



Minutes for March 21, 2024 Vashon-Maury Community Council Meeting

Location: Land Trust Building and on Zoom
Land Trust Building
10014 SW Bank Rd, Vashon, WA 98070, USA

Link to YouTube Video of the meeting:

<https://youtu.be/Cj4rLepg1Sc?si=kHZDnW59tXIK8mDt>

7:00 **Brief Technical Overview** for Zoom and In Person Meeting Attendees - Diane

7:01 **Call to Order** – Diane Emerson. A quorum was quickly established. We had over 160 attendees, about equally divided between in-person and zoom attendance. Zoom was recorded.

Introduction of Board Members present.

Reminder that we follow the Rules of Democratic Order and also expect common courtesy and respect for others. We will not be using Zoom Chat.

7:02 **Land Acknowledgment:** Diane Emerson

7:02 **Approved Minutes** of the February 15th meeting

7:03 **Introduction of Guests:**

- Washington State Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, King County Council District 8
- Seattle Indian Health Board representatives: Esther Lucero (Diné), president and CEO; Jason Owens, COO; Wayne Harvey, Executive Assistant
- Bong Sto. Domingo, King County.

7:04: **Community Happenings, Island Celebrations:** Nonprofit Leadership Fair at the High School Sat, March 23 from 11-1. April 8 total eclipse for some, partial for us. Maxes out at 11:30 am for us.

7:05 **Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda** – Joined by Zoom and provided updates on several issues important to Vashon, followed by brief Q&A:

1. Plans to increase water taxi service beginning July 2024 as result of shared efforts and advocacy. Work continues to expand ferry service, as well as buses and shuttles to the water taxi.
2. The dept of Natural Resources and Parks will not pursue creation of a dog park at Wax Orchard, based on community feedback.
3. Town Hall to discuss the Comprehensive Town Plan for Vashon on Thursday, 4/4 at 5:30pm.

7:35 **Seattle Indian Health Board (SIHB)** - Introduction by Jessica Anakar, V-MCC board member. Presentation with updates on plans for the Thunderbird Treatment Center provided by Esther Lucero. (See attached powerpoint.)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aZEdV3PCBrJqhiY-WEPkwwh-XXQIBfJY/view>

Brief discussion co-facilitated by Yves Susskind, Islander and owner of Praxis Associates, and by Shelley Means (Ojibwe/Lakota): Islander, community organizer around health equity and board member of SIHB. For those who didn't get a chance to ask their question, we suggested they email SIHB directly at thunderbirdinfo@sihb.org.

8:15 **Resolution Supporting Islanders for Ferry Action, IFA** - Amy Drayer, Executive Director, Vashon Island Chamber of Commerce presented the resolution (copied below). It was moved and seconded that we bring to a vote at our April 18th meeting.

“Vashon Island residents have been burdened by a ferry transportation crisis that seriously affects our livelihoods, health access, and local small businesses.

Whereas, the Vashon Island Chamber of Commerce launched the Islanders for Ferry Action (IFA) initiative in 2023 to address the growing Washington State Ferries crisis through an advocacy campaign of educational outreach to state and county decision-makers.

Whereas, IFA has rallied islanders to inventory the effects of the crisis on our community and develop over 50 potential solutions that could help alleviate the crisis, published in the November, 2023 community report: "An Island in Crisis, Focused on Solutions."

Whereas, the Vashon-Maury Community Council is a vital community organization advancing community voice, empowerment, and action;

Therefore be it resolved that the board of directors and the Vashon-Maury Community Council supports the Islanders for Ferry Action and their valuable work as a community partner.

This resolution in no way commits the Council to a specific action or binds the organization financially in any way, but is a pledge to support the mission and goals of IFA to be expressed in manners suitable to the Vashon-Maury Community Council.”

8:10 Overnight Emergency Shelter Discussion and questions - Kim Nelson
Shelter lead for Vashon Be Prepared

8:30 Vashon Town Planning Committee Resolution - David Vogel shared a resolution that modifies the current version of the King County Comprehensive Plan to better ensure development of affordable housing.

[Click here](#) to see the resolution.

8:45 Open Discussion:

- **Rick Shrum** - Zoning change to RA 5 on the North End
- **John Affolter:** Will be stepping down from the board next month as his term is nearly complete. He encouraged other community members to consider joining the council board.

9:05 Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 18, 6:30 pm Mingle with refreshments. Topics: Comprehensive Plan, Vote on Ferry Resolution, Vote on Resolution on Vashon Town Development for King County Comprehensive Plan

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debra Gussin.