



Vashon-Maury Community Council
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Vashon-Maury Community Council Meeting Minutes, Thursday, October 16, 2025

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

Meeting Recording: <https://youtu.be/LYRN8qfdkkM>

6:59 **President:** *Confirmed that Zoom Recording, AI Summarization, and Close Captioning were initiated. This meeting is being video recorded and will be publically available on V-MCC's YouTube channel.*

7:00 **Call to Order**, quorum (25 or greater) was reached with 27 members
 Board members present: JC Graham, Nicole Erica Áine, Ann Thorne, Jen Hrachovec

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

7:04 **Brief Technical Overview**

7:05 **Welcome (President JC Graham), Reading of Land Acknowledgment (Will Forester)**

7:06 **Rules of Conduct (President JC Graham)** - hands were shown by attendees to demonstrate intent to honor the Rules of Conduct that were read.

7:07 **Finalize minutes of previous Council meetings**

August 21, 2025 1st: Jen Hrachovec, 2nd: Eben Graham, For: 18, Opposed: 0, **Passed**

Special Meeting: September 3, 2025 1st: Jen Hrachovec, 2nd: Mike Dawson, For: 20, Opposed: 0, **Passed**

7:15 **Finalize agenda for this Council Meeting:** October 16, 2025
 1st: Jen Hrachovec, 2nd: Julie Brown, For: 18, Opposed: 0, **Passed**

7:30 (30 min.) **Discussion** - Next Steps for our work on affordable housing

If you might be interested in serving on the next iteration of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee please contact us at info@v-mcc.org.

8:00 (10 min.) **Introduction to V-MCC's 13 Sectors**, See Addendum 2 (President JC Graham)

If you would like to serve as a Sector Liaison, or have information to share with the Board regarding a sector, please contact us at info@v-mcc.org.

Meg Thompson volunteered to serve as a Sector Liaison for **Culture, Art, History, and Recreation**.

8:00 **Introduction to Rules of Procedure** (President JC Graham)

8:02 **Old Business**

Appointment of Gary English to Vashon Ferry Advisory Committee (VFAC)
[Excerpt from Gary's application.](#)

Motion: As above	1st: Mike Dawson 2nd: Art Chippendale	For: 20 Opposed: 0	Passed
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8:08 (maximum of 30 minutes) **New Business**

See Addendum 1 for information regarding New Business.

- First reading of the [Calendar Year 2026 V-MCC Budget](#) (Treasurer Ann Thorn)
 The budget for 2026 shows a slight deficit but includes plans for fundraising through an online auction to help cover expenses. The budget will be finalized at the November meeting.
- Does the Council wish to hold a Council Meeting on December 18, 2025?

Motion: Cancel 12/18/2025 Council meeting	1st: Jen Hrachovec 2nd: Diane Emerson	For: 11 Opposed: 4	Passed
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- North End Ferry Signage and Loading Procedures (Laura Cerven) — [Photos](#).

Laura shared her experience of missing the Southworth ferry due to seven parked cars waiting for passengers in the ferry line in front of her. Contributing factors included signs that were vandalized or broken, changes in passenger pickup hours on the dock, disorganized passenger pickup parking, lack of knowledge in the community about which agency has jurisdiction over the parking lot.

Bong StoDomingo urged that residents report road maintenance and safety issues in unincorporated King County such as downed stop signs, signals that are out, or trees over the roadway — 24 hours a day at 206-477-8100 or 1-800-527-6237.

Followup plans are for Laura to walk the North parking lot with King County staff and make a plan for improvement, with coordination assistance from Bong.

- Request for letter of Support to install community solar and battery for disaster preparedness at Vashon High School. (Eric Walker)

Motion: Activate bylaw to allow a motion and voting in same meeting for a time-sensitive issue if approved by a super majority	1st: Jen Hrachovec 2nd: Nicole Erica Áine	For: 15 Opposed: 0	Passed
Motion: as above	1st: Eric Walker 2nd: Laura Cerven, Julie Brown, Mike Dawson	For: 11 Opposed: 4	Passed

8:48 Community Input and Questions

See above under new business: Vashon High School solar project

8:55 Announcements (if any, by Councilmembers)

The online auction will start soon - help spread the word!

9:00 **Adjourn** 1st: Ann Thorne, 2nd: Nicole Erica Áine, Passed by acclamation

Next Regular Council Meeting (This will be the V-MCC Annual Meeting):

Thursday, November 20, 2025, 6:30 pm (Networking); 7:00 pm (Meeting).

Location: **Lewis Hall (in Burton, on the hill behind the Burton Community Church)**, at 23905 Vashon Highway SW. Just south of the church is SW Burton Drive, turn west on it, then a quick right to some (limited) parking. Otherwise, park on the street and walk to Lewis Hall.

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

- Guests are welcome to observe (either in person or via Zoom at the above link.)
- The next V-MCC Board meeting will be held on November 6, 2025.

General questions may be sent to info@v-mcc.org

V-MCC Secretary Jen Hrachovec can be reached directly at Secretary.V-MCC@proton.me.

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

Vashon-Maury Community Council Key Motions 2025

Motion	Requestors	Date Opened	Date Closed	Status
Addressing the climate crisis is an important priority for Vashon-Maury Islanders. The Vashon-Maury Community Council therefore moves that the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan include these actions in the final KC SCAP (see 8/21/2025 minutes for list of 13 recommendations)	1-Kevin Jones 2-Kathleen Fitch	Aug 21, 2025	Sep 3, 2025	Passed
Appoint Gary English to Vashon Ferry Committee	1-Mike Dawson 2-Art Chippendale	Sep 5, 2024	Oct 16, 2024	Passed
Letter of Support to install community solar at Vashon High School to provide electricity production and battery storage for disaster preparedness	1-Eric Walker 2-Laura Cerven, Julie Brown, Mike Dawson	Oct 16, 2024	Oct 16, 2024	Passed

Addendum 1. Information Regarding New Business.

- Motions may be made from the floor during this time. A substantive motion is a formal proposal put before the Council that directly addresses the reasons for which our Council exists.¹ Unless intermediate action is needed², any substantive motions that are moved and seconded—unless postponed indefinitely—will be further considered and voted upon at the next Council meeting. However, routine procedural and operational motions do not automatically require a month's delay.
- 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.
- In formulating your substantive motion, please consider the following questions from the *GARE³ Toolkit*:
 - **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

¹ These are matters such as lobbying for a certain policy change or governmental action) or amendments to V-MCC's Bylaws or Standing Rules.

² For example Board approval, in the case of Bylaws amendments.

³ GARE is the Government Alliance on Race and Equity.