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

March 21, 2022, 5:00 p.m. Meeting via Zoom Teleconferencing

MVEST Steering Committee Members Present: Pam Berkon, Joan Cervisi, 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: Pat Higgins, Judi Purdom,

Ellen Jane Schulz

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Joan suggested that the lighting in front of the clubhouse be improved, and Carol-Joy will speak to Matt about it.

Bill suggested that all the streetlights in the Park be changed to have amber lights, and asked that this item be placed on the PAC agenda.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the March 14 meeting were approved as corrected.

MVEST Financial Report

John H. reported that there is approximately \$3,300 in the MVEST account.

MVEST Notices and Project Reports

Coronavirus

No update. Though the mask mandate for indoor spaces has been lifted for Marin County, many people will continue the practice, as there is a new variant. John F. reported that one person in the Park has Covid and is in quarantine.

Park Safety/Security

Pam suggested that the Park's maintenance crew do the monthly walk in the hills surrounding the Park instead of Kevin. Kevin stated that he prefers to do the hikes.

Kevin reported that he has seen no evidence of campsites in the area around the Park.

Kevin also reported about the increase of thefts in the Park. Matt Greenberg is in close contact with the Novato Police Department to apprehend the burglars. Residents are requested to be vigilantly aware of suspicious behavior, and to keep valuables secure: Homes, vehicles, and sheds should be locked. Also, if possible, it is recommended to have a driveway motion detector light that will turn on without disturbing neighbors.

Matt has arranged for the Novato Police to come to the Park for a community meeting. It will be held in the clubhouse ballroom on Thursday, April 7 at 4:00 p.m. The officers want to hear residents' concerns and to support us with information on security and how to keep our possessions safe.

Kevin reminded the committee that residents who see an actual crime in progress should immediately call 9-1-1; otherwise, all suspicious persons or circumstances should be immediately reported to Matt Greenberg, Park General Manager, by calling 415-883-5911, day or night, and Matt will take appropriate action. If residents can take photographs of suspicious vehicles or individuals without their knowledge, that is helpful, but residents should usually avoid confronting suspicious persons as this can prove dangerous.

Community Watch Program

John F. and Kevin have installed the signs around the Park.

John F. has ordered some reflective slap bracelets for residents to wear at night. This may help in the immediate identification of residents versus nonresidents when there is a question.

Fire Safe Marin

John H. reported that the Fire Safe Marin newsletter of March 17 is available online at https://firesafemarin.org.

John H. reminded the committee that Fire Safe Marin will hold an upcoming workshop in Novato, with more information to follow, and that FSM will present a family-friendly "Ember Stomp" at the Marin County Civic Center on Saturday, May 28 from 10:00 to 2:00.

There is no update on FSM's Mobile Home Wildfire Safety Committee.

Marin Valley Firewise

John H. reported that he has not yet received news about the outcome of the proposal he submitted for a \$10,000 PG&E grant for the maintenance of defensible space, specifically for the area near the northern end of Club View Drive, but that it looks promising.

John H. reported that work on the shaded fuel break around the Park has begun. Hand crews started their work last week, and the goats have arrived for the first round, covering the first 100 feet of underbrush surrounding the Park. They will return later in the season to remove vegetation to 200 or 300 feet. The current work is being funded by a grant from the Novato Fire District.

Novato Fire District

No report.

Marin Center for Independent Living Partnership

John H. reminded the committee about the community-wide meeting set for Saturday, April 30 from 9:45 to 11:00 a.m. It will inform residents on how they can access the many services that MCIL can make available. There will be an *Echo* article, and possibly a tube flyer and/or robocall.

MVEST Block Captain Program

No report.

Home Replacement Cost Project

No update.

Evacuation Planning Subcommittee

John H. reported that the tentative date for the Park's evacuation exercise is Saturday, May 14. The subcommittee – Joan, Bill, John F., and John H. -- will meet soon.

Echo Article

John H. will write an article for the May *Echo*, the third in the series on evacuation preparedness, about the steps required from receipt of an evacuation order to getting into your car to evacuate.

See also above under "Marin Center for Independent Living Partnership."

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

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Monday, March 28, 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