

# VMICC Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2021

7:00-8:31 pm

Online, using WebEx

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**Meeting called by:** Vashon-Maury Island Community    **Type of Meeting:** Virtual Council meeting

**Meeting Chair:** David Vogel

**Minutes:** Kyle Britz

**Attendees:** 49 people attended the meeting.

Adam Foster	Diane Emerson	Laura D
Amy Bogaard	Evy Horton	Melvin Mackey
Amy Morrison	Gavin Kovite	Michaela Olavarri
Arliene Wilkerson	Hadley Rodero	Michael Shomsky
Armen Yousoufian	Jacob Middling	Nicholas Simmons
Bong Sto. Domingo	Jane Neubauer	Peter Rubin
Brad Middling	Jean Berolzheimer	Steve Bergman
C. Hunter Davis	Jeff Dunncliff	Steve Macdonald
Camille Reeves	Jill Janow	Steven Brewer
Carol Eggen	Jim Diers	Susan Riemer
Chuck Weinstock	Jim Garrison	Sylvia Soholt
Christina Arthur	John Affolter	Tanya Roberts
Creighton Chamberlain	John Vezina	Terry Sullivan
Dan Schueler	Justin Hirsch	Todd & Sylvie
David Vogel	Kathleen Fitch	Yvonne Kuperberg
Debby Jackson	Kristen Tsiatsios	Call-in-unknown
	Kyle Britz	

Those interested in watching the video of the meeting can do so for the next 4 months. The video of the meeting with transcription are available at this link: VMICC March 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting (1 hr 31 mins)

<https://carolinehdavis.my.webex.com/recordingservice/sites/carolinehdavis.my/recording/playback/44486bf6ab74f2a97f90e3fac2dae65>

Recording password: gR3JKMYq

We are working to have the videos archived on our website, [www.vmicc.net](http://www.vmicc.net)

# Minutes

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- **Welcome and housekeeping: C. Hunter Davis and David Vogel**
- **Meeting agenda:** reviewed and approved.
- **February meeting minutes:** reviewed and approved.
- **VMICC committees and Board updates:**
- Reminder that most of the work of the Community Council is accomplished through the committees to bring information to the General VMICC meetings. Committees are how we can work on island issues and things that we want to address.
- If people are interested in joining a committee or creating a committee, email [info@vmicc.net](mailto:info@vmicc.net) or present your interest at a general meeting.
  - ❖ **Active Transportation committee:** Chaired by Adam Foster, [Adam@vmicc.net](mailto:Adam@vmicc.net)
    - Meetings are ongoing, every Monday at 5pm except on VMICC general meeting days
    - Guest speakers will be joining upcoming meetings to focus on specific topics
    - Focus is on transportation related to non-motorized; bicycles and walking
    - Future projects: Senior Center Crosswalk, all community crosswalks, exploring ‘sharrow’ bike markings where there are no shoulders, community safety vest program to increase visibility, island wide regional trail “ferry to ferry”, education awareness programs, and to make every corner safer.
    - Social media accounts: @VashonATC
    - March 22<sup>nd</sup> is deadline for draft ADA plan
    - March 31<sup>st</sup> is deadline for King County Community Needs list
  - ❖ **Communications Committee:** Co-chaired by Camille Reeves, Diane Emerson and Michaella Olavarri
    - VMICC social media presence has increased; still need extra help promoting consciousness, encourage participating in the posts by “commenting”, “resharing” and help to get the word out. For more active participation in the communications committee, email [Camille@vmicc.net](mailto:Camille@vmicc.net)
    - VMICC website has been updated and more organized for ease of access. For input and ideas, email [Diane@vmicc.net](mailto:Diane@vmicc.net)
    - VMICC logo designs are being drafted for a nice selection for the board and the whole community to join in selection at upcoming meetings.
  - ❖ **Dog Park Committee:** Interim-Chair by Michael Shomsky
    - Committee anticipates meeting twice a month
    - Initial plans to compile a consolidated history of all the efforts over the years that people have explored for off-leash-dog-parks on the island; what has been attempted, what organizations and individuals have explored, network together and find out more of the story for future reference.
    - There are a few locations where land may be available

- Michael hopes to address what has and hasn't worked previously, and have a clear reference guide of what is available including current park rules
- ❖ **VMICC Board:** [info@vmicc.net](mailto:info@vmicc.net)
  - We have received a handful of eligible applications for the open board positions, and encourage anyone still interested to fill out the formal application on the vmicc.net website to be considered.
  - We anticipate selecting the additional 2 board members at the upcoming board and general meetings
- ❖ **“Affordable” Housing Committee\_discussion:** [info@vmicc.net](mailto:info@vmicc.net)
  - There is a growing interest to form an “Affordable” Housing Committee, all interested should reach out to show interest in participation
  - An interim chair has not been selected, so until then no meetings have been set. Information for how to participate will be shared in the local papers, on the vmicc website, and on social media. Email [info@vmicc.net](mailto:info@vmicc.net) or any member of the Board to learn how to participate.
  - Open discussion on Affordable Housing and topics: **[to follow the discussion, comments, ideas, suggestions and current proposals, log into the recorded meeting at 7:20pm ]**
    - There are plots of land available on the island that could be developed for affordable housing, one is soon to be on the market, and the other is currently owned though would need Community support to address the Zoning and help with Water.
    - Key topics relating to this issue: Property taxes, Zoning, Water rights, Ground Water issues, Permit processes, ADUs (accessible dwelling units), density, owning vs renting, accessibility, housing for island workers, housing social workers, selective building permits for residents vs short-term airBnB and vrbo, County support for building, and restrictive zoning
  - Very engaging general discussion took place, informative and hopeful that people join the committee to get to work on addressing all the ideas and potential solutions.
- ❖ **KC Advisory Committee for Public Safety:**
  - We have a historic opportunity to reevaluate what public safety means to us.
  - In November of 2020, the voters of King County supported amendments to the charter to make the Sheriff's position appointed, not elected, and to permit the County Council to change the duties of the Sheriff's Office. This vote came after the tragic police killings of black men and women were brought to everyone's attention during the pandemic, for the need for major changes to policing around the world. To implement the charter amendment, the county council adopted an ordinance establishing an advisory group regarding public safety and the appointment of a new sheriff beginning January 2, 2022.
  - There are 2 representatives for unincorporated rural king county, one of which is a resident and member of our Vashon Community.
  - The Advisory Committee is to provide guidance to the King County council and the executive council, solicit input from the community for how law enforcement services should be provided, and ways the county could improve the deliver of law enforcement services.
  - The Advisory Committee has 13 members: 2 from rural unincorporated areas, 1 from urban unincorporated areas, 2 managers from contract cities, 2 individuals with expertise

in police reform, 2 from police communities, 2 from police agencies, and 1 from the office of law enforcement.

- The Advisory Committee is tasked with issuing a report by July 1<sup>st</sup> to inform the recruitment of Sheriff candidates, and to be involved during the selection process.
- The first meeting is April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Vashon resident Bailey Deiong is a community member on this public safety committee and can be reached at: [DEIONGHB@gmail.com](mailto:DEIONGHB@gmail.com)

➤ **Guest Speakers:** John Vezina and Hadley Rodero with Washington State Ferries (WSF)

- ❖ Fauntleroy ferry dock project has ongoing public meetings and Vashon should join the discussions and be involved in the community engagement process.
  - The WSF and Fauntleroy meetings will be advertised and are virtual so hopefully more people can join.
  - <https://wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr160/fauntleroy-terminal/home>
- ❖ As the Fauntleroy Ferry dock terminal was built in 1950 repairs are needed and we have an opportunity to address the layout for the new terminal. There have been previous spot repairs, though the aging pilings and issues with driftwood damage require further repairs along with the dock itself.
  - The Ferry Advisory Committee can have appointed members from the VMICC. Currently there are 3 island residents on the committee, and one of their seats will be open soon. Vashon should be more involved.
  - [Steven.brewer@vashonchamber.com](mailto:Steven.brewer@vashonchamber.com) is interested in serving.
- ❖ Our Ferry Advisory Committee, and the Fauntleroy ferry terminal are a collaboration of Vashon, Fauntleroy and Port Orchard communities.
- ❖ Our transportation landscape is changing and our participation is necessary
  - Vashon's current Ferry Advisory Committee can be contacted: [VashonFAC@gmail.com](mailto:VashonFAC@gmail.com)
  - Their steady input of key issues for Fauntleroy Ferry Dock remain: passenger loading separated from vehicle loading; dock capacity to match vessel capacity; and effective traffic control to limit road rage and accidents that happen too often on Fauntleroy Way.

➤ **New Motions:**

- Vashon Active Transportation Committee (ATC) presented a motion to ask the County for funding for a feasibility study. Motion is seconded.
- Adam Foster and Vashon ATC advocate for bicyclists and pedestrians. Page 58 of sub area plan, discusses history all the way back to 1971 for a regional trail for connecting the town core to the ferry terminals and long desired such a facility...to seek a feasibility study to help determine if connecting the north to the south ferry terminals, if that aligns with community goals and if it is feasible...to move for a vote for it at the April 19th Community meeting, Gavin Kovite Seconded the motion.

➤ **Open Discussion:**

- ❖ Steve Bergman opened the discussion on waste and recycling in Vashon Town Center. Requesting support from King County to help manage a Garbage and Recycling bin.
  - ZeroWasteVashon, VIGA and Vashon Makers Space are building a few recycle and garbage bins and hoping that the community and county can step up to help participate in maintaining them.
  - How are bins emptied now? It is the responsibility of the property owner that the bins reside.
  - Vashon Parks has graciously agreed to empty two of the three new bins at the Village Green, however we are trying to identify a system to empty the bins, especially for the Farmers Market and tourist traffic.

- Bong St Domingo will speak with John Taylor and check back in with the Community to see if King County Solid Waste may be able to assist with adopting some of the garbage bins on the public right of way for Vashon Town.

➤ **Next Meeting:** Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm via WebEx

➤ **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:31