



September 20th, 2021

7:00-8:55 pm
Online, using WebEx

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

Meeting Chair: David Vogel **Co-Host:** Diane Emerson

Platform Host: Nicholas Simmons

Minutes: Kyle Britz

Attendees: 41+ attendees (some unnamed sharing the same log in computer)

Nicholas Simmons	Jim Diers	Evy Horton
Hilary Emmer	Bong Sto. Domingo	Bill Moyer
Diane Emerson	Debra Gussin	Arliene Wilkerson
Joe Hodgson	Catherin Swearingen	Sarah Brandt
Heidi McWatters	Kyle Britz	Tim Johnson
John Affolter	Spencer Wood	Wendy Kleppe
C Hunter Davis	Creighton Chamberlain	Call in User Anonymous
David Goebel	Yvonne Kuperberg	Nancy O'Connor
David Vogel	Dan Schueler	Hope Black
John Taylor	David Kimmet	Wendy Noble
Steve Macdonald	Deb Twersky	Michaela Olavarri
Gavin Kovite	Kim Kambak	Jo Ann Herbert
Armen Yousoufian	Kevin Jones	Carol Jones
Camille Reeves	Kate Riley	

Meeting recording:

<https://vmicc.my.webex.com/recording/service/sites/vmicc.my/recording/playback/b17ca6cdfcae1039bfaf46f9bd3aadf3>

Password (as written case-sensitive): Bp4JXHdh

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

General housekeeping for the WebEx platform: Due to bandwidth and the WebEx platform, please only log into the meeting once per household -when voting we will ask for those additional household members to list their names for the attendance list and to cast any votes; similarly call-in users please list your name and if there is a vote to identify audibly *yay* or *nay* (with the current platform an *abstention* vote can be by request or by not-voting); only Vashon residents may cast a vote. Remember to stay muted until called-upon to reduce echo feedback; for callers' press *6 to un-mute. You may turn-off your video. Contact Diane Emerson or Nicholas Simmons if you have any technical assistance needs during the meeting.



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Meeting Agenda: Reviewed and Approved

Review August's General Meeting Notes: Reviewed and Approved with the stipulation that 5 abstentions suffice, considering the number of attendees who were not residents and thus ineligible to vote.

Introducing Guests - *that are not residents of Vashon Maury Island*

- Bong Sto Domingo KC Local Services Vashon Liaison, asklocalservices@kingcounty.gov
- John Taylor, KC Local Services Manager
- Joe Hodgson, KCSO new Precinct 4 commander (Jeffrey Flohr our previous contact was promoted to Chief)
- Sara Brandt, KC Parks
- David Kimmet, KC Land acquisitions

Committee and Board updates:

- ❖ **Affordable housing committee:** seeking a new Chair.
- ❖ **Vashon Island fair skies:** Port Sound Monitor officially came online in March 2021, reviewing feedback noise from the waves against the shoreline, seeking new location for placement. Reviewing logarithmic nature of the sounds captured. Vashon Islanders were the recent majority at meeting regarding SeaTac Air Traffic, including noise complaints and concerns for the environment.
 - Slides attached. There was a lot of dialogue both in the meeting and in the chat.
 - information can be accessed on website <https://vifs.org> and david@vifs.org

Board update: reviewed the process of our general meetings, and ways to address things that come up and flow going forward to engage more community participation.

-Anyone that wants to is welcome to join and sit-in board meetings.

Presentation:

- ❖ **King County Local Services: John Taylor**, Director of Local Services, created aprox 3 years ago, to act as a clearinghouse for county services, as a proxy municipal government for unincorporated county. Our regular attendee Bong Sto Domingo being equivalent to Assistant Manager for Vashon Island, and John would be the Manager- will arrive at alternating month intervals to share updates alternating with KCSO.
 - The Community Needs List for Vashon, is still taking input *even though it says it closed it is still open*.
 - You can still go to the link [[https:// publicinput.com/G3607](https://publicinput.com/G3607)] to make priority lists for Vashon. All departments of the County have to react to our responses in reference to coordinated county efforts. When County write their budget proposal for unincorporated king county Vashon they will have to answer how they are meeting the needs listed. [Vashon-Maury Island - Community Needs List Survey - PublicInput.com](#)
 - **Vashon sub area plan will be updated with all our input and it is considered a living document.**
 - The Pedestrian light at the Senior Center will be installed by the end of the Month, within the next 10 days.



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- **UpLift NorthWest, Conservation core**, graffiti removal and litter control, and anything else in the business district that needs attention, is a possibility to contract with monthly for Vashon Town.
 - **John Taylor has offered to discuss contract ideas for Garbage pick-up in Town center to support more commerce and environmental support**
 - Continue to work with Comunidad Latina de Vashon and Vashon Chamber as things move forward with Small Business Federal Grants.
 - Vashon Community Van Program, with a Van Coordinator -Megan Lockhart, available to pick people and take people wherever it is where people want to go, funded by KC metro. This is a dedicated service, great for those who don't have access to a vehicles or the regular metro routes.
 - Delta Variant cases have been on the rise and a reminder to support ongoing public health efforts.
- ❖ **Sarah Brandt KC Parks with David Kimmet about Open Space Charter:**
- See slides attached discussing the Open Space charter and protecting Green Spaces, amendments, and efforts towards proposing protections. Many of these green spaces are King County Public Parks on Vashon Island.
 - David Kimmett works on open space acquisitions on VMI.
 - [Charter Amendment High Conservation Value Properties viewer \(arcgis.com\)](#)
 - Some appraisals are well below assessments and vice versa. There is a Challenge process available.
 - PBRS current use taxation what may have changed in tax assessment process
 - [Charter Amendment - King County](#)
- ❖ **Open Discussion:**
- Kim Kambak, "Towards Right Relations with Native Peoples" Peace Project
 - See Flyer attached
 - Vashon Community Care Director Wendy KLepp
 - Chose Tim Johnson as a project manager liaison, between VCC, Transforming Age and this Task Force to address options going forward for Vashon community, to incorporate the island and the Island's voice.
 - Tim Johnson will keep David Vogel and the VMICC general council apprised of ways to connect, updates, and ways to participate.
 - No news yet on how the people needing the services of the care facility will be supplemented for alternative care options. Informed that many other centers like this are being closed down across the state and country.
 - There was much discussion about this topic for the Community Care Center, its history, its impact, how it can be best served going forward, if it can be renewed, if it should transcend into something new.
 - Hilary Emmer: pilot support program for people living in RVs and trailers; contracted with HoneyBucket to drive out to pump septic tanks once a month; when the 10k runs out the program will go away, it is a pilot program.
 - IFCH new subsidized rent/income pilot program; currently sitting on 60k to start a program that gives people that qualify \$500 a month for a year,



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equating to paying about 50 percent of their income in rent; they fill out a preliminary application, and if going to further stages then proof of income and their expenses –listed recently in the beachcomber; for information contact Hilary Emmer or VYFS, Nidia, Megan Fitzgerald, Elba Family Place; team is multi lingual.

- See info attached including application.

❖ Meeting adjourned 8:55pm.