



Vashon-Maury Community Council Meeting 10.19.23

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Diane Emerson

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved at 7:20pm.

Zoom recording:

https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/4sX1w68FGMItdtEq19ThBi8l22nza9EQ4Bu_SsvIUmc9NV58FsEVjNkQ3N6zS4P.lpXBirbUj8WFVDqg

Passcode: @ec@E50

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

Guests: Sgt. Whitacre (via zoom), Danielle De Clercq, Sara Estiri

Land Acknowledgment read by Ben Carr at 7:04pm

- Diane Emerson (7:05)
 - Agenda
 - Community Happenings
 - Sheriff's Update
 - Survey Results
 - Open Discussion
- Community Happenings (7:07)
 - Halloween celebration
 - Highway Closed
 - Amy Drayer
 - \$10,000 fundraising goal reached to purchase road signs.
 - Bird King Troll at Point Robinson
 - Vashon Pharmacy offering flu and covid vaccines.
- Sgt. Whitaker (7:10)
 - Visibility concerns prior meeting.
 - Additional patrol requested.
 - Arrests downtown, possibly theft related.



- Speeding citations
- Drug activity being addressed.

- Extra officer on Halloween for traffic control
- Encouraged to call non-emergency line so resources can be connected to unhoused individuals and people experiencing mental health difficulties. (206) 296-3311
- Question about homeless population increase near RoseBallen.
 - No new enforcements like arrests or direct police action
 - Encouraged to call when there are issues such as safety and cleanliness.
 - People can be connected to county resources but cannot be forced to use them.
 - Patrols checking areas of concern.
- Question about resources for someone in uptown area experiencing crisis such as services and phone numbers to call as situation and behavior escalates.
 - Encouraged non-emergency number to reach deputy.
 - Community service officers (CSOs) have offered to spend a day on Vashon.
 - CSOs do not carry weapons.
 - They concentrate on connecting individuals to community resources and social services.
 - Specialized in unhoused addiction issues.
 - Can be coordinated through the Sheriff's office.
 - Skyway, and White Center and willing to come to Vashon.
 - (206)296-3311

- Danielle De Clercq Deputy Director for the Department of Local Services
 - Introduction of Community Needs List survey.
 - Community Connector Grant
 - 2nd Community needs list, 1st during covid did not get response wanted.
 - Community Needs List (CNL). What are they?
 - A list of services, programs, and capital improvement.
 - 11 service areas
 - The reason for doing them is that the county is traditionally focused more on the cities.



- The Department of Local Service developed an official way to report the needs of unincorporated king county back to the county.
- County is not required to implement anything on the community needs.
- Goal to elevate island voices to get more funding into unincorporated king county.
- King County Divisions Involved with CNL's (funding different for each one)
 - Department of Executive Services
 - Department of Local Services
 - Metro Transit
 - Executive Office
 - Department of Community and Human Services
 - King County Sheriff's Office
 - King County Information Technology
 - Department of Natural Resources & Parks
 - Public Health
- Vashon/Maury Island Survey Results
 - 321 surveys for Vashon
 - 113 for public transportation and roads biggest issue
 - Ferry big issue
 - 80 for Housing and Land Use
 - Housing and land use (policy area)
 - 36 Health and Human Services
 - 30 Environment, Farmland, and Parks
 - 13 Disaster Preparedness
 - 13 Crime Community Safety
 - 8 Youth and Child Services
 - 7 Illegal Dumping
 - 6 Workforce Development



- Community needs list every 2 years.
- Questions
 - Water Taxi (Metro)
 - Budget submitted September, October, and passed in November.
 - At the end of 2024 submitting one year budget then after every 2 years.
 - Question about demographics and equity
 - Question about Biden infrastructure funds and roads funding
- Public Transportation & Roads
 - 50 for other transit needs
 - 33 for Roadway bike infrastructure & safety
 - 27 for Transit service
- Housing and Land Use
 - 96 for Housing
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- Health and Human Services
 - 30 for Healthcare Access
 - 15 Senior Services
 - 14 Homelessness
- Environment, Farmland, Parks, and Open Spaces
 - 13 for County and Park Facilities
 - 11 for Habitat and Ecosystems
 - 10 for Water Resource Protection
- Public and Community Safety
 - 12 for Crime and Traffic Enforcement
 - 4 for Emergency Management
 - 4 for Policing Priorities
- Youth and Early Childhood Services



- 8 for Childcare
- 3 for Early Childhood Supports
- 3 for Youth Programs and Services
- Services, Infrastructure, and Utilities
 - 8 for Recycling and Composting
 - 4 for Internet Access
 - 2 for Access to King County Services
- Community, Economic, and Workforce Development and Resources
 - 6 for Workforce Development
 - 3 for Farmer's Markets
 - 1 for Small Business Funding
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 - 3 for Farmers Markets
 - 1 Small Business Funding
- Process: From survey to budget requests
- Validity Question about whether survey represents Vashon?
- Did Economic and Workforce Development Grant influence survey results?
- Citizen Recommendation to look at most impacted people who may not have access to survey.



- Who do we contact to get involved in the process?
 - SaraEstiri@kingcounty.gov
- Next Steps: Learn and Share

- Diane Emerson Next Steps for survey data (8:10)
 - Continue to evaluate the feasibility of survey responses.
 - Share detailed survey results with community.
 - Share community requests from survey by division back to community.
 - Report on 2021 -2022 CNL item status
 - Vashon adds additional requests if needed and prioritizes community needs list request.
 - Demographics questions left unanswered.
 - Go to <https://www.publicinput.com/communityneeds>

- Community announcements (8:20)
 - New business Wonder Factory Lillian Abelha
 - Fauntleroy ferry meeting Wednesday October 25th 6-8pm (zoom) register online.
 - Election Day be sure to vote.
 - Storm water control and reducing toxic chemical use in your home free resources, funding from King County. Email Michael Laurie for more info, mlaurie@mindspring.com
 - Mini grants available
 - King County Budget Rate vs Inflation and how it relates to funding.
 - Focus on 3 major issues for county to fund.
 - Get Community behind one or two different things.
 - We need more advocating for counties.
 - Is there advocacy we can do as a Community Council?
 - King County Budget shortfall predicted in 2024.
 - General/Flexible Fund



- Doesn't affect all divisions.
- Some divisions have different sources of revenue.
- Equity Committee Events
 - Rise Up Northwest in Unity Convening, hosted by Tulalip Resort, event free, registration online.
<https://allevents.in/tulalip/rise-up-northwest-in-unity-convening/200025584843256>
- Get out the Vote (November 7th) Costume Party October 25
 - Meet at ferry dock at 8:05 then ride ferries.
 - Ride the triangle route and have breakfast at Sportys after.
- Call for community members to join the board.
 - Room for 12
 - Members 6
 - Current term now through November next year
- November 7th – remember to Vote!
- 8:40 motion to adjourn approved.
- Next annual meeting is Thursday November 16th at 7pm on Zoom or in the Community Land Trust Building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Minutes submitted by J. Stigall (Secretary)