

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

April 11, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Meeting via Zoom Teleconferencing

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

Absent: Steve Plocher

Other MVEST team members and residents present: Ellen Jane Schulz

Others present: Michele Rodriguez

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Erma reported that there is now an MVEST shelf in the clubhouse library.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the April 4 meeting were approved as corrected.

MVEST Financial Report

John H. reported that there is \$3,157 in the MVEST account.

MVEST Notices and Project Reports

Coronavirus

Though the mask mandate for indoor spaces has been lifted for Marin County, many people will continue the practice, as there are new variants. Residents are reminded to get tested if they suspect they have been exposed, even if they have no symptoms, and also that a second booster vaccination shot is available for people over 50 years old.

Park Safety/Security

The committee discussed the April 7 meeting in the clubhouse featuring Josh Wax of the Novato Police Department, which more than 130 residents attended. Officer Wax stressed the importance of locking all homes, vehicles,

and sheds. He reassured residents that it is always appropriate to call the police if suspicious behavior is seen, and to let the police handle the matters in order of importance. It was felt that his using the microphone would have been better for residents who do not hear well, but committee members generally felt that it was a very useful meeting.

Bill will draft a letter of thanks to the police chief. Erma will post the recording of the presentation on our website if that is okayed by the Novato Police. Kevin will ask his police liaison about it.

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

Kevin reported that the group of volunteers to keep watch during early morning hours may be deployed if thefts continue, but that he knows of no thefts reported in the last few days.

John F. reported that at the meeting described above he distributed some reflective slap bracelets for residents to wear at night.

Fire Safe Marin

John H. reported that the April meetings of the Fire Safe Marin Board and of the Firewise Leaders were both extremely informative, as always.

John H. reminded the committee about the Ember Stomp event of May 28 from 11:00 to 5:00 at the Marin Civic Center.

John H. reported that there is no update on FSM's Mobile Home Wildfire Safety Committee. The committee will post their findings and recommendations on the websites of Fire Safe Marin and Marin Valley, as well as producing brochures.

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 199 Marin Valley Drive, but that it looks promising.

John H. reported that the goats have been doing a good job on the first 100 feet, sometimes more, of vegetation surrounding the Park. This 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, a tube flyer and a robocall.

MVEST Block Captain Program

John F. is contacting the Zone Chiefs to get feedback on the program.

Home Replacement Cost Project

No update.

Evacuation Planning Subcommittee

John H. reported that planning is continuing for the Park's evacuation exercise of Saturday, June 4. Bill is researching whether this will be supported by the Novato Fire District.

Echo Article

John H. has written 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. The June 4 evacuation exercise, or "dress

rehearsal,” will have its own page on the website, which will include all three of the *Echo* articles on the evacuation.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

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