

Equity Committee – Agenda – 6/21

6:00 – Ice Breaker – A friend gave you a free ticket to visit the International Space Station – do you go?

6:10 – Land Acknowledgement

6:12 – Review and approve or revise this agenda

6:14 - Approve or revise notes from 5-17 meeting

Outreach Initiative

6:20 - Decision: Outreach Initiative approach revision?

The Outreach Initiative plan has been revised based on discussion at the 5/17 meeting

During this agenda item the Committee will vote to approve or reject these changes

6:40 – Check in on how interviews are progressing/feedback/insights

6:55 - Second round: Equity Toolkit, additional thoughts? – Kathleen and Terry (to be discussed at future meeting)

7:25 – Call for priority topics and next meeting date (7/5 or 7/19)?

7:30 – Adjourn

FINAL

June 21, 2023 VMCC Equity Committee Meeting Notes

Present: Jessica A., Hunter D., Kathleen F., Yve S., Terry S., James R., Milla A., Art C., Yvonne K., Allison T., Jessica L.

The meeting convened at 6:08 pm with Ice Breaker.

The land acknowledgement was read by Art.

Approve/revise tonight's agenda:

- Kathleen requested that we postpone discussion of Equity Toolkit.
- Art (working on a King County council campaign) proposes that we ask the county to help us find pathways to more diversity on Vashon/Maury.
- Jessica A. recommends that we read the KC Comprehensive 20-year Plan. She will forward email from Diane with links and information.

Approve/revise notes from 5/17/23:

Approved without objection and ready to be published on the VMCC website. Notes

Outreach Initiative

Continued follow up/summarization of Yve's recommendations for our interviews. (See slides link). https://docs.google.com/document/d/10jBRQT-J2WaDo_y5gFWWcUtYKNskModi24DTo1il7Ik/edit?usp=sharing (See Kevin's 5/30 email with Outreach Update 7.) Interviews are continuing though at a slower pace due to summer holidays. The committee unanimously agreed to incorporating Yve's suggestions for the interview questions (see update 7 in link above).

Discussion around whether the Council is reaching out (or not) to the sectors. Jessica explained that the Board is still recruiting to fill open positions and that the current members are spread quite thin with the work they have.

Jessica suggested the Committee and the Board join one of the InterFaith Friday potluck dinners. Art added this should be on-going and Milla pointed out that we should approach the dinners as 'community dinners', not as a 'dinner for the homeless'. Jessica and James to discuss further and determine an approach for making this possible.

Emergency Action Fund (since the VMCC mission is advocacy, it could be an emergency advocacy fund)

Terry pointed out the lack of assistance on Vashon for marginalized folks who are living in dire conditions.

Yve clarified that when she brought up the idea of an Emergency Fund, she meant that the CC would support individuals who are interested in self-advocacy.

Hunter would like to see laundry facilities return so everyone can wash clothes! Milla said there is a paid service (\$20 a load) on the island and suggested using the fund to help folks pay for laundry service.

James/Jessica: A new VMCC committee called Ways & Means is being stood up to organize action. James will be in touch with the chair, John Affolter, to see if that committee would help with a fund.

Suggested topics for next meeting:

- How is our outreach going?
- "Ouch," "Roses and Thorns" and "Don't yuck my yum" (Kevin)
- Setting up coffees with board members
- **Volunteer Opportunity**

- Help with putting on a screening of “Ancestral Waters” – contact Amy at Backbone

Next meeting date: July 19th

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 pm