



11/21/22 Vashon-Maury Community Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Vashon High School Lunchroom/Zoom Hybrid Meeting

Minutes by David Vogel

Meeting Recording:

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Participants

9 In-Person

Debby Jackson
Diane Emerson – board member
Jeff Dunicliff
Jessica Anakar
John Affolter – board member
Justin Hirsch
Kyle Britz – board member
Lisa Devereau
Robert Gibbs

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Alix Clarke
Allison Trundle
Armen Yousoufian
Beka Economopoulos
Ben Carr (He/Him)
Beverly Skeffington (She/Her)
David Hoffmann
David Vogel – board member
Deborah Anderson
Debra Gussin
Dial In: (206) 463-5355
Dustin Coe
Emily Macrae
Erin Durrett
Evy Horton

Hunter Davis (Caroline Hunter Davis) – board member
James Rickard
Jean Berolzheimer
Jenna Riggs
Jessica Lisovsky
John Staczek
John Taylor
John Vezina (He/Him)
Judy Wright
Kevin Jones
Mark Konoske
Mark Rutherford
Michelle R. Stearns
Mike Dawson (Tina Dawson)
Molly's Iphone
Morgan Brown
Nick Simmons – board member
Rich Murphy
Sheila And Richard Doane
Sheila Brown
Steve Macdonald
Susie Murphy
Toni Doane
Virginia Lohr
WIN

Interim President Diane Emerson called this first hybrid meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

John Taylor, Director of Dept of Local Services, gave an update. The KC Council has completed its budget, which funds all County operations, including funding for salmon culvert repair/habitat restoration. The process for the Community Needs List will be started again soon. Permanent garbage cans for Vashon Town should be installed around New Year's. The County is providing assistance for the communities impacted by the Bolt Creek fire. Firewise is a



program that protects homes in wooded areas by using landscape design and vegetation management.

Quorum reached at 7:13. Minutes approved.

King County Sheriff's Office Major Mark Konoske gave an update. There have been very few crimes of violence on Vashon. 82 calls during the last two months, 9 arrests, 3 assaults, mostly domestic violence. Lisa Devereau of Island Funeral Service/Cemetery asked about the man whose truck has been parked at the crest of Cemetery Hill for many months, and who has been the subject of numerous complaints. Major Konoske said he would ask his people about the situation. Ms. Devereau got him to commit to providing a report back to the Community Council in December. Robert Gibbs wanted to know how many reports have been made by the Sheriff's Office regarding the person living at the crest of Cemetery Hill. He was told to send a Public Records Act request for the reports to the Sheriff's Public Disclosure Unit.

Debra Gussin complained about the number of accidents at the curve by JL Scott Realty. Beka Economopoulos and Morgan Brown complained that the 25 mph speed limit at 180th is not being enforced, and as a result deer are getting killed by drivers who are going too fast. And it is dangerous for students, bicyclists, and adult pedestrians.

John Taylor noted that County Roads is part of his Department, and that Roads' traffic engineer would look at requests to lower the speed limits in these areas of Vashon Highway.

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. The Equity, Social Justice, and Inclusion Committee will discuss the renaming of the Tahlequah terminal at their next meeting.

Morgan Brown, Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee reported that at the previous meeting of the Committee the housing project on Gorsuch Road was discussed, as was the County's 2024 Area Plan, and consideration of the P-suffix condition limiting building heights in Town to two stories and 35 feet, as well as the affordable housing overlay in the current Area Plan.

Kevin Jones, of the Equity Committee said that the Committee was developing its mission, and that it was having public meetings to develop a Land Acknowledgment.

Interim President Emerson named the new Community Council Board Members who would take office on December 1st, and had them introduce themselves -

1. Ben Carr



2. Debby Jackson
3. Diane Emerson
4. Dustin Coe
5. Jessica Anakar
6. John Affolter

Ms. Emerson mentioned that Michaela Olavarri has very regretfully chosen to withdraw for now, as she focuses on her food business.

Interim Treasurer John Affolter gave a Treasurer's Report, detailing the proposed budget for 2023 with almost \$3000 in projected expenses. A vote was taken, and the budget was approved by the membership.

Justin Hirsch of the Ferry Advisory Committee gave a brief report, and he and Diane Emerson discussed the process for filling the current vacancy.

A motion to move the meeting days for the Board and the General Meetings had been made at the October General Meeting and after discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. The motion read: "Beginning in December, 2022, the dates for the meetings of the Vashon-Maury Community Council will be the first Thursday for the board at 7:30pm, and the third Thursday for the community, at 7:00pm" This change was approved, and will be reflected in the standing rules.

David Vogel reported on the progress of the dissolution of the VMICC. The new council gave \$300 to the old council for the use of the website, mailing list, and logo. The old council, as part of its dissolution plan, gave the money to Vashon Household, a 501C3 organization. The Articles of Dissolution have been submitted to the Secretary of State. Waiting to hear back.

The Board had voted to include a land acknowledgment at the beginning of every board and membership meeting. After discussion, the membership voted on this change in our standing rules. The motion read: "I move that that the Vashon Maury Community Council change the Standing Rules of Order to have and to be read at the beginning of each Board and Council meeting a Land Acknowledgment Statement. " This motion passed without opposition.

Robert Gibbs discussed and introduced a resolution to support using the King and Kitsap County Passenger Only (PO) boats to supplement the spotty WSF mid-day schedule while we wait for additional WSF boats. His motion was seconded, and will be voted on at the December meeting.

During Open Discussion several people spoke about the horrendous service provided by our understaffed USPS Office, even though the current employees are doing their best, and a decision was made to form a task force. David Vogel, Allison Shirk and Mike Dawson indicated



their willingness to work on this problem. Mr. Vogel was appointed to be the interim Chair of the task force.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 15, 7:00 pm

At 9:00pm, Diane Emerson adjourned the meeting.