

# VMICC Meeting Minutes

April 19th, 2021

7:00-8:43 pm

Online, using WebEx

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

**Meeting Chair:** David Vogel

**Minutes:** Kyle Britz

**Attendees:** 44 people attended the meeting.

Adam Day	Diane Emerson	Kyle Britz
Adam Foster	Emily Scott	Michaela Olavarri
Amanda Reykdal	Emmett Pickerel	Michael Shomsky
Amy Morrison	Evy Horton	Nicholas Simmons
Armen Yousoufian	Gavin Kovite	Nicole Sanders
Bailey Deiongh	Heidi McWatters	Oz
Beth Anne Freiling	Jean Berolzheimer	Peter Horvath
Beverly Skeffington	Jeff Dunncliff	Peter Rubin
Bong Sto. Domingo	Jill Janow	Rita Schenck
C. Hunter Davis	Jim Garrison	Sheila Doane
Camille Reeves	Jo Ann Herbert	Steve Macdonald
Cosmo Diskan	Joe McDermott	Steven Brewer
Creighton Chamberlain	John Affolter	Tanya Roberts
D Gussin	Kathleen Fitch	Terry Sullivan
David Vogel	Kari Ulatoski	Call-in-unknown

We are working to have the videos archived on our website, [www.vmicc.net](http://www.vmicc.net)

Here is the link to the video of the April 19 meeting:

**general meeting-20210420 0202-1**

Monday, April 19, 2021

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# Minutes

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- **Welcome and housekeeping: C. Hunter Davis and David Vogel**
- **Meeting agenda:** reviewed and approved.
- **March meeting minutes:** reviewed and adopted.
- **VMICC Board updates:**
  - New Board Members appointed by the Board and Approved by General Community Council: John Affolter & Michaella Olavarri. John has chosen the education and recreation sectors as a focus, and is looking to start an Activities committee. Michaella is co-chair of the VMICC Communications Committee and has a focus on outreach to the underserved population of the island.
- **Guest Presentation:** New Building Codes for King County with Nicole Sanders, [nicsanders@kingcounty.gov](mailto:nicsanders@kingcounty.gov) & [AskLocalServices@KingCounty.gov](mailto:AskLocalServices@KingCounty.gov)
  - ❖ Slideshow presentation attached and on VMICC website
  - ❖ The Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) will make Washington State energy grids Carbon-Free by 2030.
  - ❖ Most new buildings will need to have Solar Ready for future installation.
  - ❖ Comments available on: [www.kingcounty.gov/depts/local-services/permits/planning-regulations/legislation-public-review-comment.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/local-services/permits/planning-regulations/legislation-public-review-comment.aspx)

## **VMICC Committees**

- If people are interested in joining a committee or creating a committee, email [info@vmicc.net](mailto:info@vmicc.net) or present your interest at a Community Council meeting.
  - ❖ **Active Transportation committee:** Chaired by Adam Foster, [Adam@vmicc.net](mailto:Adam@vmicc.net)
    - Meetings are ongoing, every Monday at 5pm except on Community Council meeting days
    - Guest speakers will be joining upcoming meetings to focus on specific topics
    - Focus is on transportation related to non-motorized; bicycles and walking
    - Future projects: Senior Center Crosswalk, all community crosswalks, exploring ‘sharrow’ bike markings where there are no shoulders, community safety vest program to increase visibility, island wide regional trail “ferry to ferry”, education awareness programs, and to make every corner safer.
    - Social media accounts: @VashonATC
    - Website: [www.VASHONatc.org](http://www.VASHONatc.org)
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    - The following Motion Passed with: 79% approved, 3% denied and 18% abstained
- 1. “Part of our Active Transportation Committee’s mission is to advocate for active transportation in our community. Therefore, we would like to ***formally request that the county seek funding for a feasibility***

**study** that could help determine if an Active Transportation Facility (ATF) connecting the town core to the north and south end ferry terminals (similar to a Regional Trail, Heritage Trail, Sidepath, etc...) aligns with community goals and is physically and financially feasible to construct on Vashon-Maury Islands. We believe that this request for a feasibility study is in keeping with section P-7 (p.59) of the Vashon Maury Island Subarea Plan, which states:**The community desires a Regional Trail that provides commuters, students, and recreationalists with access to commercial areas, transit services, schools, and other destinations. King County should coordinate with community residents and organizations to seek funding to conduct a study to explore the feasibility of a new Regional Trail or other active transportation facilities that connects the Vashon and Maury Island communities with the north and south ferry terminals and respective ferry routes. Such a Regional Trail or other active transportation facility should achieve the following:**

a. **Connect residential, employment, and commercial centers and other important community destinations; and**

b. **Connect the north and south ferry terminals”**

❖ **Communications Committee:** Co-chaired by Diane Emerson and Michaela Olavarri

- VMICC social media presence has increased; still need extra help promoting consciousness, encourage participating in the posts by “commenting”, “resharing” and help to get the word out.
- VMICC website has been updated and more organized for ease of access. For input and ideas, email [Diane@vmicc.net](mailto:Diane@vmicc.net)
- VMICC logo designs are being drafted for a nice selection for the board and the whole community to join in selection at upcoming meetings. There are 3 great options.

❖ **VMICC Dog Park Committee:** Interim-Chair by Michael Shomsky

- Had 1 meeting, and seeking more connections with others on this topic
- Next meeting:  
Topic: Dog Park Meeting  
Time: Apr 29, 2021 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84039205231?pwd=d05NeS9TT1dKcUVZTUZVRmFablZHUT09>  
To attend future meetings contact Michael Shomsky at [mtshomsky@vmicc.net](mailto:mtshomsky@vmicc.net)

❖ **VMICC “Affordable” Housing Committee:** Interim Chair: Rita Schenck, [ritabiophilia@gmail.com](mailto:ritabiophilia@gmail.com)

- Interested members can reach out to the interim chair to participate in the upcoming first meeting that will be set in the next few weeks
- At that meeting, the focus of the committee will expand.

❖ **VMICC Childcare Committee:** Interim Chair, Molly Kovite

- Next meeting is April 22nd 8pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83494209703>  
For future meetings, contact our board liaison Gavin Kovite at [Gavin@vmicc.net](mailto:Gavin@vmicc.net)

❖ **Transportation, Ferries, Metro et al:**

- <https://survey.participate.online/s3/WSF-Fauntleroy-Ferry-Terminal-CAG-application>
- If anyone is interested in joining the community advisory group meetings, they are significant meetings for our community. It would be good have more community members attend from the ferry triangle route

- Link to the Fauntleroy project: <https://wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr160/fauntleroy-terminal/home>
  - Summer schedule returns on May 9<sup>th</sup>
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- Our transportation landscape is changing and our participation is necessary
    - Vashon’s current Ferry Advisory Committee can be contacted: [VashonFAC@gmail.com](mailto:VashonFAC@gmail.com)
    - Their steady input of key issues for Fauntleroy Ferry Dock remain: passenger loading separated from vehicle loading; dock capacity to match vessel capacity; and effective traffic control to limit road rage and accidents that happen too often on Fauntleroy Way.

➤ VMICC Public Safety Committee: to generate interest.

➤ **KCSO:** Captain Peter Horvath

- ❖ There have been more speeding incidences with the detour routes and they are working on addressing those complaints
- ❖ KCSO shared that they were called to a scene in March and de-escalated a situation with positive results on the island.

➤ **KC Advisory Committee for Public Safety:** Community member Bailey Deiongh, [psac3@kingcounty.gov](mailto:psac3@kingcounty.gov)

- They will have their first meetings in the next few weeks to help “re-imagine policing” that fits our community and our County needs.
  - We have a historic opportunity to reevaluate what public safety means to us.
  - In November of 2020, the voters of King County supported amendments to the charter to make the Sheriff’s position appointed, not elected, and to permit the County Council to change the duties of the Sheriff’s Office. This vote came after the tragic police killings of black men and women were brought to everyone’s attention during the pandemic, for the need for major changes to policing around the world. To implement the charter amendment, the county council adopted an ordinance establishing an advisory group regarding public safety and the appointment of a new sheriff beginning January 2, 2022.
  - There are 2 representatives for unincorporated rural king county, one of which is a resident and member of our Vashon Community.
  - The Advisory Committee is to provide guidance to the King County council and the executive council, solicit input from the community for how law enforcement services should be provided, and ways the county could improve **the delivery of** law enforcement services.
  - The Advisory Committee has 13 members: 2 from rural unincorporated areas, 1 from urban unincorporated areas, 2 managers from contract cities, 2 individuals with expertise in police reform, 2 from police communities, 2 from police agencies, and 1 from the office of law enforcement.
  - The Advisory Committee is tasked with issuing a report by July 1<sup>st</sup> to inform the recruitment of Sheriff candidates, and to be involved during the selection process.
  - May reach out to Vashon Social Services Network (VSSN)

➤ **Open Discussion:** Community member Jo Ann Herbert

- ❖ Trees of Legacy on Vashon. How can we protect them and be more mindful of the great trees that we do have and how to better protect them.
- ❖ There was a book at the KC Library for some time called the Legacy of Trees from the 1980s. Also recommended is The Overstory by Richard Powers: <http://www.richardpowers.net/the-overstory/>

- Those interested can contact Jo Ann Herbert, J.A.H., [deergrazingbymoonlite@yahoo.com](mailto:deergrazingbymoonlite@yahoo.com) , 206-567-5852

- **Next Meeting:** Monday, May 17<sup>h</sup>, 2021 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm via WebEx
- **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:43