

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

May 16, 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.
Steve Plocher, Erma Wheatley
Absent: Carol-Joy Harris,
Other MVEST team members and residents present: Ellen Jane Schulz, Jay Shelfer

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

None

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the May 9 meeting were approved.

MVEST Financial Report

John H. reported that there is \$3,044 in the MVEST account (needs confirmation from Matt).

MVEST Notices and Project Reports

Coronavirus

Erma reported that her neighbor has contacted COVID and is in quarantine.

David Grey reported cold-like symptoms, he took a rapid test and it proved negative. He recommends taking a test if you are feeling ill and are likely to meet with people.

Park Safety/Security

No issues to report.

Fire Safe Marin

John H. reported that the next **FSM Board** meeting will be on the third Wednesday (June 22) **rather than the second Friday.**

Marin Valley Firewise

The last Firewise Leaders meeting was attended by Erma, John F, and John H. **Rich** Shortall presented a Sample Action Plan for reapplying for Firewise certification.

John H and Tara were talking about what MVEST and HOL could do together. They suggested that the most important thing that could be accomplished was clearing defensible space directly around homes. John H. suggested that **for defensible space** we should focus solely on this, specifically working with individuals rather than mass mailings and articles. It will be on the agenda for next week.

Erma thought there was a consensus **at the Firewise Leaders meeting** on evacuations, but paying attention to evacuations as a drill, John H suggested that the first step is a drill, followed by a table-top exercise, and then there is the actual evacuation, which is called an exercise.

Grace Gedye, a real estate journalist for state and fire with Cal Matters (grace@calmatters.org) was present at the last Leaders meeting who was writing an article about the insurance industry. John H thought this suggested that the industry is starting to pay more attention to Firewise.

According to Washington Post link you can enter a ZIP code and find out your wildfire danger. Ours is 1% indicating that we have a very minimal risk. It says that in 30 years our wildfire risk will be 85%. It was suggested that their statistics are somewhat doubtful.

Ember Stomp is on May 28, everyone is welcome.

Mobile Home Safety brochure seems to be on hold, at least until after Ember Stomp.

Novato Fire District

One of the department fire inspectors has moved to Healdsburg. There were three vegetation fires in the district in the past week. All knocked down immediately.

Marin VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters)

John F reported Many people attended the last VOAD meeting. **VOAD has its own emergency portal. Marin cell towers have apparently not been retrofitted. They recommend local radio stations as a place to get**

information. These stations should be added to our contacts and the block captain folders.

Home Replacement Cost Project

AARP are advertising discounts to Foremost customers.

Marin Center for Independent Living Partnership

Nothing

Evacuation Planning Subcommittee

John F sent out an email asking for MVEST volunteers to assist in the exercise, so far two people have responded. He will send out another email asking for people to fill specific tasks. Steve and Bill said they would be part of the bull horn teams. Bill report next week on the status of Zone Chief's bullhorns. Bill is working on a script for the announcement and will report at the next meeting.

Erma will be designing and print the pizza tickets.

Power Outages Protocol

Needs a block captain meeting to update the procedures.

Do we want to differentiate planned and unplanned outages? It is difficult to differentiate. Steering Committee people will probably initiate manning Incident Command. IC will be manned 24 hours a day.

If there is a prolonged outage, we will call VOAD for help, and eventually it will be for Matt and the City to manage.

All of the Parks electrical switches are being cleaned and serviced.

Protocol will be distributed to all volunteers.

Echo Articles

No report. Think of the July article.

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No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, May 23, 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,
John Feld