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7:00-9:15 pm
Online, using Zoom

Meeting called by: Vashon-Maury Island Community meeting

Type of Meeting: Virtual Council

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

Platform Host: Nicholas Simmons

Minutes: Kyle Britz

Attendees: 47

David Vogel	Evy Horton	Noah Roselander
Diane Emerson	Diann Strom	Suzanne Roselander
Nicholas Simmons	Justin Hirsch	Jean
Douglas Ostrom	Melvin Mackey	Heidi McWatters
Michael Laurie	Gavin Kovite	Stephanie Barbee
Bong Sto Domingo	James	Chris Smith
Joe Hodgson	Benn Farrow	Kyle Britz
Deepa Sivarajan	Jo Ann Herbert	Pete Horvath
Linda Moore	John Affolter	Rachel Rome
Kevin Jones	Debby Jackson	Amy Morrison
Morgan Brown	Virginia Lohr	Bill Moyer
Karen Brubeck	Bailey de Longh	Phone Caller 1
C. Hunter Davis	Armen Yousoufian	Phone Caller 2
Camille Reeves	Kathleen Fitch	Phone Caller 3
Brian Tyson	Justin B	Phone Caller 4
Rachel Rome	Steven Bergman	

Meeting recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/recording/detail?meeting_id=S1S1s1lzTTKz9DqjcYocwg%3D%3D

V-ideos archived on our website and uploaded to a VMICC YouTube channel, www.vmicc.net

General housekeeping for the Zoom platform: You may turn-off your video. Contact Diane Emerson or Nicholas Simmons if you have any technical assistance needs during the meeting.

Quorum: reached at 7:05

Meeting Agenda: Adopted as submitted

Review September's General Meeting Notes: Minutes Approved

Introducing recognized Guests:



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Major Joe Hodgson, KCSO
Captain Pete Horvath, KCSO
Bong Sto Domingo, KC Local Services
Bryan Tyson, PSE
Diann Strom, PSE
Ben Farrow, PSE
Karen Brubeck, PSE
Deepa Sivarajan, WA Climate Solutions

Old business: no old business carried over or unresolved motions that need attending.

Committee updates:

Affordable Housing committee- Morgan Brown (morgan@wholewater.com) is the new Interim Chair, taking over recently. Looking to expand a bit with outreach, to get more people involved. Next meeting is the 4th Thursday. Morgan is doing some personal outreach to inform those who have been on the subcommittee listserv and invite additional participation. Asking anyone who may have ideas who should be invited, Morgan will be managing the email distribution. “Every desirable community in the nation, one way or another is facing this problem of affordable housing, and being on an island makes it particularly challenging.”

Communications Committee – Michaella Olavarri co-chair and outreach; Diane Emerson co-chair working with Website and the mail list. Rachel Rome is joining the website team, and she is going to upload the videos of these meetings to the new VMICC YouTube channel.

No other committee updates.

Presentation : Major Joe Hodgson, King County Sheriff’s Office (KCSO) Precinct 4 Commander (joseph.hodgson@kingcounty.gov), taking over for Major Jeffery Flohr who has been promoted to one of the three KCSO chiefs. Major Joe Hodgson been with KCSO for 30 years, he has served in Patrol, criminal investigation division, SWAT and bombs unit as a Captain. He started his career in Precinct 4, has worked in other units and is again with us in our Precinct 4 of service.

Discussion Q&A

- Sheriff backup systems available considering our 2 boat schedule and varied ferry service.
- Questions about updates on recent Farm and Construction equipment thefts. Items were found abandoned in Pierce County, impounded and returned to rightful owners, investigation continues for culprits.
- Plans for enforcing the new Firework restrictions, enforcement and rules relating to the new laws, how they are interpreted, methods of protecting people, wildlife, and the environment.
- Coordination with Fish and Game regarding hunting season, trespassing, safety and coordinated support services across agencies, and acceptable hunting equipment.



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- Crisis response and addressing new approaches, how KCSO can respond to certain situations, coordination with Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and Mental Health providers.

Presentation: Introduction to Puget Sound Energy (PSE) presentation by Islander *Kevin Jones*. At the September VMICC meeting there was an interest in PSE being invited to provide an overview, for how they were going to meet their goal of being carbon neutral by 2030 and zero greenhouse emissions by 2035. PSE has been granted a schedule extension that was just filed last Friday. During that time, environmental advocates recommended presenting technical content, an updated forecast for meeting the requirements within the cost of compliance and provide customer benefit indicators -measure of clean energy benefits to populations. Today PSE has committed to a robust community process; listening to community members, customers, and how their input impacts demand.

Today's Speakers

Karen Brubeck

Senior Community Engagement Representative, PSE

Ben Farrow

Director, Clean Energy Strategy, PSE

Brian Tyson

Manager, Clean Energy Planning and Implementation, PSE

Diann Strom

Stakeholder Engagement Lead, Clean Energy Strategy, PSE

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Slides and presentation attached.

- WA has the most progressive and aggressive clean energy law in the country. Growing more clean energy while transferring away from fossil fuels.
- Policy regarding building code changes in unincorporated King County.
- PSE's new equity, affordability and accountability advisory group.
- PSE Launched an Online Open house to walk through the draft CEIP and a survey to give feedback. www.pse.com/plan
- Will be working on more program design in 2022 and implementation in 2023.

How you can help

Oct. 18-Nov. 12: We want to hear from you!

- Visit our online open house to learn more about the draft CEIP and provide feedback at pse.com/plan

Participate in our programs

- Vashon-Maury Island today:
 - 350 net metered solar customers
 - 13.5% of customers participate in Green Power and Solar Choice programs
- Learn more about energy efficiency and renewable options we offer now at pse.com
- Stay tuned for more on new programs!



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Discussion

- If it is going to be clean, there is strong opposition to PSE advertising “cleaner” fuels, and omitting Natural Gas, and to address the Gas-Fired power plant
- Guest: Deepa Sivarajan, a WA policy team manager from Climate Solutions, a non profit working on climate change advocacy, is available for comment deepa.sivarajan@climatesolutions.org

Motion: Motion Proposed by Kevin Jones to have VMICC endorse the updated building codes being approved by Washington state’s Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) to reduce most fossil fuels in most commercial and multi-unit buildings:

“The Vashon-Maury Island Community Council (VMICC) is concerned about the climate, and understands that greenhouse gas emissions from buildings is the number two source of climate pollution in Washington State. Because of this, the VMICC endorses approval of updated building codes being considered for approval by the King County Council. These new building codes would restrict most uses of fossil fuels in new commercial and large multifamily buildings in unincorporated King County.”

Motion Seconded by Virginia Lohr. Will be voted upon at the next VMICC general meeting, November 15.

For a refresher on this policy, see the April VMICC meeting presentation at: http://vmicc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/20-Building-Codes_Community-Presentation_Four-Creeks-UAC-Advisory-Committee.pdf

WSF Ferries: *Justin Hirsch*, Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) (one of three representatives for Vashon). The Vashon ferry advisory committee is one of many in the state, volunteers are selected who live here and ride the boats. It’s a volunteer position and is carried out in their free



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time. It is also considered a Washington State Ferries (WSF) watchdog community group, with no authority, just residents who are interested and attentive.

Some additional notes & data attached

- Fauntleroy ferry terminal will be rebuilt in the next 4 to 5 years. Multiple community groups will meet between this meeting and the next VMICC meeting. FAC Chairwoman Emily Scott can give an update on that at next meeting.
- There is currently a vacancy on the FAC. There is not a clear pathway to identify who the third person is going to be. This body of the VMICC could appoint that person, each appointment has a different process, “we sort of make the road by walking.”
- In an attempt to have more reliable sailings WSF have reduced to 2 sailings which goes along with other ferry systems- For triangle route 28% reduction in weekly service.
- Crewing difficulties, not able to add new crew members because training process was hard to do during Covid.
- 90% of WSF employees as of a few weeks ago had reported they have already been fully vaccinated for covid19.
- Fauntleroy neighborhood community is not happy about the extra traffic; with the extra flow and patterns due to the detours from the West Seattle bridge; the Fauntleroy ferry dock lobbying is going to be crucial if we want to keep that location, and we are going to share in that process with the Fauntleroy Community and with our neighbors to the West in Kitsap to be a louder represented voice.
- <https://wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr160/fauntleroy-terminal/home>

Open discussion

- *Jo Ann Herbert*: addressing the trees and their protection (trees take decades to grow, cultivating and maintaining our ecosystems, that habitats we love).
 - Ongoing communication with Greg Smith, facilities manager with King County Library System (KCLS); discussion about planting more nice trees at library, especially to replace the Maple Trees that were removed when they widened the sidewalk. Requested four maples to be planted, and he agreed to do that.
 - Jo Ann has written Beachcomber articles about birds nesting and caring for the land with gardening. Beachcomber will present a new article in collaboration with Audubon regarding bird nesting habits changing due to climate change
 - During the spring a lot of birds are nesting, and we should be more mindful of that and recognize all the springtime pruning, asking people to be mindful and as much as possible to not be cutting trees, an instead prune from September through January, which is a real change of our behaviors.
 - Tasking the community with sharing the message of when to work in the garden, and how to protect the birds.



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- *Burton Water Company* is looking for new ownership, anyone interested can contact Nick@vmicc.net, for those residing in Burton Loop. Meetings are being set to learn more for those interested.

Next month meeting Monday November 15th.

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm.