



**October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 VMCC Community Council Meeting**  
**Location: Zoom meeting**

Meeting Recording:

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Minutes by David Vogel

**Participants**

Amy Morrison

Anna

Beka Economopoulos

Ben Carr

Bong Sto. Domingo

Caroline Hunter Davis -  
board member

David Vogel – board  
member

Debby Jackson

Deborah Anderson

Debra Gussin

Diane Emerson - board  
member

Donna

Eric Jensen

Eric Pryne

Greg Fisher

Heidi McWatters

Holly Shull

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Jay Holtz

Jessica Anakar

Jessica Lisovsky

John Affolter - board  
member

John Taylor

Justin Hirsch

Krista Black

Kate Pflaumer

Kathy Abascal

Kevin Jones

Kyle Britz - board member

Lara Johnson

Liz LoTempio PsyD

Louis

Marsha Shenk

Meg FitzGerald

Melvin Mackey

Michaela Olavarri - board  
member

Mike

Morgan Brown

Nick Simmons - board  
member

Rachel Rome - board  
member

Rayna Holtz

Robert Gibbs

Robert Piston

Steve Rubicz

Susan

Susan McCabe

Virginia Lohr

Wendy Noble

Yvonne Kuperberg

Interim President Diane Emerson called the meeting to order.

John Taylor, Director of Dept of Local Services spoke about the King County Budget process, including budgeting for items identified by the local needs survey. He will be looking for representatives from the community council to be part of a group to provide advice on how best to get input from Vashon/Maury residents. Robert Gibbs asked about increasing service of the Metro Water Taxi to include mid-day and weekend service. Director Taylor confirmed that Vashon will be getting nine permanent trash cans and collection for the Town. He noted that Vashon will have a new van coordinator for the Community Van services. Told residents to contact Bong Sto. Domingo, (206) 477-4522, if they have concerns that might be addressed by the Department of Local Services. Bong is on island at the Chamber building every Tuesday from 9-1. The Economic Development Manager, Hugo Garcia (permits, loans, etc.) is there every Wednesday. | Cell 206-305-4326 | Office 206-263-2821 | Helpline 206-477-3800



After a quorum had been reached at 7:16 pm, Morgan Brown, Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee reported that at their last meeting they had discussed the King County Plan Update, discussing the Special District Overlay, and the pros and cons of the 2-story 35 foot height restriction in the Town Plan area. Mentioned the affordable housing project on Gorsuch Road.

Kevin Jones, Chair of the Equity Committee, gave a brief report.

Diane Emerson reported that seven people had submitted applications for the Board, so no election was needed. The Board members will be:

Ben Carr  
Debby Jackson  
Diane Emerson  
Dustin Coe  
Jessica Anakar  
John Affolter  
Michaela Olavarri

Justin Hirsh of the Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) reported about the Fauntleroy Terminal Project and gave his opinion that there are three keys to success at Fauntleroy: 1) Passenger loading physically separated from vehicle loading such that both can occur simultaneously; 2) dock capacity that matches or exceeds vessel capacity such that departures are not delayed by fare collection; and 3) effective traffic control and fare collection to minimize or eliminate the frustration, accidents, road rage and violence that regularly occurs on Fauntleroy Way SW. Justin called on the public to send emails to [FauntleroyTermProj@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:FauntleroyTermProj@wsdot.wa.gov) to ask for a larger ferry dock. Justin also reported that there is an opening on the Ferry Advisory Committee. According to statute, on a three member FAC such as Vashon's no more than two members can be from a particular party. Because Justin is a stated Democrat, and Rachel Rome is an Independent, the third member can have any political affiliation.

Nick Simmons made the Board's motion to change the days of the meetings to the First and Third Thursdays, with the Board meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:30pm, and the Community meetings to be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, at 7:00pm. Hunter Davis seconded the motion.

John Affolter presented the Treasurer's report.

Diane Emerson reported that the Washington State Attorney General has approved our plan of dissolution, and we have received our Revenue Clearance Certificate from the WA Dept of Revenue. We have a couple more forms to submit.

The Board made a motion through Hunter Davis that was seconded by Kyle Britz, endorsing a change of the Standing Rules to include a Land Acknowledgment at the beginning of meetings. A lively discussion took place about the land acknowledgment. Kevin Jones and Jessica Anakar told the meeting that the Equity Committee would be holding meetings to discuss the language



of the acknowledgement on Thursday November 17, Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Gavin Kovite, board member, resigned from the board over the decision by the board to include a land acknowledgment. Diane read his statement to the membership about his decision.

Eric Pryne and Wendy Noble of the Vashon Health Care District updated the Council regarding the state of negotiations between Sea-Mar and the District regarding a continuing relationship.

Meagan Fitzgerald announced a Free Health Fair on Oct 29<sup>th</sup> at Vashon Youth and Family Services.

Susan McCabe announced a Free Septic and Well Maintenance Presentation Oct 19, 6:30-8:30. Online, <https://www.vashonresilience.org/septic>

Diane Emerson announced that the next meeting will be on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm, and that we are hoping it will be a hybrid meeting, with Zoom and in person. She then adjourned the meeting.