

VMICC Affordable Housing Committee Minutes

21-06-03 7:00

The committee met by Zoom. Present were: Claire Newman, Armen Yousoufian, Kyle Britz, Jean Berolzheimer, David Vogel, Terry Sullivan, Tina Sigler, Mike Schosboek, Rita Schenck, Christy Clement and Jessica Kennan.

The Agenda and minutes were approved.

Jessica and Christy are members of the Vashon HouseHold board, and they shared with us a 15 minute video about VHH's work, then answered questions and we had a lively discussion about the housing issues on the island and how VHH and the committee could work together.

VHH is working to do better outreach within the community, and we were the first group to see their video. They currently are working on a project to provide 40 single occupancy units in five residences. The funding is varied, but it is focused on veterans, seniors and those who are at or below 30% of the median income for the county. A social worker will be onsite to support the needs of the residents, and this will be a demonstration project for the county.

VHS is also working to promote housing through Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) and other options such as shared living arrangements. We discussed the centrality of water issues for the island, both as a limited resource and as to potential contamination through septic systems.

VHH performed a survey five years ago that was both online (Survey Monkey) and via paper, and was also available in Spanish. This seems to be a good place for us to work together, jointly developing a new survey as was suggested in last week's meeting. Rita and Kyle will take this suggestion to the Board meeting next week to get their approval moving forward. Rita will also work with Jessica and Christy to explore how best we can work together.

We decided to meet every other week moving forward since the committee is working rather well. Thus our next meeting will be on Thursday June 17 at 7:00