



Minutes: V-MCC Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 16, 2023

Meeting called by: Vashon-Maury Island Community

Meeting Location: Virtual Council Meeting and In Person meeting (Hybrid meeting), at the Land Trust Building

Meeting Chair: Diane Emerson

Platform Host: Diane Emerson

Meeting Minutes: Jessica Anakar, Board member

Start Time: 7:00pm

Quorum Reached: Yes

End Time: 9:03

Meeting Attendees

Board Members Present:

Ben Carr

Diane Emerson

Dustin Coe

John Affolter

Michaela Olavarri

All Attendees (Number): 135

29 Land Trust participants

106 Zoom participants

Access to meeting recording:

Jan 19 Recording:

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- ❖ Raise your hand to be called upon by the chair, the “*Raise hand*” feature can be found in “Reactions” on this platform.
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- ❖ The Democratic Rules of Order are posted and available for reference at <https://www.democraticrules.com>
 - ❖ Speakers must be recognized by the chair before speaking.
 - ❖ We will hear first time speakers before second time speakers, so everyone has a chance to participate if they choose to.

Minutes: of last meeting approved (or approved with corrections)

1. **7:00pm Welcome and Intro:** Diane Emerson: Please stay muted if joining by zoom
2. **Reminder of Community Council Decorum:** The council prides itself on striving to conduct its business in a professional respect, courteous manner, common courtesy for members and guests is expected. Rudeness and bad behavior including the chat in the online sessions will not be tolerated. This is especially so when commenting on council business, or motions raised or discussed before the council members or the board, and most assuredly at committee meetings, understanding and cooperation in this regard of all meeting attendees is sincerely appreciated.
3. **Call to order:** Diane Emerson
4. **Review of the Agenda:** motion to approve the agenda-John Affolter. Seconded. Vote to approve the Agenda: 0 opposed
5. **Minutes:** December 15, 2022 minutes approved: call for revisions or corrections. None noted. minutes marked as approved.
6. **Introduction of Guests:** Palmira Figuera, deputy District Director representative for Pramila Jayapal. Marielle Trumbeuer. Jon Taylor, Director of the Department of Local services. Captain Heather Volpe of King County's Sheriff's office, Port of Seattle: Lance Lyttle. Aviation Manager Director, Tom Fagerstrom, Interim Noise Program Manager and Consultant: Vince Mestre, Bong St. Domingo
7. **Post Office:** David Vogel. Introduction of the PO task force. Issues include difficulties in delivering mail and packages, packages being destroyed, lost, damaged, delayed. Postal workers overworked and understaffed, need hiring and training. Postal service problems at the highest level due to the push for privatization. We can support our postal service by purchasing larger mailboxes and helping with installations. A task force has been set up to study the issues our postal service is experiencing and we appreciate the help of Pramila Jaypal's office to help fix the higher levels. We need Congressional fix for pay levels and living stipends. Please put your name in the chat for helping with the task force. Amazon has been unresponsive to overwhelmed post offices. A list of efforts to help the post office has been placed online by Diane.
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cqWFE-vQRnu3vFh9o1zeRCFncvcriMhv3/edit?usp=sharing&oid=112926953443719010960&rtpof=true&sd=true> We would like to hear from our representative's office about what they



can do to help. We have received a response from Jaypal's representative Palmira Figueroa. Introduction of Palmira Figueroa: We have received many phone calls, We are aware of the problem. Amazon is doing their deliveries through USPS. The Congresswoman has done a couple of things in the last year. She co-sponsored the legislation called Postal Service Report Act passed in February 2022, allowing USPS to work with other agencies to provide non postal services and product services, this may directly affect Vashon's services that this bill or reformation act is going to do for the organization. Integrates retirees into Medicare, increases USPS oversight and transparency. Jaypal is involved on a Federal level and other specific levels. Under the Post Office General planning on replacing aging vehicles, fleet with gas powered trucks and conducting an environmental review for this plan. Working with the EPA around deficiencies, Mr. DeJoy, the post office general, can only be fired by the entity of the USPS board of directors. We are here to listen to your concerns and take note of them. We would not be able to interfere with how a corporation works and delivers products. I can talk to an Amazon contact and raise the question. We do not have influence on how Amazon conducts business. We cannot help with Labor issues or salary of USPS employees and local issues. It is a national organization. Nationwide inflation has affected everyone. Notes will be passed on to our Congresswoman. I am really sorry to hear about what you are going through right now when the economy moves through the USPS and through mailing. I will take notes of all your issues. Diane: Thank you very much, I was sent an article from Crested Butte newspaper indicating USPS increased pay rate and benefits for several locations in Colorado including Crested Butte. We can research how did it work, what we can learn, this is a possibility for us. There is an online link in the Google doc. Ben: In the chat there are suggestions about whether we could provide local ferry service for those workers or provide some other incentives, presumably ferries are run by WSF. Public Comment Mike(recording 23:21). Palmira: I can respond to the question in the chat. President Biden was going to be able to appoint a couple of Democrats to the postal board and postmaster DeJoy could be fired. That is happening and the President is appointing Democrats to the board. Public Comment Elizabeth Shepherd(recording 24:27). Ben: two more questions Mary Martin and David Vogel. Public comment Mary Martin(recording 27:54) Palmira: Our office can inquire to visit and tour the post office and we will keep you updated.

8. **Captain Heather Volpe of the King County's Sheriff's Office:** we have had community concerns about the vehicle parked on Cemetery road. We worked with the Public disclosure unit. Dispatcher communications call for a local deputy last week, the only item recorded in the system. Has anyone here reported to police or 911 or online concerns about an individual connected with the truck off of Cemetery Rd? No one. King County Sheriff's Office had been handling the issue and We all need to be sharing information and concerns. Public Comment Hilary Emmer (recording 36:05) Public Comment Debbie Scott (recording 39:43) Public Comment Kim Roeser(recording 42:43) Public Comment Leslie Hau(recording 43:20) Captain Volpe: We have great resources we can connect individuals to for support. It takes a community to support each other. Public Comment Hilary Emmer(recording 46:08) Public Comment on vehicles crossing the line going down Ferry Hill when there are cars waiting for the ferry.:



Scott Harvey(recording 47:08) Captain Volpe: working with King County Roads evaluation with signage. We can do more. It is a safety issue. This is my last meeting with the community council, transferring to the Criminal Intelligence division. I will help transition the new captain.

9. **John Taylor:** 3 road segment issues waiting for analysis of road segments at our next meeting.

Concerns with traffic issues, We can send out traffic staff to judge traffic conditions and make adjustments. Most noteworthy are flashing lights on Bank Rd across from the Senior Center after a tragic event.

Other concerns include a significant king tide and what is County doing to anticipate the future of climate change and king tides. Road staff are on standby ready to close roads, ready to respond to king tides. The bigger issue is the long term plan. It is disconcerting how it has really impacted members of our community, universally low income. Impact issues were thought to be several decades out. Wildland fire, Bull Creek fire had the potential to overrun 3 decent size communities. We have grants right now with the federal government to do a study. Need to get study done on what we need to construct and maintain a continuous connection between Vashon and Maury island, marshaling resources, King County road services needs funding interventions from state and Federal government, needs fundamental change in State tax structure. several years out projects.

Installed new lighting in commercial districts, concerns about light pollution, light impact has been mitigated and intent is to make people safer. Public Comment Jeff Schnell(recording 1:04:49) Public Comment David Vogel(recording 1:10:11) Public Comment Merrilee Runyan (recording 1:12:38) Public Comment Abbie Horton(recording 1:14:54)

10. **Committee and Board updates:** pass on Affordable Housing committee.

Kevin Jones for the Equity, Social Justice and Inclusion committee: finalizing outreach initiatives, presenting Land Acknowledgement statement. Email Kevin to participate.

David Goebel for Aviation Noise committee: introduction of Lance Lyttle, Aviation managing director summarizing questions and answers for the community. Staff will return to present on more topics that we don't have the time for tonight. Where planes fly is not the call of ports or airports, it is the FAA. Introduction of Tom Fagerstrom, Interim Noise Programs. Presentation shared Vashon Noise Monitoring: recap (recording 1:26:40) Introduction Vince Mestre, Consultant: Wind predominates as the most significant component of the ambient sound environment in aggregate, and when calm the sound level is in the low 30s dB – which is very low from an aviation noise monitoring perspective. 4th of July is the loudest measured day. FAA policy residential land use notice up to 65 DNL. Vashon is lower than a result that would trigger an incompatible



with FAA policy. Rural and urban areas have the same policy. Public Comment Questions(recording 1:43:00) Marielle Trumbauer from Pramila Jayapal's office: Congresswoman's office wrote to the FAA on January 17th asking them to engage directly with Vashon residents about this flight path, but have not received a response yet. The presentation on the Noise Monitoring Results will be available on the website, www.v-mcc.org or by request to info@v-mcc.org

Board update: Michaella Olavarri rejoins our board. Debbie Jackson is leaving.

11. **Progress on Dissolution:** David Vogel: dissolution has been filed with the Secretary of State waiting for response.
12. **Skip Ferry resolution report:** Robert Gibbs not present
13. **New Business: Motion: Kevin Jones: Introduction to legislation solutions on climate change** in support of the goals and aspirations of Vashon-Maury organizations. To be voted on at the next community council meeting. Review full text of the motion below, or view recording 1:54:43. Motion seconded by Steven Bergman. Here is the full wording of the motion:

V-MCC "environment and climate agenda" motion – made and seconded, to be discussed and voted on at our February 16th Meeting

Vashon-Maury islanders place a high priority on protecting the environment and addressing the climate crisis. The organizations listed below have identified near-term legislative outcomes which would support their goals and objectives. The Vashon-Maury Community Council requests our Washington State legislators approve legislation to achieve these outcomes:

- 1) Assure producers are financially responsible for the lifecycle of their products and comply with minimum recycled content criteria (Zero Waste Vashon, Puget Soundkeeper Alliance).
- 2) Reduce environmental damage from tire reefs, incentivize reduced plastic use, increase the number of marine pumpouts and increase the buffer zone between vessels and Orca (Puget Soundkeeper Alliance).
- 3) Create a state program within the Department of Ecology to establish and maintain an up-to-date baseline survey of all Puget Sound shorelines by utilizing new technology to capture and map detailed information via advanced aerial and 360-degree on-the-water imagery. (Sound Action, Puget Soundkeeper Alliance, Vashon Maury Island Audubon).
- 4) Fund outside science review of Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) proposals and a DFW department review to improve fish and wildlife protection (Washington Wildlife First).
- 5) Establish a Washington Rail Solutions Office and expand climate friendly rail service, including rail transport of Eastern Washington agriculture products to increase likelihood of Lower Snake River dam removal (Backbone Campaign).
- 6) Expand capacity of community solar projects and assure community solar owners receive full credit for all the energy they generate (Indivisible Vashon, Vashon Climate Action Group).
- 7) Invest Climate Commitment Act funds equitably and strategically to transition communities to a clean economy. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through land use and transit planning (Vashon Maury Island Audubon).
- 8) Assure consumers have the right to fix their own devices by expanding access to manufacturers' parts, tools, and information (Vashon Makerspace/Tool Library/Fixit Café, Zero Waste Vashon).
- 9) Support state and federal policymakers to urgently fund, plan and implement projects to replace the energy, transportation and irrigation services currently provided by the lower Snake River dams - as essential elements of



a comprehensive plan to protect Snake River salmon and Southern Resident orcas from extinction through dam removal / river restoration (Save Our Wild Salmon).

14. **Community Updates: Joan Wortis on Amerigas:** Many Amerigas customers on Island have not been receiving their gas deliveries. Meeting was held at Land Trust on Jan 4th, passing concerns on to executives of Amerigas. Their Northwest manager addressed concerns, and is making progress on : transparent pricing and visibility, escalation process for unresolved issues, customer service agreement, online account interface. To share your experience, send information to email address: changeagas@gmail.com. Asking Vashon residents to help drivers by making sure driveways are passable.
15. **Open Discussion:** Skip open discussion due to time constraints
16. **Meeting Adjourned** 9:03 pm