

VMICC Meeting Minutes

May 17th, 2021

7:00-9:35 pm
Online, using WebEx

Meeting called by: Vashon-Maury Island Community

Type of Meeting: Virtual Council meeting

Meeting Chair: David Vogel

Minutes: Hunter Davis

Attendees: 36 people attended the meeting

Adam Day	Lance Diskan
Amy Morrison	Linda Fox
Ann Lewis	Melvin Mackey
Armen Yousoufian	Michael Shomsky
Barbara Wells	Michaela Olavarri
Bong Sto. Domingo	Nicholas Simmons
C Hunter Davis	Patty VanDenBroek
Caitlin Rothermel	Srirup Kumar
Call-in User_2	Steve Macdonald
Camille Reeves	Tanya Roberts
Cosmo Diskan	Terry Sullivan
David Vogel	Virginia Lohr
Deborah Perpetua	William Shadbolt
Debra Gussin	Wilson Abbott
Diane Emerson	Yvonne Kuperberg
Erin Durrett	
Evy Horton	
Gavin Kovite	
Jill Janow	
John Affolter	
Kyle Britz	

We are working to have the videos archived on our website, www.vmicc.net

Here is the link to the video of the May 17 meeting:

Recording link: <https://vmicc.my.webex.com/vmicc.my/ldr.php?RCID=156e2f6a00cc4464a382a9baa77b5129>
Password: 39RmBs8D

Webex meeting recording: VMICC General Meeting-20210518 0203-1

Formal Welcome

President David Vogel welcomed all at the start of meeting at approximately 7:02PM., and Arizonian Lance Diskan as well as all Island residents.

Motions on the Floor: Currently there are no motions on the floor that need attention, so David moved on.

Agenda

An Agenda had been distributed and as there were no additions or corrections., it was approved as read.

Approval of April Minutes

corrections or additions were noted to the Minutes from the April 19, 2021 meeting so they stand approved as read.

Introduction of Guests

David noted several out -of town-guests including Bong Sto.Domingo representing the needs and interests of unincorporated King County as well as Island residents.

Committee and Board Updates

Active Transportation

Evie Horton spoke for this group. She announced that no meeting has occurred since the last VMICC General Meeting, and that a meeting was set for June 1, and that a letter requesting a feasibility study of Active Transportation had been sent.

Communications

Michaella Olavarri spoke for this group. A meeting had to be rescheduled due to conflicts with the Affordable Housing meeting set for the same time. She has sent out requests to her committee for dates they are available and is soon to secure a date. In the meantime, the group has made a presence on social media groups and is eager to do more.

Affordable Housing

David Vogel spoke on behalf of this group. In a recent meeting, three areas of focus were established. They are

1/Affordable Housing for Renters 2/ Affordable Housing for Owners and 3/ Homelessness. The committee has good participation and is a huge issue that can benefit for even greater participation. Interested parties are encouraged to get involved.

Off Leash Dog Park

Michael Shomsky said this group had talked to both Vashon Park District and King County Parks. It became clear that fund raising is necessary for the success of this endeavor. An earlier group, Vashon Unleashed with similar goal has a 501c3 non -profit status will allow funding raising endeavors to occur. So the group is in the process of resurrecting Vashon Unleashed and disbanding the Off Leash Dog Committee. Michael thanked VMICC for assistance and David encouraged him to keep in touch with VMICC.

Child Care

Molly Gavoite was not available to give the status report on this committee.

Board

Minutes from Board Meeting of 5-5-21 were not currently available. David announced that Board now was a full 9-member team with the addition of John Affolter and Michaela OLavarri

David asked that VMICC Board see and have copies of any other letters that any committee sends out.

New Business

Logo

Diane Emerson presented three choices for logo. They are

Logo 1: Hands Holding Island



Logo 2: Tree of Hands



Logo 3: Vashon Lighthouse



The story and advantages of Choice #1 and #2 was presented by Diane and Camille Reeves. Adam Day presented Choice #3. Much discussion ensued, including questions about tweaking various options, black and white as well as color and changing fonts. Diane encouraged all to focus on the drawing as fonts, tweaks, could all be altered. Voting will be done at the next VMICC Meeting on June 21, 2021.

Presentations

Dark Skies

Vashon's Cosmo Diskan introduced his father, Lance from Flagstaff, Arizona who gave a presentation on light pollution and how Vashon could get involved in eradicating this huge problem. See <https://www.darksky.org/> and the presentation in pdf form available with these minutes.

Vashon Time Bank

Amy Morrison introduced this program set up by The Backbone Campaign to build resilience in response to COVID. It essentially trades one hour of effort for one hour of time. She stressed that all peoples are encouraged to join regardless of political or social preferences. See <http://www.vashon.timebanks.org/> Amy's presentation in pdf form is available with these minutes.

The Rules of the Beach and Harvesting from the Beach

Erin Durrett kindly reminded all that the beach is another biosphere not unlike the forest. that needs our protection and attention. Avoiding walking in eel grass protects salmon and other life forms and holes dug for sandcastles or clamming need to be filled into protect what lives beneath.

William Shadbolt then presented a program on how to reintroduce oysters and clams to the beach both for consumption as well as deterrents to pollution. His presentation is also available with these minutes.

Vashon Bioenergy

Srirup Kumar presented a program on Vashon Bioenergy Farm -a regenerating program of food to fuel. See his impressive program at <https://impactbioenergy.com/> His presentation is also available with these minutes.

Community Announcements and Open Discussion

There were no further announcements or open discussions.

Next Meeting Date:

The next Community Council Meeting will be Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7PM.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, David closed the meeting. The next meeting of the Community Council is June 21, 2021. Time 9:35PM.

Respectfully submitted

C. Hunter Davis/Substitute Clerk