

20 Nov, 2024 V-MCC Equity Committee Meeting Notes

Attendees: Jessica A., Jenna, Armen, Kathleen F., Kevin, James

Meeting started at: 6:05 pm

Ice Breaker – What have you been doing now that we’re having fewer meetings?

Woodworking, Reading (“Soil” - gardening), Netflix, Self-care, Physical activity / fitness

Land Acknowledgement: shared by Kevin (indigenous carver: Odin Lonning - Tlingit Artwork)

Review and approve or revise this agenda: Approved as written

Approve or revise notes from 10-16 meeting: No changes, approved as written

Discussion: Possible volunteer opportunities:

- Liaison’s to island sectors and Council members who wish to form a committee or create a motion

- Serve as a V-MCC Board Member

V-MCC Board has 6 members currently and is looking for more. The identification of liaisons may take some time as the new Board (takes over in December) gets up to speed in their roles. The Equity Committee recommendations, if approved, will allow a non-Board member to become a liaison. Final vote on the recommendations will take place on 21 November at the V-MCC full membership meeting.

Update on INN - Kathleen, Jessica, James:

- Approved at the last Board meeting to become an Advisory Committee to the V-MCC. INN intends to partner with liaisons to various community sectors and create/expand relationships with them. A primary focus will be on Saving Lives on Vashon.

- INN plans on repeating event on Fentanyl at a future V-MCC meeting (Jan/Feb). Request will be made at 3 December V-MCC Board meeting.

- Building relationships across the island will be a key focus as well.

- James to send updated mission/vision/charter and picture to Diane E. for posting on V-MCC web site.

- INN will explore how people on the island can reach out with issues that may need to be addressed (an example might be a crisis hotline). King County would like Vashon-Maury Island to create its own “system” for caring / providing help to islanders in need. Several models are possible and will be explored (e.g., coalition building,

connections with various health care systems on the island, how to contact INN - both in an emergency and for more 'routine' needs).

- The group discussed what would happen to INN if the Equity Committee dissolved. Or, should the Equity Committee meet more intermittently / on-call / as needed?

New Discussion:

How are the results of the national election impacting island groups? Nothing specific noted other than working to help people remain safe.

Call for priority topics for our next meeting:

- Wrap-up of Equity motion to V-MCC
- Update on INN
- Retrospective on Equity Committee's work and what the future might look like
- Next meeting 15 January 2025 with Potluck (possibly at the Land Trust)

Adjourn: 7:26 pm