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MINUTES: Vashon-Maury Community Council Meeting, Thursday, July 16, 2026 7-9 p.m.

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Vashon Land Trust 10014 SW Bank Rd or Join by Zoom

Youtube recording available at https://youtu.be/3_OzDiRoQ9I?is=I56MR1Fq-vvkNTy9

Please arrive for the Council Meeting at least by 6:55 pm.

Resources: [V-MCC Bylaws](#); [V-MCC Standing Rules](#) (both as revised November 21, 2024)
[Democratic Rules of Order](#)

President: *Confirmed that Zoom Recording, AI Summarization, and Close Captioning were initiated.*

Zoom-Monitor for this meeting was requested: Andy Hamperstein
Clean Up Captain for this meeting was requested: Armen Yousefian

Volunteers for Fundraising, Policy, and Board Nomination Committees were requested, interested persons please contact JC Graham, president@v-mcc.org.

“What’s On My Mind” was moved to New Business.

Brief Technical Overview

Call to Order, determination of quorum (30 members present, *twenty-five voting council members minimum*), quorum was met.

Board members present: Kavi Rana, JC Graham, Jen Hrachovec, Jeff Thompson, Ike Harmon, Doug Ostrom, Meg Thompson, Ann Thorn, Jessica Anakar

Minutes of the Council Meeting were taken by Secretary Jen Hrachovec.

Counting of votes was done by Jen Hrachovec and Kavi Rana.

Welcome, Reading of Land Acknowledgment - Ike Harmon



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Rules of Conduct (President JC Graham)

Finalize minutes of *previous* Council meetings June 18, 2026

1st: Jeff Thompson, 2nd: Jen Hrachovec, For: 25, Opposed: 0, **Passed**

Finalize agenda for *this* Council Meeting: July 16, 2026

Amendments: 1st: Armen Yousefian, 2nd: Diane Emerson, For: 30, Opposed: 0, **Passed**

Approval: 1st: Diane Emerson, 2nd: Armen Yousefian, For: 28, Opposed: 0, **Passed**

Island Partner Organization Update

- [King County Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda](#), teresa.mosqueda@kingcounty.gov joined by Erin House, Chief of Staff and Christopher Lampkin, Deputy Chief of Staff.

1.

Thank you to King County metro who heard and responded to Vashon community requests. There will be **van transit between the north end ferry dock and Vashon town** for Strawberry Festival weekend.



2. **Simplifying Septic for ADUs** Thank you for feedback on onsite septic system requirements to make ADUs accessible. We are interested in building on simplification strategies.



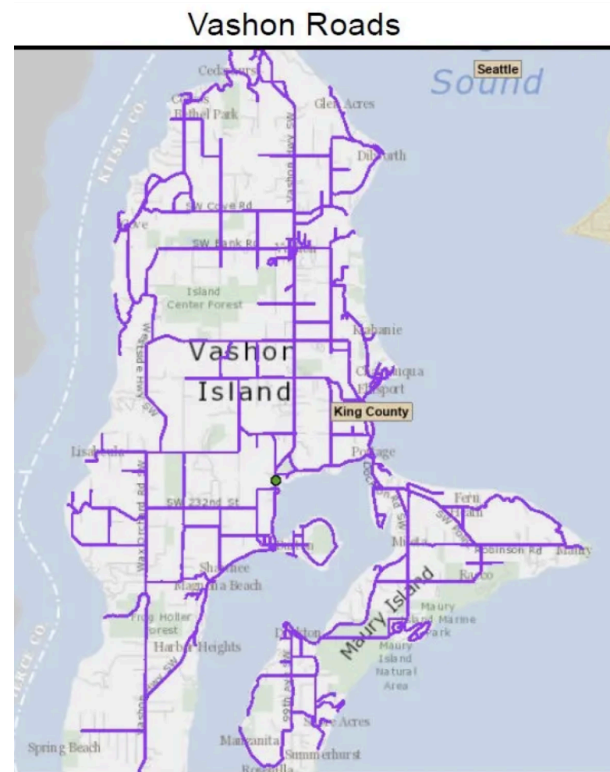
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3. **Mental and Behavioral Health Support.** Thank you to the human services coalition on the island who are providing to seniors and people who need food assistance. We are creating a behavioral health bridge program and have a hearing in our committee next Thursday July 23rd to revitalize what the mid- implementation program looks like. Focus will be on substance abuse and mental health so both get attention. Our goal is long term stability and also to have adequate health care providers on island, including housing. September 1st is the date slated for final passage.

4.

We are happy to have finally secured **funding for rural roads**, including chip seal technology and adding protections for pedestrians and bicyclists. The investment is \$140 million for unincorporated areas beginning next year, the average family will pay \$40 per year. We are happy to show you the project list.



5. The **comprehensive plan** update is underway. If there's any specific parcels that you know are in need of scoping. It's much better for us to do that during this midpoint update than it is for us to try to get a individual parcel having a spot update. So let's let us know if there's parcels that you desperately need housing on, that you want to make mixed-use residential and commercial. Let us know if there's issues that you want us to focus on specifically on climate resilience, and I will also make sure to circle back to V-MCC and let you know when there's opportunities to engage.



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A question and answer period followed.

- **Public Health – Seattle & King County**, .ppt, .pdf

Guest: Meagan Jackson, Program Supervisor - On-site Sewage System Operation & Maintenance

For more information about changes to the Marine Recovery Area, including a video explanation and future farmers market tabling for questions, see <https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/health-safety/environmental-health/on-site-sewage-systems/marine-recovery-area>

Motion: Extend meeting until 9:20pm for continued discussion

1st: Ike Harmon, 2nd: Armen Yousefian, For: 9, Opposed: 6, **Passed**

Armen Yousefian submitted a statement in opposition to Marine Recovery Area expansion:

The Public Health-Seattle and King County Board will be asked to vote on a proposal by the Public Health-Seattle and King County department to expand the present Marine Recovery Act to include all waterfront properties on Vashon Maury Island later this year.

The County's own data demonstrated that Vashon-Maury Island's marine waters and beaches are overwhelmingly pristine. At the June 18, 2026, community presentation, shellfish farmers who routinely monitor county reports, as well as OSS Supervisor Meagan Jackson herself, confirmed the excellent water quality along most of the island's shoreline.

Key evidence includes:

1. The March 2020 report, "[Fecal Pollution Sources and Water Quality Sampling on Vashon-Maury Island, 2018-2020](#)," concludes that **most sites consistently exhibited low levels of fecal coliform bacteria**. Only a small number of freshwater discharges warranted further investigation; in one case a failing OSS was identified and is being addressed, while at all others no definitive human source was found.
2. The County's own shoreline map presented at the meeting documents the successful



recovery of 400 acres of previously prohibited shellfish harvest areas and removal in 2021 from the MRA, underscoring that targeted efforts have worked where needed. Island-wide expansion is not supported by the facts.

3. State guidelines ([Marine Recovery Area Guidance](#), October 2006, p. 14) require three specific conditions for MRA designation: threatened or downgraded shellfish areas, Ecology 303(d) listings for low dissolved oxygen or fecal coliform or identified nitrogen concerns. **None of these conditions exist** around Vashon-Maury Island. No new closures have occurred, and testing shows negligible evidence of human-sourced pollution.
4. Expanding the MRA would impose costly annual inspections and reporting on every waterfront owner with **limited rebates** (at most \$500 once every three years, with funding expiring in 2027). This diverts resources and attention from genuine problems, including King County's own repeated treatment plant sewage overflows-fined nearly \$1 million by the EPA in 9 of the last 11 years. On June 18th 13,000-gallons of raw sewage spilled from the West Seattle KC treatment plant which closed West Seattle beaches.
5. The proposal rests on a speculative "may prevent future issues" rationale rather than data-driven necessity. Such unwarranted government intrusion risks eroding public goodwill, voluntary compliance, and invites costly litigation on both statutory and constitutional grounds (warrantless searches of private property).
6. All Islanders should be concerned that even those areas taken off the MRA in 2021 will be put back on the MRA if the proposal passes. Litigation will follow. The entire island will then be identified as being polluted. The MRA designation will tell those that want to live here that Vashon waters are polluted. Not being true, this isn't good for Vashon!

This proposed expansion is a solution in search of a problem. We respectfully request the Board of Health review its own reports and follow the science. Limit any further action to the few discrete areas that may warrant focused attention and **reject the proposed island-wide MRA expansion**. Please join your neighbors in urging the Board to vote "NO".

For questions contact Armen Yousefian ausufian@comcast.net



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Action: this topic will be added to August meeting agenda for further discussion.

Introduction to Rules of Procedure

Old Business

➤ None

“What’s on My Mind” and New Business

Community Input and Questions (as time allows)

The floor will be open for input, questions, and discussion.

Announcements

- High school dance at Snapdragon August 29th, to support the effort please contact jeff@v-mcc.org
- Service workers party is Monday July 27th at Eagles, RSVP required
- Join us walking in the parade, meet at 9am at Kathy’s Corner

Adjourn

1st: Jeff Thompson, 2nd: Ike Harmon, **Passed** by acclamation

Next Regular Council Meeting: Thursday August 20, 2026, 6:30 pm (Social Mixer);
7:00 pm (Meeting). Location: **Vashon Land Trust**, 10014 SW Bank Rd.

Board of Directors Meetings are regularly held on first Thursdays, at the Land Trust Building.

- The next V-MCC Board meeting will be held on August 6, 2026.
- Guests are welcome to observe (either in person or via Zoom; see v-mcc.org/event)

Information

- General questions may be sent to info@v-mcc.org
- *If you have questions or ideas about the V-MCC Sectors, please contact the relevant sector liaisons* (See Addendum 2. V-MCC Sectors and Liaisons)
- V-MCC Secretary Jen Hrachovec can be reached directly at Secretary.V-MCC@proton.me.
- V-MCC President JC Graham can be reached directly at President@v-mcc.org.



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Thank you for your participation, and we'd love to hear from you!



Brief Technical Overview (for Zoom and In-Person Meeting Attendees):

- “Let us use contemporary technology to our full advantage. If you are participating in person, it is perfectly acceptable to have your phone or other device open during the meeting. This can be especially helpful if you have difficulty hearing (you may log into Zoom for audio, using earbuds or a headset at your preferred volume) or difficulty seeing the display screen (you may open the agenda link and zoom in on the document). You are also welcome to use your phone to look up relevant information during our discussions.
- *Democratic Rules of Order* summary and flowchart can be found here: <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=148489> (*The flow chart and downloadable summary of the rules can be found in the right margin.*)
- Please raise your hand to speak to a motion or participate in open discussion, **and lower** your hand after you have been recognized (or no longer wish to speak).
- The first time you are recognized to speak, please identify yourself by name.

For Zoom attendees:

- If you have signed on with anything other than your first and last name, please change it so we can know who you are.
- If you are participating remotely, sign on with phone OR computer, not both.
- Stay muted on Zoom unless you are speaking.
- Please be advised that 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.)

Rules of Conduct

- The Council is committed to conducting its meetings in a *civil, respectful, and courteous manner*. We expect all participants to demonstrate common courtesy and respect toward fellow Islanders and guests.
- As we continue to build our new Council, we are dedicated to creating a safe and healing space to address our shared interests. Rudeness, personal criticism, and ridicule—including in online chat contributions—are not acceptable and will not be tolerated.
- Please keep your remarks focused on the *issues*, not on *individuals*.
- Please ensure that everyone has had a chance to speak before you ask to speak again.
- **Only members can vote.** We practice good faith voting, meaning that you are trusted to vote (and make motions, second motions, and make amendments) *only* if you are a V-MCC member.
- *Show of hands to demonstrate intent to honor Good Faith Voting and the Rules of Conduct.*

Thank you. We are here because we are stronger together.



Introduction to Rules of Procedure

- Brief explanation of making motions and amendments. (See *Want to Advocate for Change? Make a Motion in the V-MCC*)
- Explanation of Points of Order and “Points of Information”

“What’s on My Mind” and New Business

- As time allows, motions may be made from the floor.
- Please note that according to the [V-MCC Bylaws](#) (Article II, Section 2): *The Council shall focus primarily on concrete logistical issues that affect Islanders, such as housing, building codes and zoning, local environmental issues, drinking water, public safety, crime prevention, transportation issues, the flora and fauna of the Island, etc. The Council may also consider social, regulatory and legislative issues affecting Islanders.*
- See Addendum 1: *Want to Advocate for Change?* [Make a Motion in the V-MCC \(v3\)](#)



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Substantive 2025-6 Vashon-Maury Community Council Motions (Passed and Pending)

Motion	Requestors	Date Opened	Date Closed	Status
Addressing the climate crisis is an important priority for Vashon-Maury Islanders. The Vashon-Maury Community Council therefore moves that the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan include these actions in the final KC SCAP	1-Kevin Jones 2-Kathleen Fitch	Aug 21, 2...	Sep 3, 2025	Passed ▾
Appoint Gary English to Vashon Ferry Committee	1-Mike Dawson 2-Art Chippendale	Sep 5, 2024	Oct 16, 20...	Passed ▾
Letter of Support to install community solar at Vashon High School to provide electricity production and battery storage for disaster preparedness	1-Eric Walker 2-Laura Cerven, Julie Brown, Mike	Oct 16, 2025	Oct 16, 20...	Passed ▾
2026-01 Motion to Adopt a Resolution Supporting the Establishment of the Vashon Island Disaster Airlift Response Team (ViDART)	1-Truman O'Brien 2-Kathy Ostrom and Jackie O'Malley	Nov 20, 2...	Jan 15, 20...	Passed ▾
2026-02 Letter Regarding Automated Surveillance	1-Nicole Erica Aine 2-Kevin Jones, Evan Simmons	Jan 15, 20...	Feb 19, 2...	Passed ▾
2026-03 Bar Illegal Deportation Flights Through King County International Airport (Postponed to April 2026 meeting)	1-Julie Brown 2-Mike Dawson, Ike Harman	Jan 15, 20...	Apr 16, 20...	Postp... ▾
2026-04 Protecting Marine Mammals	1-Joe Yarkin 2-Kavi Rana	Feb 19, 2...	Mar 19, 2...	Passed ▾



2026-05 Advocating for Safe, Renewable Energy	1-Kevin Jones 2-Mike Dawson	Feb 19, 2...	Apr 16, 20...	Passed ▾
2026-06 Council to discuss the unauthorized use of the V-MCC email list. Remove Nicole Aine from Board of Directors	1-Ike Harmon 2-Diane Emerson 1-Ike Harmon 2-Mike Dawson	Apr 16, 2026 May 21, 2...	Jun 18, 20...	Passed ▾
2026-07 Write and send Letter of support for grant application for the Department of Natural Resources	1-Mike Dawson 2-Kevin Jones	May 21, 2...	May 21, 2...	Passed ▾



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Want to Advocate for Change?

Make a Motion in the V-MCC

Revision date: February 6, 2026 (v3)

See also: [Democratic Rules of Order](#) (summary of the rules and flowchart)

Who can make a motion?

- Only Council members may *move or second motions, propose amendments, and raise points of order*, in accordance with the Democratic Rules of Order, 10th Edition, and [Article III.V-MCC Bylaws](#).
- Guests, if recognized by the chair, may raise an informal “*point of information*” solely for the purpose of clarification. Guests *may* participate in the discussion, at the discretion of the chair.

When do I make a motion?

- Motions may be made from the floor during New Business.

How do I make a substantive motion?



- A substantive motion is a formal proposal put before the Council that directly addresses the reasons for which our Council exists, such as taking collective action, lobbying for a certain policy change or governmental action, or amending V-MCC's [Bylaws](#) or [Standing Rules](#).
- At the initial Council meeting, you will “read the motion into the record” by briefly stating its purpose and responding to any clarifying questions. It is not necessary to read the entire motion aloud, though you may do so if time permits. Discussion at this stage will be limited.
- Please give a copy to the V-MCC Secretary (Secretary.v-mcc@proton.me) before or during the meeting.
- If you wish—and capacity allows—a Council Liaison can be assigned to support you in drafting the motion (if needed) and guiding it through the V-MCC process.

When does the Council vote on my substantive motion?

- If the motion receives a second, it will be placed on the agenda as an Old Business item at the next regular Council meeting, where it will be discussed and voted on (unless postponed). You do not need to move the motion again at that subsequent meeting.
- If immediate action is required, substantive motions may be adopted at the same meeting at which they are proposed only if allowed by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of both the Council and a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of the Board members present.

What can I make a substantive motion about?

- **Article II, Section 2 (Focus) of the [V-MCC Bylaws](#):**
 - This Council shall limit the issues brought to it to those that affect the community. It shall avoid private concerns unless they have broad community implications.
 - The Council shall focus primarily on concrete logistical issues that affect Islanders, such as housing, building codes and zoning, local environmental issues, drinking water, public safety, crime prevention, transportation issues, the flora and fauna of the Island, etc. The Council may also consider social, regulatory and legislative issues affecting Islanders.
 - The Council shall avoid partisan political activity that supports or opposes individuals for public office. It shall strive to encourage Islanders of different ideologies and persuasions to work together toward community improvement.
 - The Council may promote networking between community groups to facilitate Island collaboration.
- Motions that are purely partisan statements, statements of philosophy, or manifestos are not in order.

How do I word the substantive motion?



Motions should be:

- *Worded affirmatively and must not conflict with any higher law* (applicable laws of the land, the V-MCC Bylaws, or existing V-MCC Standing Rules).
- *Within V-MCC's jurisdiction* (they must propose actions the Council can legitimately take).
- *Germane* (they must be directly relevant to Vashon-Maury Island and its inhabitants).
- *Efficacious* (if adopted, they should have a reasonable chance of producing a substantive effect in the real world, rather than being purely symbolic or rhetorical).

How do I assure the motion is equitable?

- Please consider the following questions from the *GARE Toolkit* (see guide [here](#)):
 - **Proposal:** What is the policy, program, practice or budget decision under consideration? What are the desired results and outcomes?
 - **Data:** What's the data? What does the data tell us?
 - **Community engagement:** How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?
 - **Analysis and strategies:** Who will benefit from or be burdened by your proposal? What are your strategies for advancing racial equity or mitigating unintended consequences?
 - **Implementation:** What is your plan for implementation?
 - **Accountability and communication:** How will you ensure accountability, communicate, and evaluate results?

A guided consideration of these questions may be found at
https://belonging.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/gare-racial_equity_toolkit.pdf

Can I get help formulating a motion?

- If you are unsure whether your idea is best presented as a motion, a request for information, or a proposal to refer an issue to a committee, you are encouraged to consult the President or a Board member in advance of the meeting.

How else can I urge the Council to address a topic?

Making a substantive motion (to be decided by majority rule)—or to amend, table, rescind, or postpone a motion—is *not* the only action you can take during New Business!

Here are some other options:



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- Move to discuss a certain topic for a set period of time.
- Move to seek Council consensus on a certain subject, for a set period of time.
- Ask that a straw poll (a nonbinding record of support and opposition) be taken on a certain subject.

There also are other possibilities for procedural motions that *will* be decided by a majority vote:

- Request an informational presentation or written update from a committee, officer, or guest expert.
- Move that someone (a V-MCC committee, the V-MCC Board, or someone else) be asked to investigate a certain matter and report back to the Council (either at a later date or when they are ready).
- Move to refer an issue to an existing committee for consideration and report back.
- Move that a certain advisory committee be formed. Ideally you will have a draft mission statement ready and at least an interim committee chair in mind. Advisory committees may be either Standing (ongoing) or Ad Hoc (temporary).
- Move that a certain person or group be requested to address the Council. (Ideally you will also indicate a contact person or who is expected to issue the request.)
- Move that someone (or a group) be recognized for some outstanding contribution or achievement.
- Propose scheduling a special meeting or community forum on a specific issue.

These routine procedural and operational motions are typically voted on at the same meeting.

Addendum 2. V-MCC Sectors and Liaisons (v9)

May 1, 2026

1. Inclusion@v-mcc.org **Diversity and Inclusion** (Asian, BIPOC, Indigenous, Latino/Latina, race / racial equity, mixed race families, language barriers / diverse language speakers, LGBTQIA+, disabled, immigrants)

Board Support: Nicole Erica Áine

Liaison: Kavi Rana

2. Quality@v-mcc.org **Quality of Existence** (Affordable housing / homeless / unhoused, renters, landlords, wellness (healthy habits / food / activities), safety, Low income, Income inequality)



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Board Support: Jen Hrachovec

Liaisons: Nicole Erica Áine (*affordable housing, safety*), Kavi Rana (*healthy habits / food / activities*), Jeff Thompson (*poverty*)

3. Economy@v-mcc.org Business and Workforce (Workforce training, service industry workers / laborers / employees)

Board Support: Kavi Rana

Liaison: Jack Robinson-D'Amore

4. Culture@v-mcc.org Culture, Art, History and Recreation

Board Support: Ann Thorn

Liaison: Meg Thompson, **Vacant** (specific areas of focus)

5. Education@v-mcc.org Education

Board Support: Jen Hrachovec

Liaisons: Jessica Anakar

6. Environment@v-mcc.org Environment (clean water / air / ground, land sustainability, climate)

Board Support: JC Graham

Liaisons: Kevin Jones, Steve Bergman

7. Spiritual@v-mcc.org Spiritual Practices

Board Support: Doug Ostrom

Liaison: **Vacant**

8. Healthcare@v-mcc.org Healthcare (Health and human services, people with mental health issues, people with substance abuse challenges)

Board Support: Jen Hrachovec

Liaison: Debby Jackson (Health Care), Jeff Thompson (Recovery)

9. Children@v-mcc.org Children and Youth (including child care services)

Board Support: Jessica Anaka

Liaison: Meg Thompson

10. Seniors@v-mcc.org Seniors and Elderly (including isolated adults and adult care services)

Board Support: Ann Thorn

Liaison: **Vacant**

11. Veterans@v-mcc.org Veterans

Board Support: JC Graham

Liaison: **Vacant**



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12. Commuters@v-mcc.org Commuters

Board Support: Meg Thompson

Liaison: Erik Christensen

13. Multigen@v-mcc.org Multi-Generational Islanders

Board Support: JC Graham

Liaison: Jessica Anakar