

VMICC Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2020

7:00-9:21 pm
Online, using WebEx

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

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

Note Taker: Meeting was transcribed by WebEx, summarized by Diane Emerson

Attendees: 35 people attended the meeting.

5417****23	Dawn Hylton	Melvin Mackey
6055****84	Diane Emerson	Nicholas Simmons
Arliene Wilkerson	Erin (no last name given)	Nick Jurus
Bong Sto. Domingo	Gavin Kovite	Paul Rowley
Breanna Oberlin	Ginny Lohr	Peg (no last name given)
C. Hunter Davis	Holly Slattery	Peter Rubin
Camille Reeves	Jane Neubauer	Steve Bergman
Celina Yarkin	Janet F. Welt	Steve Macdonald
Chris Szala	Jeff Dunncliff	Sue Trevathan
Christy Clement VHH	Jim Diers	Tina Dawson
Dan Schueler	Kyle Britz	Yvonne Kuperberg
David Vogel	Lisa Chambers	

Those interested in watching the video of the meeting can do so for the next 4 months. The video of the meeting with transcription are available at this link: VMICC November 16 Meeting-

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

Minutes

1. **WebEx Instructions** – Diane Emerson
2. **Welcome** David Vogel
3. **The meeting agenda** was reviewed and approved
4. **The October meeting minutes** were reviewed and approved with the correction of Shelly Whitlock's name.
5. **Election of Board Members** – The results of the board elections were announced. 270 votes were recorded, and the following 7 board members were elected: Kyle Britz, C. Hunter Davis, Diane Emerson, Dawn Hylton, Camille Reeves, Nicholas Simmons, and David S. Vogel. Congratulations to all those who were elected, and thank you to all who ran for election!

These 7 board members have met and are in the process of recruiting two more members to fill gaps in coverage of sectors in our community, so we have good connections with as many groups as possible. The two additional board members will be announced at the December 21 meeting.

6. **Update from Vashon Household – Chris Szala**

Chris is the Executive Director of Vashon Household, our Island's main source of affordable housing. Vashon Household first began as a committee of the Community Council. Chris listed the existing affordable housing properties managed by Vashon Household: Charter House, J.G. Commons, Eernisse Apartments, Mukai Commons, and 2 home ownership projects: Sunflower and Roseballen. Chris then provided details on the latest effort, Island Center Homes. This project will consist of five two-story buildings with eight sleeping units in each. Each building will be 2300 square feet and will include shared a shared kitchen and dining room. Each individual's private rooms will be 350-380 square feet; large enough for a bed, table, chair, and seating area. The buildings are on the sewer. No septic system. Island Center Homes will house a total of 40 people. Szala said the project has the potential to help a broad spectrum of people who need it: veterans, people with developmental disabilities, mental health issues, a particular group of seniors, and the homeless. The location will be 188th St and Vashon Highway. The project will include solar panels, a P-Patch garden, a 15,000-gallon rain catchment system called a rain bank. The water from the rain bank will be used to flush the toilets in the project, reducing water use from Water District 19. The project has 5 water shares. No wait list has been announced yet. The Island Center Homes project is being used by King County to demonstrate how to increase density and using the fewest resources.

The Vashon Household new website should be up in the next few days:

<http://www.vashonhousehold.org/>

Chris suggested that the Community Council could help obtain funding for future affordable housing projects by meeting with the state legislators to ask them to ' earmark ' funds. Land prices have gone up so much that this type of additional support is needed.

7. **VMICC Website Discussion**

The VMICC website is very important. It is used to inform the community about meetings, committees, issues, and key people to contact. We discussed other possible ideas for the website. Here are some key ones:

A central community resource of island organizations and individual projects, with contact

information. We have a start on this, provided by the Vashon Fire Department: http://dev.vmicc.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020_Vashon-Maury_Community_Resources_Guide.pdf More info can be harvested from the Whole Vashon Catalog, if someone is willing to work on this.

A Community Forum, where people can post ongoing dialogue on key issues. This would take many hours of curating and managing, but if someone could be found to take that on, it could be done. This could take the form of a Message Board.

History of VMICC, so people know, for example, that Vashon Household started out as one of the Community Council committees, as did many Island nonprofits. It could include the recent history of the re-creating of the council in 2020, and regular posts on Vashon History.

Committees: more information on the committees, how to participate, when they meet, what they cover.

We need people to step up to work on the website. If any of these pieces sound interesting to you, please send an e-mail to info@vmicc.net

8. **Traffic Safety Committee**

Adam Foster, who is helping to form the Traffic Safety Committee, was unable to attend. But if you are interested in working on this issue, please contact him: Adam Foster, 541-603-6812 cell, dadamfo1@gmail.com

9. **Community Announcements**

We didn't have any event announcements, but there was a discussion about COVID-19, and what more can/should be done. From the discussion and the chat, here were some key points:

The Chamber of Commerce regularly provides information and classes for businesses on how to manage with the current restrictions: <https://www.vashonchamber.com/covidsafe-vashon/>

Vashon Be Prepared is the key group managing our Island's info and response to the virus:

<http://www.vashonbeprepared.org/> You can sign up for e-mail alerts to keep you apprised, what we can all do to stay safe, and the specifics regarding current restrictions. They announce mask handouts, updated case counts, and much more.

Thriftway has 50 mask packs for \$12.99

10. **Issues for Future Meetings**

Puget Sound Energy will be answering questions posed from the community back in September, at the December meeting.

11. **Next Meeting:** Monday, December 21, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm via WebEx

12. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:25