

Vashon-Maury Community Council

Board Meeting

Minutes for May 5, 2021

Present: David Vogel, Kyle Britz, Camille Reeves, Diane Emerson, C. Hunter Davis, Nicholas Simmons, Michaella Olavarri, Gavin Kovite and later John Affolter. Armen Yousoufian attended as an interested member of the Community Council.

Opening and Welcome to New Board Members

David Vogel as President opened the meeting at 7:32PM. The Board welcomed New Board Members, Michaella and John.

Approval of Board Meeting's Agenda

Hunter asked to include in the Agenda discussion of historical facts to be part of our meeting. David wanted Board to brainstorm interesting topics and speakers for General Meetings. He senses that meetings that are interesting bring more involvement from the community.

April Board Meeting Minutes

Kyle submitted a revised copy of the Minutes for the April Board Meeting. Diane made a correction to those Minutes to change the Board Liaison to the Dog Park Committee to Nicholas. Further work on these Minutes included adding the Board Liaisons to Committees so Active Transportation formerly known as Traffic Safety -Nick, Communications-Diane, Affordable Housing-Kyle, Dog Park-Nick, Child Care-Gavin.

Debrief last General Meeting

David noted that Joe McDermott was at our last General Meeting and enjoyed being rather incognito. David also stressed that working together in lieu of against each other will help solve the issues that face our Island. More detail was given when speaking with our guest, Armen-see below.

Webex hosting change

Nicholas to take over Hunter's role as Webex host

Committees Updates

Communications- As newly appointed head of social media publicity, Michaella planned a meeting of this group to ascertain that all social media was being covered, well supplied with information and all areas of publicity accounted for. Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, the 6th.

Diane noted that in the future it could be possible that each social media site would have its own caretaker and that Michaela would not have the responsibility of taking care of each site.

Having turned over most of the Publicity portion of her tasks, Camille now remains as the Secretary attending to the e-mails that come through the website and other . She and her daughter are still doing the posters for our meetings, until a new volunteer can be recruited for this task.

Diane as Head of Website Team welcomes ideas on how to improve the website. Some suggestions of Armen' s have been incorporated into the website.

Transportation Committee-

Much discussion ensued about transportation committees. Should public safety be included with transportation? What should the name of the interest groups be? Finally it was decided to hold off on public safety group until more need was expressed, and to have the committee called "Active Transportation" have as its focus all forms of transportation that are driven by physical activity such as biking, skating, walking, horseback riding. The General Transportation Committee will focus on cars, buses and ferries.

As far as Public Safety concerns, Kyle noted that Bailey was our representative at King County Public Safety concerns. As she is 1 of 13 people, Vashon needs are not always the top of the list of this county wide group, however this is a path to follow should the Island's needs for public safety concerns arise.

John Affolter expressed interest in starting an Activities Committee which would include some fund -raising opportunities which would allow the VMICC to support some issues and retain a "rainy day fund ." He intends to commence such a committee in June.

Affordable Housing Committee-

David and Michaela asked that this committee let them know when a meeting was scheduled. Having learned of a scheduled meeting for tomorrow, Michaela will cancel her Communications meeting which is set to occur at same time as Affordable Housing meeting.

David then noted that while 11 people showed interest in this very important topic, more people were needed to tackle this complicated issue. He asked

Armen to share ideas on how best to publicize meeting dates as well as other information. Armen's response was to use Facebook especially the group sites, Vashonites and Vashon All.

David thanked Armen for the latter's suggestion and VMICC President hoped that working together as versus in adversarial positions that all of us, including Armen can move forward helping to resolve Island issues.

Legacy Trees

Joanne Herbert brought up trying to protect Island trees at last General Meeting. A note by Hunter was sent to her with suggestions on how we could be of assistance and where she might find information.

Fauntleroy Ferry Issue

David noted that Joe McDermott's office has given us the authority to appoint representatives for Vashon to the state-wide group discussing and advising the ferry system about the future ferry needs of the Island. David said it was crucial Vashon be well organized and represented as both the Fauntleroy and Southworth communities are intent on expressing their needs and are well represented. Kyle noted currently Emily Scott and Justin Hirsch are Vashonites involved with this Advisory Committee. It is not known if a 3rd person has committed to this issue or if we need to fill that position. Kyle agreed to contact Justin to see if Justin could speak at an upcoming General Meeting.

Logo

Diane presented three choices for the logo: Hands over Vashon/Tree of Vashon/Lighthouse. She asked that we focus on the image not the printing of the letters, VMICC, which some Board members found difficult to do. Diane agreed to make all lettering the same. She will ask for community input online and hopes a final vote on the logo will occur at June 21st meeting. There were no objections to this plan.

Finalize Agenda for General Meeting of May 17

It was decided that the meeting could include speakers. The following were suggested

Dark Sky-Light pollution-Diane to contact speaker

Vashon Time Bank-Diane to contact speaker

Beach Etiquette/Shellfish Harvesting-Hunter to contact speaker.

Sustainable Tourism

Ryan Axel Chelberg contacted us wanting to deliver a prerecorded talk on sustainable tourism. Discussion ensued as to how to make a video with decent sound. Camille responded to him, explaining that it the best quality of sound would be if he had a friend read his proposal. She reported he was comfortable with that suggestion.

Discussion of Equity and Intuitive Government

It was decided that we did not need to go into Executive Session to discuss such matters. Much discussion ensued. In hopes of expanding the Council so everyone including people of color needs are met and all feel comfortable, Diane contacted a Dr Bre who gives ½ hour training sessions to groups to increase their awareness of equity issues. After many points of view were presented, it was decided to ask Dr Bre if she could give a session that was open to all Members of our Community not just the Board and that a voluntary session be offered not during our normal meetings.

Historical Facts

As the hour was late, it was decided totable this issue until next meeting.

Next Board Meeting- Monday, June 7,2021.

Meeting adjourned by David at 9:20PM.

Respectfully submitted

C. Hunter Davis
Substitute Clerk