

Equity Committee – Agenda – 12/20

6:00 – Ice Breaker – What is your favorite “root vegetable”?

6:10 – Land Acknowledgement

6:12 – Review and approve or revise this agenda

6:14 - Approve or revise notes from 11-15 meeting

6:16 – Volunteer Request – Identify / post an action to support NW tribes at the January V-MCC meeting

Outreach Initiative

6:20 – Check in: Outreach Initiative interviews – All

6:30 – Manually entering interview data? Use [Outreach Data Collection Form R2 \(responses\)](#) spreadsheet.

6:35 - Sign up: Outreach Interview signups by segment – [review document](#)

6:50 – When we think of “inclusion”, what aspirational goals do we have for our Community Council? - All

7:25 - Call for priority topics for our next meeting

7:30 – Adjourn

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December 20, 2023 V-MCC Equity Committee Meeting Notes

Attendees: Kathleen, James, Kevin, Terry, Jess

Meeting started at: 6:07pm

Ice Breaker – What is your favorite root vegetable?

Note: A meeting to discuss the what, why and how of the Outreach Initiative took place at the library on Dec. 1 to bring new folks up to speed. Other ideas on how to better connect folks in the community to resources they need were discussed.

Land Acknowledgement video was shared by Kevin.

Review and approve or revise this agenda: Approved without revision

Approve or revise notes from 11-15 meeting: Approved as published

Volunteer Request – Identify / post an action to support NW tribes at the January V-MCC meeting

- James will post actions in December and January

Outreach Initiative

Check in: Outreach Initiative interviews – Members gave feedback regarding our progress (or lack thereof), ie, difficulty getting responses, many interviewees identified do not have a volunteer signed up.

Sign up: Outreach Interview signups by segment. Group agrees that we need to take time at the next meeting to go line by line through the signup sheet and try to get more committee members signed up to interview those on the list.

When we think of "inclusion", what aspirational goals do we have for our Community Council? Brainstorming yielded some ideas...

- Continue and amplify the public relations campaign about what the Council has accomplished, what it is doing at present and what plans it has for the future. For example, add "brought to you by the Vashon-Maury Community Council" labels to the trashcans the Council persuaded King County to install in Vashon town.
- The Council needs to be seen as an 'institution'. One way to start that process is to have more social gatherings between the Council and the community, ie, summer potluck, etc.
- Lower barriers to connect people's issues with those who can help address the issues, maybe through an ombudsman.

What does it look like for the Council to be more inclusive of sectors?

- Make sector reports a top priority at V-MCC Board meetings
- Have report backs each month from at least half the sector liaisons
- Build relationships with leaders of organizations affiliated with sectors that go ever wider than a Board report back

Topics for next month's meeting.

- Go over sign-up list
- Discuss a possible Committee sub-group focused on how to better connect folks in the community to resources they need

Meeting adjourned: 7:35pm