



Vashon-Maury Community Council  
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## Vashon-Maury Community Council Meeting, Thursday, March 19, 2026 Minutes

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Vashon Land Trust 10014 SW Bank Rd or Join by Zoom

**YouTube Video Link:** [https://youtu.be/Us\\_PafkJsuk](https://youtu.be/Us_PafkJsuk) - due to technical difficulties this is audio only

**Resources:** [V-MCC Bylaws](#); [V-MCC Standing Rules](#) (both as revised November 21, 2024)  
[Democratic Rules of Order](#)

*Doors open at 6:30 pm. Social Mixer* (30 min.) before the meeting.

**President:** *Confirmed that Zoom Recording, AI Summarization, and Close Captioning all have been initiated.* - Due to technical difficulties video recording did not occur

**“What’s On My Mind”** (15 minutes) - Council members and guests may volunteer to briefly share what’s top of mind for them. The (optional) prompt this month is:

*“What values or qualities of life on Vashon–Maury Island make it feel good for me to live here?”*

The following statistics were reported for roads and ferry funding  
Vashon Road Maintenance for 2025: \$1.87m

Water taxi midday service	\$2.5m
Saturday Ferry Pilot	\$1.1m
<u>Labor &amp; Maintenance</u>	<u>\$3.2m</u>
Total	\$6.8m
<u>- 30% Fare recovery</u>	<u>\$2.0m</u>
Total Ferry Subsidies	\$4.8m

Water taxi pilots get \$112-142k  
Deck hands get \$82 to 107k

**Call to Order** (*twenty-five voting council members minimum*), quorum was met with 34 members in attendance.

*Board attendees: JC Graham, Nicole Erica Áine, Ann Thorn, Jessica Anakar, Jen Hrachovec, Doug Ostrom, Kavi Rana, Ike Harmon.*

*Minutes of the Council Meeting were taken by Secretary Jen Hrachovec.*

*Counting of votes was done by JC Graham, Kavi Rana, and Jen Hrachovec.*

**Brief Technical Overview** (for Zoom and In-Person Meeting Attendees) - *JC Graham*

**Welcome, Reading of Land Acknowledgment** - *Drew Krah*

**Rules of Conduct** (*President JC Graham*):

- The Council is committed to conducting its meetings in a *civil, respectful, and courteous manner*. We expect all participants to demonstrate common courtesy and respect toward fellow Islanders and guests.
- As we continue to build our new Council, we are dedicated to creating a safe and healing space to address our shared interests. Rudeness, personal criticism, and ridicule—including in online chat contributions—are not acceptable and will not be tolerated.
- Please keep your remarks focused on the *issues*, not on *individuals*.
- **Only members can vote.** We practice good faith voting, meaning that you are trusted to vote (and make motions, second motions, and make amendments) *only* if you are a V-MCC member.
- *Show of hands to demonstrate intent to honor Good Faith Voting and the Rules of Conduct.*

*Thank you. We are here because we are stronger together.*

**Finalize minutes of *previous* Council meetings** [February 19, 2026](#).

1st: Jen Hrachovec, 2nd: Roxanne Thayer, For: 29, Opposed: 0, **Passed**

**Finalize agenda for *this* Council Meeting:** [March 19, 2026](#).

1st: Joe Yarkin, 2nd: Sue Letzinger, For: 31, Opposed: 1, **Passed**

**Island Partner Organization Updates**

Guest: Gary English, Vashon Ferry Advisory Committee (VFAC),  
**[Fauntleroy Dock Replacement Project](#)**: WSF is planning a mid-sized dock rebuild at Fauntleroy (Option B: 124–155 cars) due to seismic risks, creosote timber, and capacity issues. Public input ongoing through March 21, 2026; construction targeted for 2027–2029.

*Invitation to council members and guests to become the new Commuter Sector Liaison!*

**Introduction to Rules of Procedure** (President JC Graham)

- Brief explanation of making motions and amendments.
- Explanation of Points of Order and “Points of Information”

8:05 (maximum of 40 minutes) **Old Business**

- [2026-05 No Nuclear in Washington](#)

Motion: continue discussion at April meeting

1st: Greg, 2nd: Nicole Erica Aine, For: 21, Opposed: 11, **Passed**

- [2026-04 Protecting Marine](#) Mammals

Motion to extend meeting 10 minutes, 1st: Diane Emerson, 2nd: Nicole Erica Aine, For: 22, Opposed: 0, **Passed**

Motion at link above, For: 25, Opposed: 4, **Passed**

## New Business

- No new business was introduced
- Please note that according to the [V-MCC Bylaws](#) (Article II, Section 2): *The Council shall focus primarily on concrete logistical issues that affect Islanders, such as housing, building codes and zoning, local environmental issues, drinking water, public safety, crime prevention, transportation issues, the flora and fauna of the Island, etc. The Council may also consider social, regulatory and legislative issues affecting Islanders.*
- See Addendum 1: *Want to Advocate for Change? Make a Motion in the V-MCC (v3)*

## Community Input and Questions

None

## Announcements

- *Epic date of service for Rotary to clean up beach tires until May 16*
- *Thunderbird updates - we are invited to look at their website [thunderbird.center](http://thunderbird.center), seattle indian health board [sihb.org](http://sihb.org), April 15 and 18 job fair*
- *Zero Waste April 12 - toys and plastics, April 15 movie "buy now", 5:45pm at VLT*
- *Late opening at transfer station this Sunday March 22*

## Adjourn

1st: Ike Harmon, 2nd: Steve Bergman, unanimous

**Next Regular Council Meeting:** Thursday, April 16, 2026, 6:30 pm (Social Mixer); 7:00 pm (Meeting). Location: **Land Trust Building.**

**Board of Directors Meetings** are regularly held on first Thursdays, at the Land Trust Building.

- The next V-MCC Board meeting will be held on April 2, 2026.
- Guests are welcome to observe (either in person or via Zoom; see [v-mcc.org/event](http://v-mcc.org/event))

## Information

- General questions may be sent to [info@v-mcc.org](mailto:info@v-mcc.org)
- *If you have questions or ideas about the V-MCC Sectors, please contact the relevant sector liaisons (See Addendum 2. V-MCC Sectors and Liaisons)*
- *V-MCC Secretary Jen Hrachovec can be reached directly at [Secretary.V-MCC@proton.me](mailto:Secretary.V-MCC@proton.me).*
- *V-MCC President JC Graham can be reached directly at [President.V-MCC@proton.me](mailto:President.V-MCC@proton.me).*

*Thank you for your participation, and we'd love to hear from you!*

## Substantive 2025-6 Vashon-Maury Community Council Motions (Passed and Pending)

Motion	Requestors	Date Opened	Date Closed	Status
Addressing the climate crisis is an important priority for Vashon-Maury Islanders. <a href="#">The Vashon-Maury Community Council therefore moves that the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan include these actions in the final KC SCAP</a>	1-Kevin Jones 2-Kathleen Fitch	Aug 21, 2...	Sep 3, 2025	Passed ▾
Appoint Gary English to Vashon Ferry Committee	1-Mike Dawson 2-Art Chippendale	Sep 5, 2024	Oct 16, 20...	Passed ▾
<a href="#">Letter of Support to install community solar at Vashon High School to provide electricity production and battery storage for disaster preparedness</a>	1-Eric Walker 2-Laura Cerven, Julie Brown, Mike	Oct 16, 2025	Oct 16, 20...	Passed ▾
2026-01 <a href="#">Motion to Adopt a Resolution Supporting the Establishment of the Vashon Island Disaster Airlift Response Team (ViDART)</a>	1-Truman O'Brien 2-Kathy Ostrom and Jackie O'Malley	Nov 20, 2...	Jan 15, 20...	Passed ▾
2026-02 <a href="#">Letter Regarding Automated Surveillance</a>	1-Nicole Erica Aine 2-Kevin Jones, Evan Simmons	Jan 15, 20...	Feb 19, 2...	Passed ▾
2026-03 <a href="#">Bar Illegal Deportation Flights Through King County International Airport</a> (Postponed to April 2026 meeting)	1-Julie Brown 2-Mike Dawson, Ike Harman	Jan 15, 20...	📅 Date	Pendi... ▾
2026-04 <a href="#">Protecting Marine Mammals</a>	1-Joe Yarkin 2-Kavi Rana	Feb 19, 2...	Mar 19, 2...	Passed ▾
2026-05 <a href="#">No Nuclear in Washington</a>	1-Kevin Jones 2-Mike Dawson	Feb 19, 2...	📅 Date	Pendi... ▾



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## Want to Advocate for Change?

### Make a Motion in the V-MCC

Revision date: February 6, 2026 (v3)

See also: [Democratic Rules of Order](#) (summary of the rules and flowchart)

#### Who can make a motion?

- Only Council members may *move or second motions, propose amendments, and raise points of order*, in accordance with the Democratic Rules of Order, 10th Edition, and [Article III, V-MCC Bylaws](#).
- Guests, if recognized by the chair, may raise an informal “*point of information*” solely for the purpose of clarification. Guests *may* participate in the discussion, at the discretion of the chair.

#### When do I make a motion?

- Motions may be made from the floor during New Business.

#### How do I make a substantive motion?

- A substantive motion is a formal proposal put before the Council that directly addresses the reasons for which our Council exists, such as taking collective action, lobbying for a certain policy change or governmental action, or amending V-MCC’s [Bylaws](#) or [Standing Rules](#).
- At the initial Council meeting, you will “read the motion into the record” by briefly stating its purpose and responding to any clarifying questions. It is not necessary to read the entire motion aloud, though you may do so if time permits. Discussion at this stage will be limited.
- Please give a copy to the V-MCC Secretary ([Secretary.v-mcc@proton.me](mailto:Secretary.v-mcc@proton.me)) before or during the meeting.

- If you wish—and capacity allows—a Council Liaison can be assigned to support you in drafting the motion (if needed) and guiding it through the V-MCC process.

### When does the Council vote on my substantive motion?

- If the motion receives a second, it will be placed on the agenda as an Old Business item at the next regular Council meeting, where it will be discussed and voted on (unless postponed). You do not need to move the motion again at that subsequent meeting.
- If immediate action is required, substantive motions may be adopted at the same meeting at which they are proposed only if allowed by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote of both the Council and a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote of the Board members present.

### What can I make a substantive motion about?

- **Article II, Section 2 (Focus) of the [V-MCC Bylaws](#):**
  - This Council shall limit the issues brought to it to those that affect the community. It shall avoid private concerns unless they have broad community implications.
  - The Council shall focus primarily on concrete logistical issues that affect Islanders, such as housing, building codes and zoning, local environmental issues, drinking water, public safety, crime prevention, transportation issues, the flora and fauna of the Island, etc. The Council may also consider social, regulatory and legislative issues affecting Islanders.
  - The Council shall avoid partisan political activity that supports or opposes individuals for public office. It shall strive to encourage Islanders of different ideologies and persuasions to work together toward community improvement.
  - The Council may promote networking between community groups to facilitate Island collaboration.
- Motions that are purely partisan statements, statements of philosophy, or manifestos are not in order.

### How do I word the substantive motion?

Motions should be:

- *Worded affirmatively and must not conflict with any higher law* (applicable laws of the land, the V-MCC Bylaws, or existing V-MCC Standing Rules).
- *Within V-MCC's jurisdiction* (they must propose actions the Council can legitimately take).
- *Germane* (they must be directly relevant to Vashon-Maury Island and its inhabitants).
- *Efficacious* (if adopted, they should have a reasonable chance of producing a substantive effect in the real world, rather than being purely symbolic or rhetorical).

### How do I assure the motion is equitable?

- Please consider the following questions from the *GARE Toolkit* (see guide [here](#)):
  - **Proposal:** What is the policy, program, practice or budget decision under consideration? What are the desired results and outcomes?
  - **Data:** What's the data? What does the data tell us?

- **Community engagement:** How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?
- **Analysis and strategies:** Who will benefit from or be burdened by your proposal? What are your strategies for advancing racial equity or mitigating unintended consequences?
- **Implementation:** What is your plan for implementation?
- **Accountability and communication:** How will you ensure accountability, communicate, and evaluate results?

A guided consideration of these questions may be found at [https://belonging.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/gare-racial\\_equity\\_toolkit.pdf](https://belonging.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/gare-racial_equity_toolkit.pdf)

## Can I get help formulating a motion?

- If you are unsure whether your idea is best presented as a motion, a request for information, or a proposal to refer an issue to a committee, you are encouraged to consult the President or a Board member in advance of the meeting.

## How else can I urge the Council to address a topic?

Making a substantive motion (to be decided by majority rule)—or to amend, table, rescind, or postpone a motion—is *not* the only action you can take during New Business!

Here are some other options:

- Move to discuss a certain topic for a set period of time.
- Move to seek Council consensus on a certain subject, for a set period of time.
- Ask that a straw poll (a nonbinding record of support and opposition) be taken on a certain subject.

There also are other possibilities for procedural motions that *will* be decided by a majority vote:

- Request an informational presentation or written update from a committee, officer, or guest expert.
- Move that someone (a V-MCC committee, the V-MCC Board, or someone else) be asked to investigate a certain matter and report back to the Council (either at a later date or when they are ready).
- Move to refer an issue to an existing committee for consideration and report back.
- Move that a certain advisory committee be formed. Ideally you will have a draft mission statement ready and at least an interim committee chair in mind. Advisory committees may be either Standing (ongoing) or Ad Hoc (temporary).
- Move that a certain person or group be requested to address the Council. (Ideally you will also indicate a contact person or who is expected to issue the request.)
- Move that someone (or a group) be recognized for some outstanding contribution or achievement.
- Propose scheduling a special meeting or community forum on a specific issue.

These routine procedural and operational motions are typically voted on at the same meeting.

## Addendum 2. V-MCC Sectors and Liaisons (v6)

March 4, 2026

**Diversity and Inclusion** (Asian, BIPOC, Indigenous, Latino/Latina, race / racial equity, mixed race families, language barriers / diverse language speakers, LGBTQIA+, disabled, immigrants)

Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_Nicole Erica Áine, Kavi Rana\_\_\_\_\_

**Quality of Existence** (Affordable housing / homeless / unhoused, renters, landlords, wellness (healthy habits / food / activities), safety, Low income, Income inequality)

Liaisons: \_Jen Hrachovec, Nicole Erica Áine (affordable housing, safety), Kavi Rana\_\_

**Business and Workforce** (Workforce training, service industry workers / laborers / employees)

Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_Jack Robinson-D'Amore, \_\_\_\_\_Kavi Rana

### Culture, Art, History and Recreation

Liaison: \_\_\_\_Meg Thompson\_\_\_\_Ann Thorn (esp. Recreation), Ike Harmon

### Education

Liaisons: \_Jessica Anakar, Jen Hrachovec\_\_

**Environment** (clean water / air / ground, land sustainability, climate)

Liaisons: \_\_Kevin Jones, Steve Bergman\_\_\_\_\_

### Spiritual Practices

Liaison: \_\_\_\_Doug Ostrom\_\_\_\_\_

**Healthcare** (Health and human services, people with mental health issues, people with substance abuse challenges)

Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_Debby Jackson\_\_\_\_\_

**Children and Youth** (including child care services)

Liaison: \_\_Jessica Anakar, Meg Thompson\_\_

**Seniors and Elderly** (including isolated adults and adult care services)

Liaison: \_\_\_\_JC Graham\_\_\_\_\_

### Veterans

Liaison: \_\_\_\_J.C. Graham\_\_\_\_\_

### Commuters

Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_JC Graham\_\_\_\_\_

### Multi-Generational Islanders

Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_Jessica Anakar\_\_\_\_\_