



July 19th, 2021

7:00-9:04 pm
Online, using WebEx

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

Meeting Chair: David Vogel

Minutes: Kyle Britz

Attendees: 32 people present at the meeting:

Allen de Steiger	Evy Horton	Mary G Bruno
Armen Yousoufian	Gavin Kovite	Melvin Mackey
Barbara Wells	Heidi McWatters	Michaela Olavarri
Bong Sto. Domingo	Jeni Johnson	Preben Martin
C. Hunter Davis	Jill Janow	Rita Schenck
Camille Reeves	Jim Garrison	Steve Macdonald
David Vogel	John Affolter	Tanya Roberts
Deborah Anderson	John Martinak	Yve Susskind
Debra Gussin	Jorge Johansen	Yvonne Kuperberg
Diane Emerson	Justin Hirsch	Call-in-unknown
Emily Scott	Kyle Britz	

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

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Minutes

- **Welcome and housekeeping:** David Vogel
- **Meeting agenda:** reviewed and approved.
- **June meeting minutes:** reviewed and adopted.

VMICC Committees & Board updates

- If people are interested in joining a committee or creating a committee, email info@vmicc.net or present your interest at a Community Council meeting.
 - ❖ **Active Transportation committee:** Jill Janow, committee member
 - Reminder that Committee was formed after the death of an islander in the crosswalk (among others who had been hit by automobiles) in front of the Senior Center, and the Senior Center along with the Active Transportation Committee and Hilary Emmer pressed the county to do something about that intersection.



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- Major Improvements needed certain thresholds for the “uniformed Traffic Code”, and the intersection we had been told did not meet the criteria, though County did update the crosswalk flag holders
 - The idea of having a “Pedestrian activated Signal” appeared out of the question, though we were then recently informed that it would be approved by County
 - Thanks to the extraordinary ongoing efforts of the committee and other community activists, the pedestrian activated signal appears to be slated to be installed by this fall.
 - Website: www.VASHONatc.org
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❖ **VMICC Childcare Committee:** Chair: Molly Kovite, email Molly.Kovite@gmail.com

- Those interested in participating have often been those that need the assistance
 - Biggest need is Infant Care on island (those ages under 2 ½ yrs old), also hardest to get certified for.
 - Goals: Formalize Childcare Network and better matched options for coordinated Nanny share, back up childcare options.
 - Work with the Highschool to have Red Cross Certified to teach Baby Sitting Classes.
 - Wishlist: a commercially certified level day care facility (especially for those with low-income needs to utilize more state fund subsidies).
 - Interested in a Needs Assessment on the island to help with these efforts.
 - Community comment: VSSN may be able to help with some fundraising and supportive structure to help build this out
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❖ **Ferry Advisory Committee:** Justin Hirsch & Emily Scott, VashonFAC@gmail.com

- Of the 18 vessels of the fleet only 16 are currently available due to repairs
 - Masks continue to be required in the Indoor Areas of public transit through Sept 13th
 - System Ridership has been up
 - Switching to the 2 boat schedule (with 124 capacity boats) on Sundays, with 3 boats a day for the other 6 days of the week
 - Emily sits on the Fauntleroy Dock advisory group, and let us know there are many islanders who are participating in that group
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❖ **VMICC Ways and Means:** John Affolter, John@vmicc.net

- Advisory committee for any individual or group of people trying to achieve a project or a mission and link with outside sources to reach their goals with a broad spectrum of expertise on the committee to help people with their project goals.
 - Seeking participants for the committee.
 - Working on outreach and anticipating a gathering of those interested after Labor day.
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❖ **VMICC “Affordable” Housing Committee:** Interim Chair: Rita Schenck, ritabiophilia@gmail.com

- Reminders of how big the housing issues are on the island, and sites that at least 600 adults on the island are living below the poverty level being less than \$12,000 a year
 - Vashon Household houses approx. 125 units.
 - Presented “Affordable Housing for Vashon Island” produced by Vashon House Hold <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPxOG-Ms5g8>
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- Community: “Strawberry Fields Farm” proposal to support disabled adults, for those that have grown up on the island.
 - Community: Reminder that *Affordable Housing* is also a place for those that need affordable housing that work to serve the wealthy
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Presentations:

❖ **Vashon GroundWater Committee:** Mary Bruno email VMIGPC10@kingcounty.gov

- Safe Wells Vashon program: help protect our water, an exciting opportunity to help us steward and better maintain our soul source aquifer.
 - Three levels of participation: know about your water supply, education, and how to protect your well from contaminants. Some equipment will be provided at no cost, 2 years of annual samples and lab tests available, and training are part of this program.
 - SafeWells posts on Vashon Nature Center Blog:
 - Part One: <https://vashonnaturecenter.org/groundwater-protection-committee-launches-safewellsvashon-program/>
 - Part Two: <https://vashonnaturecenter.org/whos-guarding-the-water-hole/>
 - Map of Vashon Water Districts and Private Wells (from the Groundwater Committee's 2012 Assessing Our Liquid Assets Report):
 - <https://your.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/water-and-land/groundwater/VMI-GWPC/SI-2012/SI9-total-use-2012.pdf>
 - 1998 Groundwater Management Plan: https://your.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/1998/kcr145/kcr145_Mgmt-Plan.pdf
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❖ **Vashon Behavioral Health Needs Survey:** Yve Susskind email yve@praxisassociates.com

- The report: <https://vyfs.org/community-needs>
 - Contact to participate in a steering committee: jjohnson@vyfs.org
 - Slides attached
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Community Open Discussion:

❖ Islander Preben Martin email prebenmartin@me.com

- Proposed exploring Vashon reworking the alleys behind the restaurants to be more pedestrian and kid friendly, and have the outdoor seating be redesignated there to be safer from automobile traffic
 - Community noted that the garbage bins are in those areas and may pose issues with that plan
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❖ Islander Jim Garrison email jgburtonwater@gmail.com

- Motion proposed for next meeting: *“Given that there are limited public access points to Vashon Maury Island Shorelines, the Community Council recommends that the county not grant any road easement vacations that effect such access to those shorelines.” -Motion was seconded*
 - Re: John Taylor with LandUse will be attending the next meeting to comment.
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➤ **Next Meeting:** Monday, August 16th, 2021 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm via WebEx

➤ **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:04