

Vashon-Maury Community Council
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 3, 2024

Location: Land Trust Building, 10014 SW Bank Rd and on Zoom

Present: Diane Emerson, Elena Camarillo, Steve Nourse, Ben Carr, Ann Thorn, Debra Gussin

Absent: Jessica Anakar, Tammy Dye

7:00 Meeting was called to order by Diane Emerson, Board President

- Icebreaker Question: Diane
- Reading of Land Acknowledgment: Ann
- Agenda for Board meeting approved
- Minutes of September board meeting approved

Sector Reports:

- Jessica
 - Education: Harvest festival fundraiser at Chautauqua Elementary School; committing to a no-cell-phone policy for the middle school
- Debra
 - Food - Food Bank had a fundraiser at the Country Store
 - Health - We now have mobile urgent care on the island 7 days/week with Dispatch Health, available to all islanders. The health district is subsidizing folks whose insurance doesn't cover. Questions about how this works - request for an FAQ. Debra will ask Tim Johnson for that.

New Business

- Jamilla has resigned from the board. Debra will take minutes for October and November.
- Discussion as to whether VMCC should be listed as a supporter of the SIHB's treatment center, given the vote of support in September. Clarified that this does not necessarily reflect individual board members' opinions, but rather the council as a whole. All agreed that this is appropriate. Jessica will let SIHB know.
- Steven Nourse raised an idea for a different approach for the council; avoiding the use of votes to reduce conflict and focus more on education and discussion. Votes can be divisive and polarizing, but it's also a way for us to advocate for the needs of the community. It was suggested that we could substitute survey polls for voting as one alternative. Discussion around how to provide forum for dialog on controversial issues, with September meeting seen as a good example of facilitation of that, although we need to ensure that everyone feels welcome to participate. It was also noted that the level of intensity around the SIHB issue specifically was not typical, and shouldn't drive structural changes. Overall,

there was agreement that we should continue to use voting as a way of sending a message to government officials at this point, and continue to examine how to manage difficult issues.

- **Equity Committee:** Lengthy review and discussion of recommended changes to the VMCC Bylaws and Standing Rules by the advisory committee. The board voted to bring the recommendations for a vote by the membership at the 10/17 council meeting, with a small edit to clarify our non-governmental status, and some clarification of appointment of new board members, and the elimination of one sentence about the formation of advisory committees.
- **Free ADU webinar.** Approved request to include notice of a free webinar on ADUs for Vashon in the Oct 7 e-mail along with the meeting announcement.
- **VYFS Community Needs Assessment** Survey - Approved request to include it in our meeting mailing. Diane - for Jeni Johnson
- **Islanders for Ferry Action** Summit November 16. Approved request to include in our meeting mailing

Treasurer's Report - Deferred since Treasurer is absent.

Planning

- **October 17 Community Meeting Logistics.** Ben offered to help run the Zoom going forward, so the chair can concentrate on the meeting.
- **The November Meeting is also our annual meeting**, so we will recap the year, and vote on the budget for 2025.
- **Board Recruitment**
We have elections in October, but only if we have 9 or more candidates. At this time we only have one complete application. The new board is announced at the November meeting, and the new board takes over December 1st.

Public Comment/Questions - None

Next Meeting: 7pm Thursday, November 7, 2024

Meeting Adjourned: 9:32pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debra Gussin