

Attendance: Kyle Britz, C. Hunter Davis, Diane Emerson, Nick Simmons, Dawn Hylton, Gavin Kovite, Camille Reeves, Nick Simmons David Vogel.

Welcomes and hellos.

Reviewed and approved December Board meeting minutes with a few minor spelling corrections and updates to tasks that had been followed up upon.

Logistic reminders

We are reminded that we are required to give the names of the people attending the meetings as it relates to quorum. If persons would rather not have their names included at a general meeting, they may make that request of us.

Anyone who is a resident or a part-time resident of Vashon Maury Island is considered a Member of the VMICC Vashon Maury Island Community Council. For voting purposes, votes are currently only eligible to members aged 16 years and over. Any residents that may be on vacation from the island, are still granted access to participate and sign-in to the meetings.

Further focusing on supporting the flow of general meetings and formalizing the process facilitating questions for Guest Speakers by general community members. So that the Guest Speakers can focus on presenting their information, a Board member will consolidate and read the questions to the Guest Speaker. We will need to ask each individual caller that has telephoned in if they have additional questions. We will need to remind our speakers that our board person is going to give them the questions to answer.

*When we can have in-person meetings again, we will continue to offer the Virtual platform for people to attend the meeting via their computers or telephones to increase accessibility and participation. When that time comes, we will set up a Microphone and Camera to live cast the meetings and will have a computer console for Board members to similarly facilitate questions and online chats from community members.

Nick Simmons offered to help facilitate the questions from community members. Diane Emerson will facilitate the questions for the Guest Speaker on 1/18/21 general meeting.

David Vogel and Hunter Davis practiced “screen sharing” for presentations and collectively we explored some additional features of WebEx.

Confirmed the evening’s Board Meeting Agenda emailed by Diane Emerson.

At every Board meeting we will take some time to debrief the previous month’s General Meeting. If important issues come up during a meeting we will check in with the Secretary, Vice President, President and Host accordingly to debrief and address as soon as we can.

When a local issue or topic is introduced at general meetings, such as recently the discussion around Dog Parks, we want to **collaborate on formal follow-ups**.

When someone raises a local issue or topic, any member of the Board will follow up with that individual first by email, inviting them to continue the discussion to see how the Board may assist. Some topics may relate to a committee that currently exists and some topics may implore the creation of a committee, subcommittee, or workgroup to address. We would like to link the resources to the individual and for the ability to speak with them more. Our Secretary, Camille Reeves, offered to contact community members who raise Island issues in the community meetings. Diane Emerson and David Vogel have given permission for their phone numbers to be shared with community members.

In an effort to help with the formation of any focus groups or resources, we will attempt to keep a list of interest topics and interested individuals so that we can check back in with them.

At every Board meeting we will give an update about each of the committees.

Reviewed and cultivated the Agenda for upcoming General meeting on 1/18/21

Diane Emerson emailed and shared the Agenda for the upcoming meeting with proposed Member Speaker Peter Ruben, whom is a Vashon resident as well part of the King County Metro Transit Advisory Commission. This commission is a merger of the Transit Advisory Committee and the Accessible Services Advisory Committee.

Peter Ruben may be joined by Megan Lockhart who is our Community Van Transportation coordinator. The Metro Transit Advisory Commission will share issue updates and do a Q&A.

Example question: “Does the *Metro Advisory Commission* have authority?”

Reviewing the structure and process of approving VMICC committees:

How to form a Committee, the requirements of a committee and what information we can share about this process will be included on the vmicc.net website for those interested in *joining, forming, participating and attending committee meetings*. A committee chair will be elected by committee members and approved by the VMICC president who is a de facto member of each committee.

The roles and requirements of a Board Liaison for a Committee will need to be discussed further.

The next known committee meeting is 1/11/21, with the newly formed VMICC Traffic Safety Committee, Temporary Chair Adam Foster. The board liaison with this committee is Nick Simmons.

There is the possibility of forming a Transit specific Committee, which would focus more on Metro and Ferries, whereas the Traffic Safety Committee would focus more on safety issues.

The Airplane Overflight committee still exists though will need to be updated on if there are ongoing set meeting times, Chair David Goebel. The board liaison with this committee is David Vogel.

The Housing Issues Committee is yet to be formed, though candidates for the chair have been discussed. The board liaison with this committee is Kyle Britz.

The VMICC Communications Committee, which focuses on VMICC communications and outreach, is Co-Chaired by Diane Emerson and Camille Reeves. They are also the Board Liaisons for this committee. Broadening social media to include Flyers and content crafted by Camille Reeves to be shared on Twitter by Nick Simmons, shared on Facebook by Gavin Kovite and soon to have someone sharing on Instagram.

Some of the previous Committees are no longer active and we are working to update the website accordingly.

Reviewing expectations of VMICC Board members:

Discussion of the requirements and expectations of Board members. For a quorum of Board members there must be 6 of 9 present, whereas for the quorum of community members there must be 25 present.

It is hoped that Board members can attend all board meetings and all general meetings, though it is understandable at times we individually are unavailable.

Requirements for Board member meeting attendance are cited in VMICC Policies. If a board member is unable to be in attendance, please inform the VMICC president as soon as possible. If a board member *misses more than 3 meetings in a 6 month period* they should make a brief statement to the board explaining the attendance difficulties.

If a board member *anticipates the inability to attend 2 or more consecutive months*, for any reason, that board member will take a leave of absence or resign pending reelection at the next board election to fill the vacancy.

From our bylaws, section 7, vacancies on the board shall be filled by the board subject to confirmation by the members present at the following community council meeting.

The expectations of the board are recognized by the board members and if people's schedules or situations have adjusted to impact their availability those conversations will continue as needed.

Mariela Franco is currently considering a board offer of a leave of absence during a current family emergency. David Vogel will reach out to her to inquire if she has suggestions for an interim Latino outreach.

VMICC Treasurer updates:

Our Treasurer is exploring the options for establishing a bank account that can have multiple signers so that the account can be later transferred to future Treasurers. The preference and first choice are the local Credit Unions. PSCCU is currently unable to do a multi-signer business (Non-Profit) account. Treasurer is waiting to hear back from the other Credit Unions and then will explore other options for opening a VMICC Treasury Bank account.

We want to ensure that the Bank Account is not connected to the Treasurer personally in any way for it to be clearly connected with VMICC.

Nick Simmons and David Vogel are working on the application for the business license for the community council so that we can conduct financial business, including fundraising. David Vogel has the 501©3 articles of incorporation.

2021 VMICC Budget:

The VMICC domain name as a “.net” is around \$16 a year, which is pretty cheap.

There may be future website server host costs, though at the time continuing to have it hosted on Ryan Maloney's server is functioning.

There are projected future costs for printing out flyers, posters and the VMICC logo design.

Once we have the bank account set up there can be fundraising to have some money for when we want to spend it on something.

At this time the expenses for VMICC -which thus far have been generously donated by Board and community members- have been the VMICC website, VMICC emails, printed VMICC flyers, and the WebEx hosts.

Open discussion:

Diane Emerson invited Gavin Kovite to follow up on Major Flohr's discussion around Crisis Intervention Teams. As there is no objection, Gavin Kovite will reach out to check in with the VIFR Fire Chief asking generally what their thoughts may be for the additional support needs of the island.

The term crisis may contextually mean different things to different people. There is the possibility of forming a subcommittee to address this topic more of different types of crisis response systems. Suggestions to also check with VashonBePrepared's MRC, CCT, VYFS, & VSSN for their input on support needs for different types of crisis support scenarios that could alleviate some of the stress to support our first responders.