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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: 107

Alice Bloch	Dylan Fick	Kyle Britz – board member
Allison Trundle	Elizabeth Boutin	Leslie
Amy Morrison	Evan Simmons	Linda Moore
Anonymous 1	Evy Horton	Lisa Chambers
Anonymous 2	Gavin Kovite – board member	Melvin Mackey
Anonymous 3	Harris Bey	Merrilee Runyan
Armen Yousoufian	Heidi McWatters	Michael Laurie
Art Chippendale	James	Michaela Olavarri – board member
Bart Arenson	James Christensen	Mike Riggs
Beverly Skeffington	Jan	Nancy Murphy
Bill Lyell	Jane Neubauer	Nancy O'Connor
Bill Moyer	Jane Piston	Nicholas Simmons – board member
Bob Murano	Jean Berolzheimer	Nicole Sanders
Bong Sto Domingo	Jenna Riggs	Noah Roselander
Bunny Hatcher	Jessica Lisovsky	Paul Fenton
C. Hunter Davis – board member	Jim Diers	Peter Rubin
Caitlin Rothermel	Jimmy James	Rachel Rome
Camille Reeves – board member	John Affolter – board member	Rayna Holtz
Carol McLean	John Cushing	Rich Murphy
Chip Giller	Jonny Kocher	Robert Piston
Chris Hawes	Joseph Jessie	Rondi Lightmark
Craig Beles	Justin Hirsch	Roxanne Thayer
D Jonlin	Kathleen Fitch	Scott
David Vogel – board member	Kathy Rickard	Seth Zuckerman
Debby Jackson	Ken Gresset	Sheila Brown
Deborah Anderson	Kerry	Spike O'Neill
Debra Gussen	Kerstin Smith	Stephen Silha
Diane Emerson – board member	Kevin Jones	Steve Bergman
Douglas Ostrom	Kit Bean	Steve Macdonald
Dr. Steve Nourse	Kristen Smith	

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Susie Murphy	Ted Clabaugh
Suzanne Greenberg	Terry Sullivan
Suzanne Mager	Todd Myers
Tania Kinnear	Tom Wilkins
Tanya Roberts	Virginia Lohr

Ward Carson
William Shadbolt
Yvonne Kuperberg

Meeting recording:

Videos currently archived on our website and will be uploaded to a VMICC YouTube channel, www.vmicc.net

To view :

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/em7wapQ9l0sTJLait3BwwiezEPPrVgtLiPuvu2E1TK8uHg22KWOclS3TpMNnZsxu5.ZjRZCP3pKHgRCrYJ>

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Quorum: reached prior to 7:00pm

Meeting Agenda: The recently added Motion put forth by the Board must be added as New Business, as it has not previously been put forth to the full council committee for input.

- *Melvin Mackey* makes the motion for New Business (the Board’s Motion to be after Old Business, seconded by *Diane Emerson*. Show of hands called, 45 voted in favor out of 75 present, motion carries.
- *Armen Yousoufian* requests all previous motions on agenda be postponed until January. As previous motions were already presented to the general meeting with time for discussion, the motion does not carry.
- *Roxanne Thayer* reminds that the Democratic Rules of Order refer to Roberts Rules of Order and have a place in both. A motion cannot be presented to the board and skip the general meeting, as the general council meeting supersedes the board meeting. A motion must be presented to the general committee, for the

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ability to have council input and consideration for it to move forward or not, and then can be voted upon.

Review November's General Meeting Notes: Minutes Approved, with reminders that it was shared to the mailing list, and that it is published on the www.vmicc.net website. Requests were made to have it shared during the meeting.

Introducing Recognized Guests (non residents):

Bong Sto Domingo, KC Local Services

Major Joe Hodgson, KCSO (not present -unable to attend)

Nicole Sanders, KC Green Building Principal Planner, Permitting Division

Todd Myers, Washingtonpolicy.org, Free-Market Environmental Policy

Presentation: Zero Waste Vashon (ZWV) by its President *Nancy O'Connor*:

- ZWV's mission is working to make our island a model waste to resource community <https://zerowastevashon.org> with current projects as follows:
 - Approximately 40% of our waste refuse is organic material.
 - Reviewing contract options for curbside pickup providers for households alongside garbage and recycling to help separate.
 - Processing food scraps and yard waste previously has been shipped 75 miles to Cedar Grove and then shipped 75 miles back as "compost", with an unnecessary carbon footprint.
 - ZWV and King County have been working on a feasibility study for Vashon to process our own organic material. Exploring potential locations, ZWV is advocating for the current Waste Transfer Station site.
 - <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/facilities/vashon-compost.aspx>
 - [Vashon Compost Facility Study – Zero Waste Vashon](#)

Old Business:

Motion 1 for Discussion and Vote:

"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."

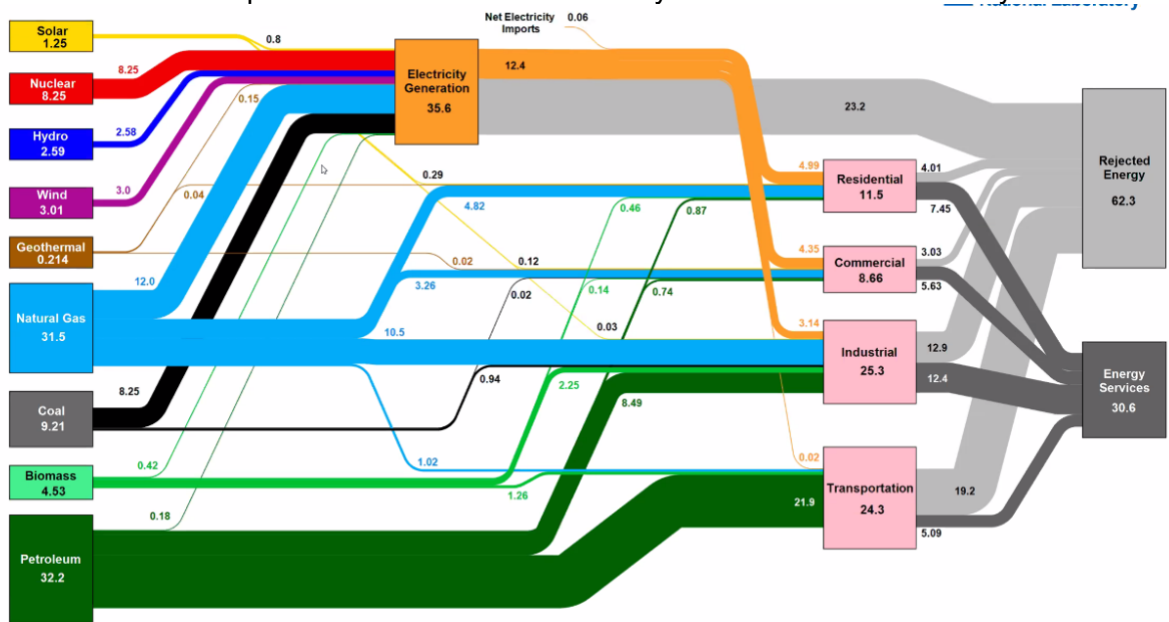
- Discussion: Reviewing the topics of the motion, reminding attendees of the VMICC meeting presentations since April 2021 meetings, including presentations from PSE, King County Green Building and Vashon Climate Action Group.
 - *Nicole Sanders* with King County Green Building provided a recap of the proposed building and energy codes; buildings 4 stories and taller.

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- PSE and the state of Washington will be changing to all Electric non-fossil fuel power sources, and to meet that infrastructure need by power production being from Green Renewable sources
- *Ward Carson*, PHD in mechanical Engineering and co-founding member of Vashon Climate Action Group presented a Sankey Diagram of the previous methods & forms of Electric Energy Powerplants across the nation. If PSE doesn't conform to renewable production, Vashon can replace PSE with local PUD if they don't meet our community standards.



Sources: EIA March, 2021. Data is based on DOE/EIA MEG (2020). If this information or a reproduction of it is used, credit must be given to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Department of Energy, under whose auspices the work was performed. Distributed electricity represents only retail electricity sales and does not include self-generation. EIA reports consumption of renewable resources (i.e., hydro, wind, geothermal) and solar for electricity in BTU-equivalent values by assuming a typical fossil fuel plant heat rate. The

- *Todd Myers* advocated for carbon trading and economic investments to build up green energy where we can, especially so that people can continue lifestyles, and to follow the Microsoft model.
- *Community members* address various issues relating to the speakers.
- Reinvestment in carbon trading doesn't account for carbon neutral when we share the same global resources.
- Heat pumps, solar, energy efficient buildings, appliances, affordable energy coalitions.
- Carbon Neutral vs Sustainable vs Carbon Negative infrastructures.
- Infrastructure that are non-fossil fuels as the State and Nation transfer to an electric grid.
- Call to vote, reminding only residents of Vashon may cast a vote.
- With 90 participants at call to vote, 65 voted: with 63 in favor and 2 opposed. Motion passes as VMICC endorsement of the Green Building Codes.

Motion 2 for Discussion and Vote:

- The motion was updated with friendly edits.

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- In consultation with Island Racial Justice groups, VMICC commits to take appropriate action on racial justice and equity issues affecting Vashon Maury Island residents brought to the Council.
- As the council has not had an equity policy, we need to set the narrative to be clear and concise about our community to increase diversity, be open and inviting to all and not accept inequities.
- *Deborah Anderson*, former resident, and advocate for people with disabilities, strongly suggests we form a task force to address equity, especially ADA. Examples were given regarding experiences with VIPP and KC ARC.
- *Bill Lyell* recommends we are specific about what “appropriate action” is, and that we need to be specific.
- *Bunny Hatcher* reminds us that equal access vs equity to access differ, and that non-discrimination vs anti-discrimination differ. Equity as justice and fairness for all to have access to participate in our community.
- *Art Chippendale* identifies the motion needs to be reframed to identify the issue, and that the action appears to be forming a committee or task force.
- *Melvin Mackey* asks for show of hands interest in participating in this type of committee and task force, including self-education, diversity, equity and inclusion; 16 community members raised their hands.
- *Bill Moyer* and *Roxanne Thayer* request the author of the motion make friendly edits to the motion to clarify the preface and the action items as first the condemnation of hate speech and then the establishment of an equity committee/task force.
- *Kevin Jones* re-presented the motion with the additional friendly edits as:
 - The Vashon-Maury Island Community Council:
 - I: Condemns the racist graffiti incident in the Vashon Village Green of November, 2021, adding our voice to the hundreds of organizations and individuals on Vashon-Maury islands who signed their names to a statement in the November 11, 2021 edition of *The Beachcomber*,
 - II: Commits to form an Equity committee, who will engage in meaningful communication with the Vashon-Maury community to educate the Council about equity barriers facing island residents,
 - III: The Equity committee will create and submit an Equity Policy, for approval by this Council, to guide our own actions and policies to remove equity barriers and to advocate for bias-free norms in the wider community, and
 - IV: In consultation with Island Racial Justice groups, commits to take appropriate action on racial justice and equity issues affecting Vashon-Maury Island residents brought to the Council.
- 56 residents voted, with 54 in favor and 2 opposed. Motion passes at 98%.

Motion 3 for Discussion and Vote:

- “Begin each VMICC meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America”
- The Pledge of Allegiance is for US citizens, but you don’t have to be a US citizen to be a Resident of Vashon Maury Island.

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- As we are starting an Equity Committee to help us with fairness to everyone, some may feel while the allegiance to the flag strives for this we have an opportunity to define what it means.
- Some Veterans voiced their support of it, and some opposed it.
- The pledge feels like a patriotic oath, whereas this community council is an independent non-governmental body.
- People shared heart warming stories for how the USA as a country was a sanctuary to their families immigrating and seeking asylum, and the pride in citizenship.
- Community would like something to address togetherness in our Vashon Maury Island Community, with suggestions towards instead a statement like “We are all in this together, pledge to respect each other, stand with each other through hardships and steward the island’s natural resources for future generations and in respect for those who came before us.”
 - 53 residents voted, with 1 in favor and 52 opposed.
 - Motion doesn’t pass.

Committees:

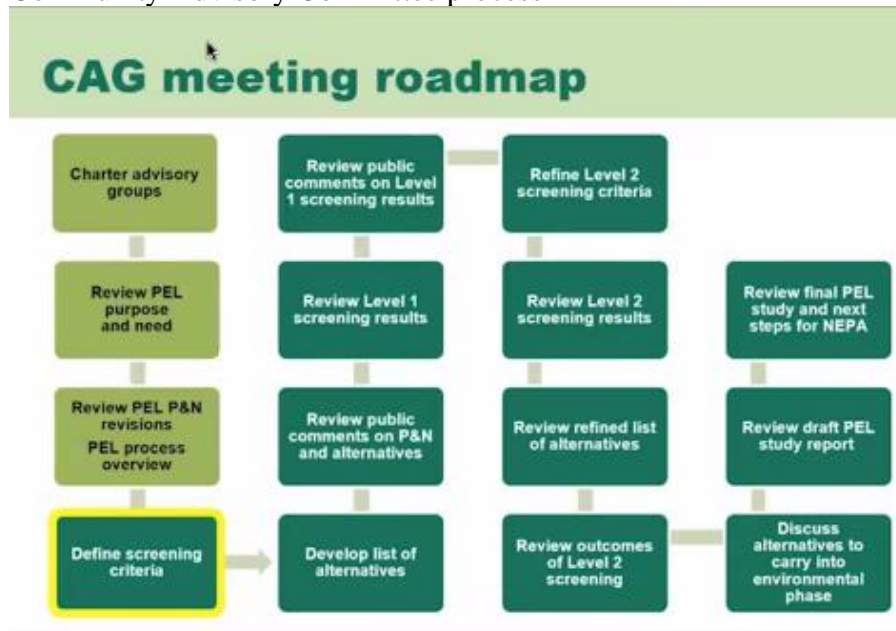
- **VMICC Ways and Means**: Starting their first project to create fundraisers for the VMICC budget, at least to pay for the hundreds of dollars the board members have been donating.
 - Interest in a community meal series, both for fund raising as well as community building togetherness.
 - Bill Moyers and Terry Sullivan emphasize that previous VMICC iterations had success with community meals.
- **FAC Ferry Advisory Committee**: The FAC is a conduit of information, for community input, a direct channel to WSF, info on service disruptions. Open seat, requesting the VMICC to appoint a new member.
 - VMICC taking applicants for a new FAC member, will vote on applicants at next VMICC general meeting. *Rachel Rome* voiced an interest in consideration.
 - WSF is working on their service restoration plan, hiring more people to get them in place to have more crews to run the boats.
 - Likely that winter schedule will continue through the spring.
 - The Fauntleroy Terminal Project has 3 committees. Tech, Community and Ferry advisory committee. Hadley Rodero WSF Communications, Hadley.Rodero@wsdot.wa.gov

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- Community Advisory Committee process



- <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=yWkDSVctKR8>
- Justin Hirsh made the motion for nominations being open to vote at the next meeting, seconded by John Affolter.

New Business:

- *Gavin Kovite's* Motion to be discussed in January: "Avoid adopting symbolic resolutions. Strive to be neutral ground in our wider societal culture conflict, allowing islanders of different ideologies and political persuasions to join together to work on local issues"
 - To be added to the second clause of the VMICC policy statement about being non-partisan.
 - *Debby Jackson* requests there to be a clear and accessible Template for making motions, for people to know the guidelines for how to make things actionable.
 - Community asks for transparency in the process for making motions, and that if the board or anyone can deny things that are deemed not relevant for there to be a process and opportunity for the motion to be reworded and crafted to be presented within the proper format for consideration.
 - It could be an endless debate as to what is "symbolic."
 - The board should not have the power to decide what moves forward or not, that is up to the council of the general committee, and there must be an opportunity for things to evolve.
 - In our bylaws, if the board decides to refer a motion to a committee or another venue, the general council can have a 2/3rds majority vote to overturn that decision.

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- This motion is requested to have more description and more discussion for transparency and clarity, as well as an actionable item included to provide a format for resolutions.
 - Ways and Means Committee has offered to work with people who want to work on their motions to help them meet the criteria –there should be a framework available on the website for people to help craft their motions and understand the aspects requested.

Open Discussion:

- What is Symbolic, what are Values, and what is part of building a culture and identity as a community?
- Request Poll results to be shown after the vote is taken.

Next month meeting Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday anniversary, January 17th.

Meeting adjourned 9:32pm.