

4 Sept, 2024 V-MCC Equity Committee Meeting Notes

Attendees: Kevin, Jessica A., Kathleen, Jenna, Yvonne, James

Meeting started at: 6:07 pm

Ice Breaker – Do you have a story about the expanded King County water taxi?

Land Acknowledgement: shared by Kevin

Review and approve or revise this agenda: Approved as written

Approve or revise notes from 8-21 meeting: Approved as published

Decision: proposed revisions to the EC recommendations narrative - All

Proposed changes to narrative were reviewed and approved by the EC.

Discussion: What provisions should we recommend, if any, to shield the identify of Council members who have a valid need to remain anonymous for their safety?

Current practice is for VMCC to check the attendance to meetings and ensure the individuals are a VMCC member (which involved their identify). Anonymity (for those with a legal “right” to be anonymous) can be easily provided via Zoom. Approved by vote.

Review and Finalize EC recommendation slides to V-MCC Board

Members present “ran through” the presentation to be shared with the BoD on 5 Sept. No changes suggested or made.

It was noted that after this proposal is made and final vote is taken (November) the EC will discuss its future as an Advisory Committee to the VMCC. This will most likely be in Dec/Jan.

Discussion: Should the EC issue statement of support the Thunderbird Treatment Center?

There will be a motion at the upcoming VMCC meeting asking that the VMCC issue a statement of support. Members of the EC generally felt that it is not the role of the EC to render an opinion/statement. If individual members of the EC want to voice their opinion that is fine.

Update on INN

Update provided on fentanyl awareness event on 28 Sept, 11a - 2p (3x2 hour repeated sessions). This will hopefully involve VRSA (mental health class sign-up), Vashon Fire and Rescue (mobile unit), Vashon Healthcare District (update on their expanded services), Vashon Be Prepared and other organizations. This will be the first “event” sponsored by INN. The focus of this event is how to save lives on Vashon and

expanding that through other organizations doing similar work. Additionally, this event is intended to let people on the island know what/how the VMCC can help them. It was suggested that INN talk to Amy Dreyer, CoC (very knowledgeable about use of Narcan).

Call for priority topics for our next meeting

List of 'standing' items was reviewed (see slides). Additional topic included the charter of the EC and its future. Also added an update from INN event on 28 Sept.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:34p