### Park Security

Kevin reported no evidence of campsites in any of the areas around the Park that he monitors.

Since there have been some recent thefts in the Park, John H. recommended that residents keep their doors and windows locked at all times, even when they're home. Kevin will talk to Matt about whether and how to keep residents better informed about theft incidents in the Park.

### Marin Valley Firewise

#### Fire Safe Marin and Firewise Leaders Meetings

John H. reported that there may be a Fire Safe Marin Board meeting and a Firewise Leaders meeting on January 14 but that interested people should check the Fire Safe Marin website to confirm that.

#### Fire Safe Marin's Wildfire Watch TV 30

Erma reported that Wildfire Watch TV will not be presenting a new program this month. Previous episodes can be streamed on demand at [www.firesafemarin.org/programs/wildfire-watch](http://www.firesafemarin.org/programs/wildfire-watch) and are also available to view at [www.marinvalley.net](http://www.marinvalley.net).

### Fire Safe Marin/Marin County Firewise

See above under "Marin Valley Firewise."

### Novato Fire District

No report.

Center for Independent Living Possible Partnership

No report.

MVEST Equipment and Supplies

No report.

Home Replacement Cost Project

No report.

Expansion of MVEST Steering Committee

No report.

Echo Article

John H. will write an article highlighting one of the homes in the Park that features a firewise landscape.

[www.marinvalley.net](http://www.marinvalley.net)

Erma reported that our website is up to date, including information about MVEST and Firewise meetings and webinars and also including approved MVEST meeting minutes.

MVEST in 2022, Objectives and Priorities

Several ideas, such as evacuation drills and radio drills, were mentioned and will be further discussed at future meetings.

Kevin volunteered to show any resident who requests it how to shut off their utilities in an emergency. He will put an announcement in the *Echo* to that effect.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, January 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom.

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

### Addendum

Current information regarding COVID-19 and tests in the Park:

- 1) The Omicron variant is now the dominant variant. Some 73% of new COVID-19 cases nationwide are the Omicron variant as of 12/31/2021.
- 2) Positivity rate in CA is WAY up, to nearly 16%, almost the same as the winter of 2020 <https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/>
- 2) Omicron is significantly more transmissible than the delta variant. Very early to know with any certainty the R0, which was about 5 to 6 for Delta; the British medical journal, the Lancet, estimates R0 for omicron to be about 10. (R0, or R-naught, of 10 means that on average one person will infect 10 others). Published 12/17/2021. [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600\(21\)00559-2/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(21)00559-2/fulltext)
- 3) PCR tests remain the most accurate at detecting the presence of COVID-19, including omicron. These tests generally require laboratory processing. I have one home PCR test on order, but it's expensive: \$89 per test.
- 4) There is some question regarding the efficacy of at-home ANTIGEN tests for the omicron variant. There is evidence of reduced sensitivity (possibly giving false negative results, which is REALLY BAD). PBS 12/31/2021 <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/health/do-at-home-covid-19-tests-detect-the-omicron-variant>
- 5) There is a huge surge in testing requests, and the data that I provided to Pauline yesterday (1 day from scheduling a PCR test to the testing date for Curative.com) no longer applies. Expect longer times between requesting an appointment and getting one. If the labs get overloaded, I'd also expect the 24-48-hour window for getting results to increase markedly. Kaiser had a 4-day delay from appointment to earliest testing slot as of 12/28/2021.

My opinions:

- A) Until we know whether and especially which at-home ANTIGEN tests work to detect omicron, MVEST should NOT be buying a bunch of antigen tests for the MVMCC. False negative results are the absolute worst-case for contagious disease, especially for a virus having an R0 of 10.
- B) We (MVEST) have neither the expertise nor liability protection to pursue setting up

COVID testing inside the MVMCC. We could conceivably contract this out, but I would expect that it would be hugely expensive.

C) We should all be masking and socially-distancing again, going back to our behavior this time last year.

D) Any congregate testing that is not done outside with adequate distancing is an invitation for spreading COVID-19.

E) I am concerned about pursuing having any city- or state-sponsored (i.e. public) testing here in the Park for the traffic and (likely sick and contagious) outsiders that it would draw into this vulnerable community.

F) Driving another person to a testing site is likely going to spread the disease. It might be mitigated by driving with the windows open (in winter, raining or not), but with an estimated R0 of 10, all bets on safety are off.