



# Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2024

## Vashon-Maury Community Council Meeting

*Our Grassroots, Unofficial Community Forum*

Last update: Sept 24, 2024

**Location:** Vashon Presbyterian Church, 17708 Vashon Hwy SW, **and on Zoom**

Minutes submitted by Ann Thorn, Board Member

Board Members Present:

1. Ann Thorn - Board member
2. Ben Carr - Board member
3. Debra Gussin - Vice President
4. Diane Emerson – President
5. Elena Camarillo - Board member
6. Jamilla (Milla) Stigall - Secretary
7. Jessica Anakar - Corresponding Secretary
8. Steven Nourse - Board member
9. Tammy Dye - Treasurer

YouTube Recording of the Meeting: <https://youtu.be/ixzUBQrqp74>

Attendance:

78 people in person, approximately 117 online, for approximately 195 total attendees

Times are approximate.

6:00 Doors Open People who wanted to speak in person during the open discussion about the Thunderbird Treatment Center, signed up on the list which was made available at 6:30. People who wished to speak on Zoom raised their hands electronically, and Zoom determined who was first to speak.

6:30- 7:00. Networking and Informal welcome to the meeting as people joined the meeting.

Zoom Co-Hosts: Jamie Wolf, Andie Carter, Jamilla Stigall

7:00 **Brief Technical Overview** for Zoom and In Person Meeting Attendees: Stay muted unless speaking, sign on with phone OR computer, not both. Democratic Rules of Order link will be posted. <https://www.democraticrules.com/> How to raise **and lower** hands to speak to a motion or participate in open discussion.

For people calling in, they will need to unmute themselves with \*6 and let us know they wish to speak.

People were encouraged to raise their hands. Questions on chat may not be answered. If someone wishes to take on the task of speaking for the person chatting, they are welcome to do that.

The use of microphones are important. Please remember to speak slowly and clearly into the microphone when it is your turn.

In-person attendees, please turn off your cell phones.

Remind people that only members can vote. We do our votes using the Good Faith Voting system in meetings

7:01 **Formal Welcome** (call to order) – Diane Emerson. Began Zoom Recording. Acknowledged Board Members present.

Reminder: The Council prides itself on striving to conduct its business in a professional, respectful and courteous manner. Common courtesy and respect for fellow Islanders and guests are expected. Rudeness, personal criticism, and ridicule (including the “chat” contributions in online meetings) are not acceptable, nor will they be tolerated.

Diane gave a brief explanation of motions, amendments, and who can vote.

7:03 **Land Acknowledgment:** Board member Elena Camarillo

7:04 **Minutes** of the [August 15](#) meeting were approved.

7:05 **Introduction of Guests** - (anyone from KC or off island) Chris Lampkin, Deputy Chief of Staff, for King County Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, via Zoom.

7:06 Diane made a **Call for candidates** for Community Council Board Elections: She explained the responsibilities and why it is important

7:08 **Introduction and Endorsement Vote on New Board Member Ann Thorn**

Ann was voted in as a new board member.

**7:10 Open Discussion: What's On Your Mind? What Issues Do You Want Us To Cover?** Jane Valencia, Vashon Loop - 2 minutes, Kip Jurus, 1 minute

(17:16 Zoom video) Jane Valencia clarified that the Loop did not make a derogatory statement about native Americans. She described the standards for The Loop's publishing.

Morgan Brown, member of the town plan committee, put in an opposing viewpoint to Berney O'Malley's article in The Loop regarding the comp plan.

**7:20 Discussion Thunderbird Treatment Center - 90 minutes budgeted**

**FAQ on Thunderbird: review this before speaking, in case it answers your question/comment/issue.** [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1veHd-ikPs\\_di4bRhxpUm0Vgar56PVjY0aM0sWRrAiOs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1veHd-ikPs_di4bRhxpUm0Vgar56PVjY0aM0sWRrAiOs/edit?usp=sharing)

**Parameters:** All speakers had a time limit, from 2-3 minutes. 90 minutes was allocated for this community discussion.

People were encouraged to share their public comments in a written statement [here](#)

We voted on 2 motions after the discussion.

**8:50 How We Will Handle Voting -**

Diane explained how voting will be handled both in person and in Zoom.

**Discussion and Vote on Endorsing the Thunderbird Treatment Center:** At the Aug 15 meeting, Dune DeSmet made the following motion: "I, on behalf of and with support from an island community group, Friends of Thunderbird, move that the Vashon-Maury Community Council endorse the effort to bring Thunderbird Treatment Center to Vashon as soon as possible, given that the addiction crisis is a reality on Vashon-Maury Island as well as in King County." Speakers will be limited to 1 minute for this discussion.

Dune withdrew the motion stating that the intent was not to cause divisiveness within the community. Two people objected to the motion being withdrawn therefore the vote proceeded.

**Vote Results:** Motion to Endorse Thunderbird Center:

For: 97 (37 in person, 60 online)

Against: 26 (6 in person, 20 online)

**Re-Vote Results.** Related to this motion, last month's motion by Katy Ballard did not pass. Because at least one person on Zoom did not receive a ballot to vote, the vote for the Zoom attendees was done again, using Election Buddy software sent to members who were on the Zoom call when the vote took place. See Election Buddy results [here](#). The final results of the vote:

In Favor: 53 in person + 23 Zoom = 76

Against: 52 in person +87 Zoom = 139

### 9:15 Discussion and vote on community meeting with King County re: Zoning

Lisa Peyer introduced this motion Aug 15. It was seconded. "A motion for the Vashon Community Council to write to the King County Council and County Executive, asking them to conduct and attend (in person or via Zoom/on-line) a public meeting to allow Vashon residents to share their thoughts and concerns about how zoning changes in the County Council's striking amendments to the King County Executive's proposed 10-year Comprehensive Plan would impact their lives and the island community. It is requested that the meeting take place within 20 business days of the passage of this motion."

Note: Lisa has proposed to withdraw this motion, and will not be attending the Sept 19 meeting. Victoria Barr has taken up the motion in her stead.

**Vote Results:** Motion to invite King County to talk about the comp plan changes

For: 63 (24 in person, 39 online)

Against: 35 (11 in person, 24 online)

This is the final wording on the motion that passed and was moved by Victoria Barr.

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requested that the meeting take place within 20 business days of the passage of this motion."

Other than Victoria, speakers were limited to 1 minute for this discussion.

Background: The comprehensive plan now is proposing changes that affect our Rural Town. This [document](#) was provided to learn more.

9:40 **Community Updates** - Sept 28 Drug Overdose Event: Jessica Anakar

9:42 **Next Meeting**: Thursday, October 17: Elections this month

**Adjourn**