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Vashon-Maury Community Council Board of Directors Meeting, Thursday, August 7, 2025 Minutes

Last updated 8/11/2025 (v1)

Location: Land Trust Building, 10014 SW Bank Rd, and on Zoom
(*In-person attendance is strongly encouraged.*)

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Board Member Attendees: JC Graham (JCG), Nicole Erica Áine (NEA), Doug Ostrom (DO), Jen Hrachovec (JH)

Excused: Jessica Anakar

Minutes taken by Secretary Jen Hrachovec.

6:30 **Networking** before the board meeting

6:59 **President: Confirmed that Zoom Recording, AI Summarization, and Close Captioning all have been initiated.**

7:00 **Call to order**, roll call for quorum (*a majority of the BOD is required, 4 were present*)

7:01 **Reading of Land Acknowledgment** – *Jen Hrachovec.*

7:05 **Finalize minutes of *previous* Board of Directors meeting:** [July 3, 2025](#)

Motion: As above	First: JH Second: AT	Votes: 5 for	Passed
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7:10 **Optional Self-introductions of new guests** (Maximum of 1 minute each)

- Diane Emerson
- Debby Jackson
- Bill Nolan
- Tim Johnson
- Terry Sullivan
- Sarah Howard

7:15 Finalize agenda for *this* Board of Directors meeting

Motion: As above	First: NAE Second: AT	Votes: 5 for	Passed
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7:20 Island Issues Briefing

(20 minutes presentation and questions)

Island Health Care (Tim Johnson, Sarah Howard, and Debby Jackson)

Sarah Howard, Communications Coordinator for the Health District, presented an overview of island services, including dispatch, health, and pharmacy, distributing informational materials to attendees. Tim Johnson, the superintendent of the Health District, explained the continuum of healthcare services available on Vashon Island, including primary care, urgent care, emergency services, behavioral health, and support for vulnerable adults. For instance, Dispatch Health serves 3-4 people per day. The Health District funding that has coordinated expansion of services amounts to \$4 per islander per month.

The health district does not provide care directly, but rather has partnered with SeaMar, Vashon Fire Department, Vashon Pharmacy, Vashon School District, and the Senior Center to provide services. They addressed concerns about the healthcare district's scope and mission, clarifying that while primary care was the initial focus, they have expanded services to include urgent care, after-hours care, and behavioral health with input from the community. They discussed the expansion of the Vashon Fire Department to include a provider for basic nursing services in the coming months. The district is also working to create infrastructure to continue providing healthcare if federal funding changes occur.

The district is planning several events in the fall, including a community roundtable, a screening event, and a healthcare summit.

7:40 Officer Reports (Approximately 5 minutes each)

- **Secretary** (JH)
 - Activities will be reported in Communications Committee minutes
- **Treasurer** (AT)
 - Consideration of **new accounting software**
Action: Ask Jean about possibility of switching from QuickBooks to open-source software
 - Consideration of **Wix upgrade** ([here](#) /jh)
Determination of need for email info@v-mcc.org deferred to September meeting to allow for analysis of impact on Wix forms

Motion: Renew as downgraded "light" plan	First: Jen Second: Nicole	Votes: 4 for 1 abstain	Passed
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- Consideration of **closing PayPal account**

PayPal has been the source of unintended charges for personal expenses and there was a suggestion to stop using it. A suggestion was made to retain PayPal until other solutions are confirmed. AT lacks access to PayPal. If it is retained,

Determination of electronic mechanism for donations deferred to October meeting to allow for analysis of options including Wix donations app and Zeffy.

- **President (JC Graham)**

- Action: Jen to add President's Report link to meetings announcements

7:55 **Change Management Presentation**

(10 minutes presentation)

[Change Management Concepts](#) starting p. 5 (Jen Hrachovec)

8:05 **Sector Reports** (Approximately 5 minutes each)

We now have a 2025 Sector Presentations Schedule—please see Addendum 1.

- **Diversity and Inclusion** (NAE)
- **Quality of Existence** (NAE, DO, JH)

The meeting covered several topics, including diversity and inclusion, traffic safety, and income inequality. NA discussed traffic safety concerns, particularly speeding on the highway near Island Center Homes, and requested improvements such as better sheriff's enforcement, a speed limit reduction, and a crosswalk. DO presented a detailed analysis of asset and income inequality on Vashon Island, noting that while overall incomes have increased significantly over the past 70 years, asset inequality may have risen as well. He suggested that the passenger ferry has contributed to income inequality by making Vashon more attractive to higher-income residents, potentially pricing out tradespeople and other lower-income groups.

8:15 **Committee Reports** (*Estimated 5 minutes each*)

- **Affordable Housing Advisory Committee** (Terry Sullivan)
 - Discussion of the status of this committee

Committee chair Terry Sullivan reported on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee's efforts, including an ADU workshop in May, but noted low attendance and interest in recent meetings. The committee is putting future meetings on hold until more community involvement is shown, though a September meeting has been scheduled (pending RSVPs). Terry also proposed the idea of creating a land trust to address affordable housing challenges, though he allowed that this idea has not gained much traction.

- **Communications Committee of the Board** (JH)

- Proposed [Agenda August 2025](#)

Motion: For Chamber of Commerce Calendar here , approve proposed	First: JH Second: NEA	Votes: 4 for 1 abstain	Passed
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- Update receipt from Paypal [here](#) - deferred for PayPal discussion

JH reported on the Communications Committee's July 10th meeting, where they approved a draft announcement for when the Land Trust room reaches max attendance and decided to use physical posters for events. The committee also discussed not requiring RSVPs for council meetings due to low attendance at previous meetings. Board meetings and president's office hours have been posted to the v-mcc.org calendar through the end of the year.

- [Communications Committee Charter](#)
- **Technology Watch and Response Advisory Committee (NEA)**
 - [TW&R Advisory Committee Charter](#)

The committee chairs will send out final versions of two charters for review and vote via email, with a requirement for unanimous approval before confirmation at the next board meeting.

8:30 **Old Business** *(Estimated 5 minutes)*

- **Council Policy on Committee Communications with External Entities**
(Addendum 2) - Skipped this due to time constraints.

8:35 **New Business** *(Estimated 20 minutes in all)*

Motion: Approval of Holding the August 21 Council meeting	First: NEA Second: JH	Votes: 5 for	Passed
Motion: Approval of The August 21 Council meeting proposed agenda.	First: JH Second: NEA	Votes: 5 for	Passed
Motion: Appointment of Event Manager for the August 21 Council meeting, JC Graham	First: JH Second: NEA	Votes: 5 for	Passed
Motion: Approval of holding the September 18 Council meeting.	First: NEA Second: JH	Votes: 5 for	Passed

All of the following were deferred due to time constraints:

- **Approval of Communications Packet 1, August 7, 2025** (please review this in advance)
- **Approval of Organizational Packet 2, August 7, 2025** (please review this in advance)
- **Evaluation of the July 17 Community Council meeting**
- **Appointment of Event Manager for the September 18 Council meeting**
- **Planning for Council meetings at the end of 2025 for which we cannot use the Land Trust room.**
- **Introduction of the draft V-MCC Board of Directors Operating Principles** (See Addendum 3 is presented now for review; suggestions for revision are welcomed).

8:55 Public Comments/Questions

9:00 Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Action Items				
Date created	Date due	Action/due date	Owner	Status
7/3/25		Schedule initial meeting of Technology Watch and Response Advisory Committee and begin recruiting committee members	nicoleaine7...	Open ▾
7/3/25		Future council meeting: invite Jennifer Rugby or Martha Woodward from the School Board to present on superintendent search process	Jessica Ana...	Open ▾
7/3/25		Future council meeting: invite Captain Chris Przgocki and Sergeant Theresa Schrimpscher to council to discuss traffic safety	jhrachovec...	Open ▾
7/3/25	7/30/25	August board meeting agenda: Organizational packet	cognosyn@...	Closed ▾
8/7/25	8/11/25	Send TW&RAC charter for board approval	nicoleaine7...	Closed ▾
8/7/25	8/11/25	Send communications committee charter for board approval	jhrachovec...	Closed ▾
8/7/25	8/28/25	September board meeting: add confirmation of approval for TC and CC charters	cognosyn@...	Open ▾
8/7/25	8/28/25	September board meeting: assess continuation with info@v-mcc.org email address	jhrachovec...	Open ▾
7/3/25	8/28/25	September board meeting: Start auction	Ann Thorn	Open ▾
8/7/25	8/28/25	September board meeting: assess accounting software	Ann Thorn	Open ▾
8/7/25	9/25/25	October board meeting: web donations	Ann Thorn	Open ▾

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			Person	Closed
			Person	Closed

Preview of Upcoming Agenda Items

- Continuing V-MCC Transition Plan Development

Confidential Meeting Evaluation:

1. Are you feeling increasingly confident about the overall performance of the council?
2. Did you feel that you had ample opportunity for input during this meeting?
3. What do you suggest changing - if anything - for future Board of Directors meetings?

Please submit your confidential evaluation to active.deb.vash@gmail.com.

V-MCC President JC Graham can be reached directly at President.V-MCC@proton.me.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, August 7, 2025, 6:30 pm (Networking); 7:00 pm (Meeting).

Attachments:

- Communications Packet 1, August 7, 2025
- Organizational Packet 2, August 7, 2025
- Agenda for the August 21 Council Meeting: 20250821 Agenda, V-MCC Council (Draft)

Addendum 1: 2025 V-MCC Sector Schedule List

Date	Sectors	Liaisons
August 7, 2025	Diversity and Inclusion	Nicole Erica Áine
	Quality of Existence	Nicole Erica Áine, Doug Ostrom, Jen Hrachovec
September 4, 2025	Multi-Generational Islanders	Jessica Annakar
	Culture, Art, History and Recreation	Ann Thorn (esp. Recreation)
October 2, 2025	Children and Youth	Ann Thorn
	Seniors and Elderly	JC Graham
November 6, 2025	Business and Workforce	JC Graham
	Healthcare	Debby Jackson
	Environment	Kevin Jones, Steve Bergman
December 4, 2025	Veterans	JC Graham
	Education	Jessica Annakar, Jen Hrachovec
January 2, 2026	Commuters	JC Graham
	Spiritual Practices	Doug Ostrom

Addendum 2: Draft V-MCC Council Policy on Committee Communications with External Entities

Draft V-MCC Council Policy on Committee Communications with External Entities (v1)

1. Purpose

This policy establishes clear guidelines for all V-MCC committees—including advisory committees and Committees of the Board—regarding their communications with external entities, such as government agencies, partner organizations, and the media. It ensures that all communications are accurate, consistent, and reflect official positions when required, while allowing for research and the expression of personal opinions.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all V-MCC committees when communicating externally with government agencies, partner organizations, or the public.

3. Policy Statement

3.1 General Principles

- **Accuracy and Consistency:** All official communications must accurately reflect the positions, policies, and decisions of the V-MCC Board or Council.
- **Transparency:** Communications should be open and transparent, within the bounds of legal and ethical requirements regarding confidentiality.
- **Professionalism:** All communications must be conducted in a professional, respectful, and constructive manner.

3.2 Information-Gathering and Personal Opinions

- **Information-Gathering:** Committee members may independently contact government agencies or other external entities to gather information or conduct research for committee purposes, without prior approval.
- **Personal Opinions:** Committee members may express personal opinions to external entities, provided they clearly state that these are their own views and not the official position of the V-MCC, Board, or Council.

3.3 Official Communications and Recommendations

- **Official Inquiries:** If an external entity asks for the official position or recommendations of the V-MCC, the committee member must refer the request to the Corresponding Secretary or, if unavailable, the President. The Corresponding Secretary will determine if the issue has been approved as an official position by the Board or Council.
- **Committee Recommendations:** Committees may not communicate official recommendations to external entities unless those recommendations have been reviewed and approved by the Board or Council. Recommendations intended for government agencies must be submitted to the Board or Council for approval before external communication.
- **Role of the Corresponding Secretary:** The Corresponding Secretary is the designated point of contact for official inquiries from external entities regarding the V-MCC's position or recommendations.

3.4 Application to Committees of the Board

- **External Communications:** Committees of the Board must follow this policy when communicating externally with government agencies, partner organizations, or the public, especially when such communications could be interpreted as representing the official position of the V-MCC.
- **Internal Board Work:** For internal Board communications and work delegated to Committees of the Board (e.g., meeting planning, intra-Board communications), this policy does not apply unless those communications could be interpreted as representing the official position of the V-MCC to external parties.

3.5 Documentation and Coordination

- **Documentation:** All committees must maintain records of substantive communications with external entities and report these to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.
- **Coordination:** Committees are encouraged to coordinate with the Board and other relevant committees to ensure consistent messaging.

4. Implementation and Review

- **Orientation:** All committee members will be oriented to this policy upon appointment.
- **Review:** This policy will be reviewed by the Board to ensure its continued appropriateness and effectiveness as organizational or external circumstances may warrant.

Addendum 3: Vashon-Maury Community Council Board of Directors Operating Principles

Vashon-Maury Community Council Board of Directors Operating Principles (July 15, 2025, Revision 2)

Preamble

The Vashon-Maury Community Council serves as a participatory, non-partisan forum for residents to collaboratively address island priorities through advocacy and grassroots action. While we advise governmental partners and advocate for equitable stewardship of shared resources, we hold no statutory authority over public assets. Our role centers on fostering inclusive dialogue, mobilizing community-led solutions, and amplifying islanders' voices—promoting ecological and social resilience for ourselves and future generations. These principles guide our board's commitment to ethical leadership and collective problem-solving that reflects Vashon-Maury's values.

1. Service Orientation & Stewardship

We put the needs, interests, and well-being of the Vashon-Maury community as a whole and the quality of life of its residents at the center of all of our decisions and actions. We advocate for the equitable stewardship of shared resources—natural, social, and financial—through collaboration with residents, organizations, and government partners. We foster responsible management and sustainable practices that preserve ecological and communal vitality. Our focus is on concrete logistical issues affecting Islanders, such as housing, environmental protection, public safety, and transportation, and we advocate for equitable solutions that align with community priorities.

2. Inclusion & Equity

As a non-partisan advocate for equitable treatment, we actively solicit and welcome diverse voices and perspectives—without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, national origin, age, income, or political belief—and work to ensure fairness, equal opportunity, and legal protections for all community members, including those unable to attend V-MCC meetings. We apply equity frameworks, such as the GARE toolkit, to assess how decisions impact marginalized groups and advance systemic fairness. We support the Council in addressing issues brought before it to improve conditions for as many islanders as possible.

3. Collaboration & Respect

We work together in a spirit of mutual respect, valuing each person's and organization's contributions, and fostering open, constructive dialogue, solidarity, and effective shared action.

4. Ethical Conduct

We adhere to non-partisan and ethical practice, acting with honesty, transparency, and integrity, adhering to nonprofit and antidiscrimination laws, and resolving conflicts of interest in the community's best interest. We commit to a collaborative good-faith search for shared understanding.

5. Conscientiousness

We have an action orientation, and approach our responsibilities with care, diligence, and a commitment to thoughtful, thorough decision-making and follow-through. We further both the letter and intent of motions

approved by the V-MCC, to the best of our collective ability, and are accountable for those efforts. We commit to evaluating board performance and programmatic impact to ensure equity, refine strategies, and enhance accountability.

These principles guide our board's culture, decisions, and actions, ensuring we serve the whole Vashon-Maury community with integrity and excellence.