



Vashon-Maury Community Council Meeting 12.21.23

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Diane Emerson

Board Members present: Diane Emerson, Debra Gussin, John Affolter, Jessica Anakar (via zoom), and Jamilla Stigall (via zoom)

Land Acknowledgement read by Debra Gussin

Minutes from November meeting approved at 7:10pm.

Zoom recording:

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After a couple of months, this recording will be moved to our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@vashon-maurycommunity3890>

Guests Include: Sgt. Chris Leyba (via zoom), Sparrow Etta- Carlson (via zoom), and David Daw (via zoom)

Community Happenings

1. Holiday decorations
2. Shortest day of the year
3. Free community solstice ritual at Dig Deep on December 22, 2023

7:15

Sheriff's Office Updates with Chris Leyba (via zoom)

1. Confusion about Moorage
 - a. 8am-8pm moorage fee
 - b. Docked without pay is against code
 - c. Citation than tow if necessary downstream
 - d. Education first, consequences next
2. Wrong way ferry concerns

- a. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uMj2h_h7d7IM9ApysYYIXsJwg3PDi9ai/view?usp=sharing
3. Statistics for collisions and traffic tickets (along Vashon Hwy SW) Please see his presentation here:
 - a. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uMj2h_h7d7IM9ApysYYIXsJwg3PDi9ai/view?usp=sharing
4. New proactive deputies patrolling island

7:20

Sparrow Etta Carlson
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1. National Homeless Memorial Day
 - a. 334 homeless individuals died this year in King County
 - b. Moment of silence to honor lives lost and lived
2. King County Regional Homeless Authority
 - a. What is KRHA
 - b. Formed to unify our region around shared responsibility and accountability
 - c. Mission to decrease homelessness
 - d. Create homeless response system
 - e. Five-year plan approved June 2023
 - f. Current system capacity
 - g. Success equals more housing options
 - h. Sub regional planning
3. Questions
 - a. Jeff
 - i. Comment about overpopulation and lack of discussion about population growth
 - b. Rick
 - i. Question regarding placement
 - ii. IFCH
 - c. Sebastian Fay

- i. Question regarding rise in taxes, any concerns about how property taxes adversely impact at risk vulnerable demographics?
- ii. Equitable trauma informed education?

7:50

Vashon Local Election Winners

1. Martha Woodard (School Board)
2. Juniper Rogneby (School Board)
3. Catherine Sullivan (Cemetery District)
4. Hans Van Dusen (Parks District)
5. Brigitte Schran Brown(Fire Department)
6. Bob McMahon (Parks District)
7. Candy Mccullough (Fire Commissioner)

8:00

Kevin Jones

1. Motion #1
 - a. Vashon-Maury islanders place a high priority on protecting the environment and addressing the climate crisis. The Vashon-Maury Community Council requests our Washington State legislators approve legislation to urgently fund, plan and implement projects to replace the energy, transportation and irrigation services currently provided by the lower Snake River dams as part of a comprehensive strategy to restore a healthy river, protect salmon and orcas from extinction, and uphold our nation's promises to Northwest Tribes. This legislature action is a priority goal of Save our Wild Salmon.
 - b. Passed
2. Motion #2
 - a. Vashon-Maury Islanders place a high priority on protecting the environment and addressing the climate crisis. The Vashon-Maury Community council requests our Washington State legislators approve legislation to achieve these outcomes. The following legislative actions are priority goals of the Vashon Climate Action Group
 - i. Remove specific impediments to community solar projects and assure new rooftop solar owners receive full credit for the energy to generate.
 - ii. Establish a method for energy labeling of existing residential buildings which could be used as a condition of sale.

- iii. Major industry groups have stated the desire to weaken Washington's landmark cap and invest law (the Climate Commitment Act) in the 2024 legislative session. We urge our legislators to reject those proposals, as they will only serve to delay the ongoing transition to cleaner and less expensive transportation fuels based on renewable electricity. Any legislative relief from high fuel prices should focus on enhancing clean transportation options for those in our state with the greatest financial need.
- iv. Protect Washington State consumers from funding the political activities of their electric utilities.

b. Passed

3. Motion #3

- a. Vashon Maury islanders place a high priority on protecting the environment and addressing the climate crisis. The Vashon-Maury Community Council requests our Washington State legislators approve legislation to achieve these outcomes. The following legislative actions are priority goals of Zero Waste Vashon Fix-it-Café:
 - i. Assure producers are financially responsible for the lifecycle of their products and comply with minimum recycled content criteria.
 - ii. Assure consumers have the right to fix their own devices by expanding access to manufacturers' parts, tools, and information.

b. Passed

4. Motion #4

- a. Vashon-Maury islanders place a high priority on protecting the environment and addressing the climate crisis. The Vashon-Maury Community Council requests our Washington State legislators approve legislation to achieve the outcomes below. The following legislative actions are priority goals of Solutionary Rail, a project of Backbone Campaign, in coalition with other rail advocacy groups forming the Rail Can't Wait Campaign.
 - i. Redirect Climate Commitment Act funds for rail projects implemented by 2030-2035.
 - ii. Revise the rail curve over I-5 near Dupont and build the 110 mph track for Amtrak Cascades.
 - iii. Plan for barge replacement on the Lower Snake River in southeast Washington with a benefit cost analysis of short line rail between.
 - iv. Revise passenger rail service from Seattle and Auburn to Ellensburg, Yakima, Tri-Cities, and Spokane.
 - v. Electricity rail yards-Replace dirty diesel locomotive engines.
 - vi. Enhance Washington State's rail planning and management capacity: Create a Dedicated Rail Office and Rail Advisory Group.

- b. Bill Moyer (Rail Can't Wait)
- c. Passed

John Affolter, Treasurer

Proposed 2024 Budget, Passed. See details here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Poiz0cU7l-6luUTXqHbDHEQmiiUG0E7h/edit?usp=sharing&oid=105837948183187539964&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Rick Shrum

1. Candidate introduction
2. Endorsement
3. Confirmed

Next meeting Thursday January 18, 2024

Minutes by Jamilla Stigall