

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

April 18, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Meeting via Zoom Teleconferencing

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

Absent: Pam Berkon, David Gray

Other MVEST team members and residents present: Ellen Jane Schulz, Jay Shelfer

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Ellen Jane Schulz asked whether the traffic “calming measures” that are to be instituted at Hamilton might be appropriate for the Park. She will research this.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the April 11 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

Kevin recently completed his monthly hike in the areas surrounding the Park and saw no evidence of campsites or fires. John H. thanked Kevin for his efforts in this regard, and the committee unanimously concurred.

Regarding the April 7 meeting in the clubhouse featuring Josh Wax of the Novato Police Department, Bill sent a letter of thanks from MVEST to the police chief. Kevin reported that his police liaison has okayed posting the audio recording of the meeting on our website, though cautioned against making it more widely available. Erma will post 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 a group of volunteers did keep watch during the early morning hours one recent night, stationed at various areas around the Park, and no thievery was detected.

Fire Safe Marin

John H. offered to make available to anyone who wants it a copy of the April 14 Firewise leaders meeting liaison's report.

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 a draft of the report from FSM's Mobile Home Wildfire Safety Committee now posted on FSM's website. Erma will be posting it on our website as well.

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.

John H. reported that the goats did a good job on the first 100 feet, sometimes more, of vegetation surrounding the Park. This work was funded by a grant from the Novato Fire District. Soon there will be a hand crew doing more vegetation clearing, as well as work by a tree service company.

Novato Fire District

Bill reported that since July 1, 2021 the NFD has performed 12 free full fire prevention assessments in the Park. Four home hardening grants and five vegetation management grants have been awarded. The committee agreed that we need to try to increase those numbers. Erma will put an announcement in the *Echo* that grant money is still available.

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 a mention of the meeting in the email introduction to the digital version of the May *Echo*. There may also be a banner, a tube flyer, and/or a robocall.

MVEST Block Captain Program

John F. has contacted 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 reported that the Novato Fire District will not be providing support for this, though they may park a firetruck in the Park if there is one available at the time.

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. The June issue will contain an article of follow-up on the June 4 evacuation.

Erma reported that there will also be an "ad" (nonpaid) for the Ember Stomp (see above under "Fire Safe Marin").

See also above under "Novato Fire District" and "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,” now has its own page on the website, which includes all three of the *Echo* articles on the evacuation.

See also above under “Park Safety/Security” and under “Fire Safe Marin.”

Old Business

None.

New Business

Emergency Food Rations Stash Assessment

A subcommittee was formed to perform this assessment. Joan, John H., Kevin, and Carol-Joy volunteered.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, April 25, 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