



Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2024

Vashon-Maury Community Council Meeting

Last update: May 22, 2024

Location: Zoom Only for This Month, due to COVID among the board

Zoom Recording:

https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/JsfUi06sda-bFzauuH_mkgo8UZ9_nCZQdn5_xmg7WIM2eeP7fgu_2cPqojNX8ytM.AXOc_Ld3dkuXXkEs

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Recording on our YouTube channel: YouTube: https://youtu.be/YaXiF7MBR_w

Attendees: 51

Times are approximate.

Minutes taken by Jamilla Stigall, Secretary

Meeting Chair: Debra Gussin, Vice President

Co-hosts: Diane Emerson, President, Tammy Gussin, Treasurer:

7:00 **Brief Technical Overview** for Zoom 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.

If you have signed on with anything other than your first and last name, please change it on Zoom so we can know who members are for voting on motions.

7:01 **Formal Welcome** (call to order) – Debra Gussin. **Begin Zoom Recording.** Acknowledge Board Members present.

7:03 **Land Acknowledgment:** Debra Gussin

7:04 **Approved minutes** of the last meeting: [Minutes from April 18](#)

7:05 **Introduction of Guests** (anyone from KC or off island) Karen Brubeck from PSE attended, as did Bong Sto Domingo from King County Dept of Local Services

7:06: **Community Happenings, Island Celebrations:** Day of Exile commemoration, Sunday, May 19, Ober Park, 2pm.

Vashon PRIDE Street Dance: Friday, June 7, 5-8 PM @ Vashon Theater Backlot

7:10 **VIFR, Chief Matthew Vinci**, spoke on the Community risk reduction program. There is no fee for Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) services. The cost is covered by the levy funds. How can they help? You can refer yourself, or refer someone you know needs help to them.

- Establish or re-establish primary care
- Fall prevention services
- Non-emergent medical assistance by our MIH Registered Nurse
- Medication management
- Home safety checks
- Connecting patients with mental health and substance use support
- Connection to senior services in King County
- Assistance with transition from hospital to home

Learn more here: <https://vifr.org/mih/>

To reach them, call 206-463-2405, or mih@VIFR.org

7:30 **Discussion and Votes regarding Puget Sound Energy and King County Tree Wire Program**

The PSE Activity Advisory Committee was initiated in February as a response to Puget Sound Energy (PSE) upgrading activities on the Island, impacting street frontage trees and vegetation that provide a buffer between private property and our roads. As part of our activities, it has been confirmed that every pole on island is currently on a 'clear zone' program with King County (KC) Roads, requiring infrastructure to be moved 10ft back from the 'fog line' (edge of the road). In general, this moves infrastructure off the public Right of Way (ROW) and onto private property and PSE's easement acquisition program has ensued, with utility easements involving rights to clear all trees and vegetation. This program has clear implications for street frontages, vegetation and property rights for the whole island.

Motion 1 Passed: "The Vashon-Maury Community Council (V-MCC) calls upon PSE to restore property rights enshrined in statute into new easement agreements entered into with Islanders, including updating the language of PSE's Standard Overhead Easement Clause #4 to mirror the language of RCW 64.12.035(1)(c). In cases involving potential threats to PSE's systems by vegetation, RCW 64.12.035(1)(c) requires that PSE "attempts written notice by mail... indicating the intent to act or remove vegetation and secures agreement from the affected property owner of record for the cutting, removing, and disposition of the

vegetation." Right now, PSE's Standard Overhead Easement Clause #4 eliminates the requirement that PSE obtain, or even attempt to obtain, a property owner's agreement. Out of respect for Islanders' property rights, that should change."

Motion 2 Passed: "The Vashon-Maury Community Council (V-MCC) calls on King County (KC) Department of Local Services (DLS) to present a community wide public briefing summarizing the KC Roads 'clear zone' program."

Amended Motion 3 Passed "The V-MCC requests that King County pause the requirement that PSE "bring all non-compliant old poles into compliance" with the King County 'clear zone' program (which PSE is pursuing through easement acquisition) until V-MCC, King County, and PSE have resolved PSE activity issues with the Vashon community with the creation of a comprehensive plan regarding traffic safety and upgrades in the electrical system, allowing Vashon-Maury islanders the opportunity to express their preferred options to address Vashon's just and unique needs as an island."

These resolutions will be sent on to the appropriate people in PSE and King County. Here are links to additional info on this issue.

1. [Frequently Asked Questions](#) You may have a question not on this list, that should be added. If so, please contact Jenny Bell at jennybell111@protonmail.com
2. [PSE Options](#)
3. [Preserving Street Frontage Trees](#)
4. [May 16 Info from PSE on Bainbridge Island Undergrounding](#)

9:10 **Introduction and vote on new board member Elena Camarillo Approved**
Welcome Elena!

9:15 **Community Heritage Trails - Steve Bergman.** Motion Moved and Seconded. We did not have time to discuss this motion at this meeting. Discussion and Vote will take place at the June 20th meeting.

Here is the proposed motion:

WHEREAS, Vashon-Maury Island heritage trail community groups installing interpretive signs celebrating local history are proposing a King County sign code exemption be added to King County sign code section 21A.20.030 to allow these signs on private properties and in non-obstructive road right of ways in our local communities;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the board of directors and the Vashon-Maury Community Council support the efforts of Ellisport and Burton communities to seek exemptions to the King County sign code in order to move forward with their heritage trail projects.

You can read background on this issue [here](#)

For more info on this motion, please contact Steve Bergman at sbergmanvashon@gmail.com

Community Updates - No Time

Open Discussion - No Time

9:20 **Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 20, 6:30 pm Mingle with refreshments.
Discussion and Vote on Community Heritage Trail Signage, Hospital District Update,
Update from Board Retreat.

Adjourn