



Vashon-Maury Community Council  
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## **COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES for December 1, 2022**

Meeting Start time: 7:32pm

Location: Vashon Island Land Trust Building, 10014 SW Bank Rd

OR Zoom

Quorum attained at 7:32

Minutes: Debby Jackson

Present: Diane Emerson (continuing board member), Debby Jackson (board member), Hunter Davis (retiring board member), Ben Carr (new board member), Dustin Coe (new board member), Armen Yousoufian (guest), Kevin Jones (chair Equity, Social Justice, and Inclusion committee), 1-206-463-5355 (unidentified), 1-425-280-5608 (unidentified)

1. **Approve agenda** – Diane requested any changes or edits. None were offered. Agenda was unanimously approved by board.

2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Diane

Diane expressed hope that we will be able to do some wonderful things with/for the community. Guests were welcomed—Kevin, Armen, Dustin.

3. **Vote on Officers** – Diane

The following volunteered to be officers:

Diane-President, Debby Jackson-Secretary, John Affolter-Treasurer

There were no other volunteers to be President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

There is a need for:

Corresponding Secretary (previously was Hunter) – Hunter felt was fun, pretty easy, and rewarding

Vice President - fills in for President or Secretary if they are unable to be at the meeting.

Ben asked if these positions need to be decided tonight. Diane said yes, needs to be voted on but can be a temporary/interim position until someone else is found. Ben said he can offer to be an interim VP but he cannot commit to being the on-going VP at this point due to other constraints at this time (may know more about longer-term availability over the next several months). Debby volunteered to fill in as interim corresponding secretary. Hunter will email Debby about an on-going issue that she was unable to complete, ie, filing a police report related to man camping in a motor home at the crest of the hill by the cemetery.

The board voted on these board positions and approved:

Diane President, Ben interim Vice President, Debby Secretary and interim Corresponding Secretary, John Affolter Treasurer.

4. **Discuss minutes from last board meeting**

Diane asked for any changes or corrections. None were offered.

The minutes were approved by board.

**5. Debrief last Community Council meeting** (including how the meeting could be run better and addressing people who brought up issues – what next for them?).

Diane reviewed November 21 public meeting minutes. Comments relevant to specific issues were as follows:

Hunter - Police were going to follow-up re: man camping at top of road by cemetery. Hunter tried to send in form to KCSO but short of time (48 hrs). **Hunter will email Debby about filing this report.**

Kevin - Equity committee has not discussed re-naming Tahlequah dock/area. This is not within Equity Committee charter but some folks on committee are interested in this. John Vezina of WA State Ferries is the person to talk to.

*(Note from last month's Council Nov 17 meeting Minutes: **John Vezina**, Director of Planning, Customer, and Government Relations at Washington State Ferries gave an update. He mentioned the Fauntleroy Ferry terminal process, and that the Ferry service has been looking into giving more terminals traditional tribal names. Mr. Vezina noted that people have suggested consulting the Puyallup Tribe about renaming the Tahlequah terminal because this is a Cherokee name from Oklahoma. Interim President Diane Emerson asked for a straw poll to see if the Council was favorable to consulting with the Tribe about renaming Tahlequah. The poll was in favor of consultation.)*

**Kevin will add the Tahlequah re-naming topic to the agenda for next Equity committee meeting.**

*(Clarification from Kevin on Dec 5: Kevin will let the Equity, Social Justice, and Inclusion Committee members know, at the next Committee meeting, that the Council would like someone to volunteer to be a liaison between the Council and Washington State Ferries on the potential to re-name the Tahlequah terminal.)*

Diane noted that there are missing board members tonight – Jessica Anakar and John Affolter.

Perhaps this is due to icy road conditions or other weather-related issues. **Hunter will call them to see if they are able to attend (7:53pm).**

David Vogel – has volunteered to be interim Vashon Post Office task force chair. The Beachcomber will have an article in upcoming paper.

Equity committee meeting – Ben Carr was unable to log in to make comments using link/calendar for Equity committee. **Kevin put the next meeting date in the chat.**

**6. Sectors and Regular Reports** – Diane will give a report on the environment sector, one of two sectors she has chosen.

Diane noted board members are needed who will connect with various interest sectors on the Island. The person is not necessarily representing these sectors but act as liaison, to be aware of what the sector is doing. **There are quite a few sectors but we would like to have a member assigned to each one, so board members should please think about which one you would like.**

Affordable housing – no board member is currently covering this sector

Business – Diane, Ben Carr

Culture, Art, and History – no one currently

Education – John Affolter

Environment – Diane

For her report on the Environment sector, Diane asked Kevin Jones to share a new effort related to the environment on Vashon. Kevin reported that he is working with the Whole Vashon Project to clarify goals related to environment. Whole Vashon Project felt the legislative effort is an area in which they are lacking. Kevin noted the need to identify areas for specific changes and who is the appropriate entity to connect with legislators. Kevin has been working on this intensely for 5 years. We need to see if the Island wants to be part of this effort.

Debby wondered how members are chosen to give their sector report. Diane noted it has been informal. When a member is ready to speak, they can be put on the agenda. We will be able to cover more sectors as we get more board members.

Faith – no one currently

Food – no one currently

Health and Human Services – Debby

Latino community outreach – no one currently; Michaela may come back from her board leave to re-connect with this one

LGBTQ – no one currently

Recreation – Debby

Safety – Ben (has been a prosecutor and knows the system)

Youth – Dustin Coe (has worked with youth sports and YMCA)

Old Time Vashon (connecting with Islanders who have been here a long time) - no one currently, but Jessica Anakar's name was mentioned as a possibility, since she is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Islander.

#### **7. Identify Board gaps needing filled with remaining board members:**

Liaison Gaps to fill for Liaisons with Key Sectors of the community:

Expertise Gaps needed to run the organization:

Expertise in Wix websites – Diane is learning.

Newsletter design and wording

Managing mailing list and member list

Social media and other publicity – Debby offered to help with this one

Fundraising (events, grants, Paypal donations, other) – basically in the past, we passed the hat among the board to get money.

Diane noted we need more board members to help fill the above gaps. We have 6 board positions to fill. **Please ask friends and acquaintances who are willing to help out, beyond just attending meetings.** Her experience is that board members who put in a lot of work are demoralized when other members are not doing their fair share. **Diane has a list of people she is working to recruit.** We need teamwork. Ben noted he's been on a few boards that he was very involved in but others were not—*why were they there?* However, it is important to not overcommit. Diane noted average workload is 3 hours per week. Pleased to see people saying to V-MCC that we need you to look into issues, eg, post office, etc. We will talk about potential board members in closed session at next meeting. They will be invited to speak to us. **Diane is happy to contact people about being board members.**

#### **8. Treasurer Report** – bank balance, review 2023 budget - John

Hunter talked to John and he said he would be here, but is not. We will skip this agenda item and hope he arrives (he did not).

## 9. Hybrid meetings – Diane

Diane was fascinated with side conversations going on at last public meeting, especially as the meeting was breaking up. She feels it is very important to have in-person contact with others and hopes we get so many people, we outgrow Land Trust space (she is the only one there tonight).

## 10. Website [www.v-mcc.org](http://www.v-mcc.org) - Diane

Rachel Rome did a marvelous job setting up our new website. Diane shared screen with website. Diane has been keeping website up-to-date at this time. She will update the site with new board members, also has committees, people can become members on the V-MCC page, it has a calendar, news, how to contact us, and search capability. It takes TIME to keep this up. Diane, at VHS student fair, was going to ask if there is a student who can use WIX website. The student fair is to be re-scheduled for next Thursday (cancelled today due to snow school cancellation). Diane can't be there Thursday. Will someone go to HS next Thur at 1:15-2:15pm (set-up at 1pm)? Debby offered to be there. Diane will give Debby materials, tablecloth, etc. Dustin offered to be back-up. Debby offered that maybe both she and Dustin could attend together. Diane has a long list of possible tasks students can do, eg, WIX website, etc.

## 11. Ferry Advisory Committee –candidates, procedure – Diane

This is an official committee that works with WSF. V-MCC decides who will represent Vashon-Maury. There are several applicants. Board may select rep for open position (total of 3 people), but Diane felt it would be better for community to decide. So, will have candidates come to Dec 15 public meeting and attendees can ask questions. Board felt that was fine. If applicant can't be at the meeting, then someone can read their info on application (minus private info).

## 12. Committees:

Affordable Housing Committee – no one was here to report.

Communications Committee - Diane is doing all the work for this.

This committee does outreach to social media sites, sends *Beachcomber* the notice of meetings, connects with radio station, posts meeting notices on fb (please comment or like notices you see so it keeps it on the top of the fb page), also does posters to be posted around town, sends info to V-MCC mailing list of 500 folks. Communications need to be timely each month. Used to have a lot of people on the communication committee, so that each person had a task—lots of work for only one! Co-chair in the past has sent info to team so they can do their part.

Debby said she can help with something—Diane said fb posts would be great. Diane will contact Debby about this at a future time.

Equity, Social Justice, and Inclusion Committee - Kevin Jones

Scope of committee is to identify barriers to equity, justice, and inclusion issue. The committee wants to develop ways to act as change-agent to help remove some barriers. Kevin put in chat: *The goal of the Vashon-Maury Island Community Council Equity, Social Justice and Inclusion Committee is to foster responsibility and implementation of best practices to remove equity barriers and to advocate for bias-free norms in the wider community in all business brought to the Council. We envision these equitable actions and responsibilities will evolve to meet the needs of the community.*

*The Committee seeks to develop equity policy recommendations so these best practices may become persistent elements of how the Council actively seeks to address issues affecting*

*Vashon-Maury Island, such as equity, inclusion, social and racial justice / dismantling ablism, while valuing and respecting human dignity.*

Currently, the committee is working on a Land Acknowledgement for V-MCC. Outreach meetings have been lightly attended. On a broader basis, we hope to generate a larger consensus about what we can do to reduce and eliminate barriers. Particularly, what can V-MCC do? What are the barriers, how can we gather info about barriers, where do we find common challenges and barriers, are those barriers more common in certain sectors (eg, LGBTQ, entertainment, etc). We need to protect individual identities in our reporting, especially when there are vulnerabilities in sharing this kind of information.

Board will need to hear reporting and decide if it wants to change in response to findings or not. Kevin felt this effort would take the committee about a year to be able to accomplish.

**13. Finalize Meeting Agenda for the December 15 Community Council meeting - Diane**

Diane reviewed the Internal Agenda for the next public meeting.

Debby will take minutes. Nick Simmons will attend to give zoom technical overview. **Someone is needed to check chat during public meeting**—it is too much for chair to do. Marco Milanese reported that the FAA will not be there, but he may still attend to discuss Island noise monitoring. Post Office is a hot topic; need to get this out to the public. Dustin had a question about Post Office task force. David Vogel has offered to be the interim chair. There was a letter to the editor about folks having bigger mailboxes to accommodate packages. The committee and V-MCC could get started working on this. This could generate a lot of public attendance.

**14. Next board meeting:** Thursday, January 5th, 7:30 pm, hybrid meeting at Land Trust building or

Zoom, as desired.

**15. Adjourn**

Debby made a motion to adjourn, Ben seconded. Motion passed. Diane adjourned the meeting at 9:04pm.