



Minutes for August 15, 2024 Vashon-Maury Community Council Meeting

Our Grassroots, Unofficial Community Forum

Last update: Sept 2, 2024

Approved September 19, 2024

Vashon Center for the Arts (and on Zoom)
19600 Vashon Hwy SW, Vashon, WA 98070

Unfortunately, the meeting was not recorded. The computer malfunctioned.

Attendees: An estimated 150 in the auditorium. 366 participated on Zoom or by phone, for an estimated 516 attendees.

Minutes taken by Jamilla Stigall, Secretary

6:30- 7:00. Networking and Informal welcome

7:00 **Call to order, Welcome and Brief Technical Overview** for Zoom and In Person Meeting Attendees - Diane Emerson

Acknowledged Board Members present:

1. Ben Carr - Board member
2. Debra Gussin - Vice President
3. Diane Emerson – President
4. Elena Camarillo - Board member
5. Jamilla (Milla) Stigall - Secretary - arrived later in the meeting
6. Jessica Anakar - Corresponding Secretary
7. Tammy Dye - Treasurer

This reminder was read: 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.

Land Acknowledgment: Diane

Approved minutes of the last meeting **with one correction:** Please review the Minutes from [June 20, 2024](#) We didn't meet in July, so these are the most recent minutes.

Introduction of Guests (anyone from KC or off island) King County Road Services: Broch Bender, Communications and Customer Service Manager • Tricia Davis, Director of Road Services • JoAnn Kosai-Eng, County Road Engineer. King County Real Estate Services: Kerri Schaefer, Utility Franchise Program Manager, Bong Sto Domingo, King County Local Services, and the new director of King County Department of Local Services, Leon Richardson.

King County Roads, on Clear Zone Road Standards King County Road Services • Broch Bender, Communications and Customer Service Manager • Tricia Davis, Director of Road Services • JoAnn Kosai-Eng, County Road Engineer King County Real Estate Services • Kerri Schaefer, Utility Franchise Program Manager

[Their presentation](#) is in response to our motion passed at the May 16 meeting: "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."

Questions for Puget Sound Energy (PSE) are to be sent to info@v-mcc.org for sharing with PSE so they can be answered in writing.

Open Discussion: What's On Your Mind? What Issues Do You Want Us To Cover? 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." The motion was seconded, and some discussion took place. The vote will take place at the September 19 meeting.

Introduction and Vote on Steven Nourse as board member, and Call for Candidates for Community Council Board Elections - Steven Nourse was voted in as a board member. Welcome, Steven!

Strawberry Festival Results: We had a great booth, and many visitors. The raffle we held turned out to be not allowed by state law because people buying raffle tickets must be able to deduct the raffle purchase price from their taxes. As a 501C4, donations to the Community Council are not tax deductible, so we can never hold a raffle. The ticket holders were contacted to refund the price of the tickets, and the donors of raffle items have been contacted as well, to return their gifts.

Discussion and Vote on Proposed Zoning for Drug Rehab and Psychiatric Hospitals

This motion was moved by Katy Ballard and seconded at the June 20th meeting,

Motion: “That the Vashon Community Council inform King County Councilmembers and the Executive that Vashon residents must be given their legal right to a public forum about this new zoning that would allow drug rehab and psychiatric hospitals in any residential neighborhood on Vashon.”

Katy proposed a change of wording to this motion, but there were more than two objections to her change, so they were not allowed. The motion failed, but Barbara Wells said she did not see the Zoom poll. Because of this problem with that vote, the vote will be re-done using an online election service. The list of voting members at the beginning of the Aug 15 meeting will be used for the online re-vote, which will be set up the week of August 19 for Zoom attendees at the time of the original vote.

Discussion and Vote on Resolution to oppose Initiative 2117

Steve Bergman presented this motion at the June meeting: “Vashon Maury Islanders care about protecting the climate. Initiative 2117, which will appear on the November ballot, would allow climate polluters to resume polluting our air and water for free. The Vashon-Maury Community Council opposes initiative 2117 and commits to adding our name to the list of coalition partners on the No 2117 website in support of the motion: <https://no2117.com/> “

The motion passed with a vote of 155 to 25

We will add the Council’s name to the list of “No 2117” coalition partners and send a letter to them confirming our opposition to Initiative 2117

New Motion Requesting King County Forum for Vashon

The following motion was made by Lisa Peyer and 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.”

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 19. Come early to connect with your neighbors. The meeting begins at 7pm. We have set aside a full hour for community discussion of the Thunderbird Treatment Center and discussion and vote on the Community Council endorsing the Center.

9:30 pm Adjourn