

March 21st, 2022

7:00-8: pm
Online, using Zoom



Meeting called by: Vashon-Maury Island Community

Type of Meeting: Virtual Council Meeting

Meeting Chair: David Vogel

Platform Host & Co-Chair: Diane Emerson

Minutes: Kyle Britz

Attendees: 45

Amy Morrison
Arlene Wilkerson
Art Chippendale
B. Shore
Bailey de Iongh
Beverly Skeffington
Backbone Campaign
C. Hunter Davis -- board member
Carol Volpe
Chris Wong
David Vogel – board member
Deborah Anderson
Diane Emerson – board member
Douglas Ostrom
Erik Gray - KCPAO
Evy Horton
Ginger Ferguson

Heather Volpe -- King County
Sheriff's office, Precinct Captain
Hyejin Kim
Jay Holtz
Jill Janow
John Affolter – board member
Justin Hirsch
Kathleen Fitch
Kevin Jones
Kyle Britz – board member
Laurier Mailloux
Linda Moore
Marsha
Melvin Mackey (Sqababsh Land)
Michaela Olavarri – board member
Mike Spranger
Morgan Brown

MRH
Pete Welch
Peter Rubin
Rachel Rome - proposed board
member
Rob Harmon
Robert Piston
Stanley Lloyd-KCPAO
Steve Bergman
Susan Riemer
Terry Sullivan
Virginia Lohr
Yvonne Kuperberg
iPhone
206-371-XXXX

Access to meeting recordings:

All Meetings archived on <http://vmicc.net/meeting-minutes/> &
<https://www.youtube.com/“Vashon-Maury Island Community Council”>

Recording currently available to view for 60 days with
this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Etj-FFFUFdD3LOxbDrrEJh6eBSY2GE_BBtmlNrQscDDKu9ZjbtU9V13VT7P7dMHd.swQ_72wZJiPA9-0d

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General housekeeping for the Zoom platform and our meeting:

- ❖ Raise your hand to be called upon by the chair, the “*Raise hand*” feature can be found within the “reactions” tab on the bottom of the screen: it can do hearts and emojis as well as hands for more participation, for discussion or comments.
- ❖ Please remain muted unless speaking and called upon.

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- ❖ After you speak you can “lower hand” with the same “reactions” button.
- ❖ Try to limit one Computer login per household *or if multiple* to log in from different rooms to reduce static.
- ❖ If there are bandwidth connection issues, you may turn off your video.
- ❖ If joining from a *phone*, **un-mute** by *pressing * 6* to speak, and the host can re-mute after.
- ❖ The Democratic Rules of Order are posted and available for reference at <https://www.democraticrules.com>
- ❖ Speakers must be recognized by the chair before speaking.
- ❖ We will hear first time speakers before second time speakers, so everyone has a chance to participate if they choose to, with a 2-minute time limit.

Quorum: quorum of 28 at 7:02pm. Reminders that this community council runs on citizen participation. The rules of decorum can be found in the previously mentioned Democratic Rules of Order. We feel that more ways of participation are good things and the democratic rules of order have worked well for our community and appear to be more user friendly.

Agenda: of March 21st meeting, reviewed without objection and adopted.

Minutes: of February’s meeting, reviewed without objection and adopted.

Welcome Guests:

Captain Heather Volpe – KCSO

Eric Gray -- KCPAO

Stanley Lloyd – KCPAO

Updates from KCSO [King County Sheriff’s Office]:

Captain Heather Volpe is our new captain of operations for law enforcement in the unincorporated areas of our Precinct 4 which includes Skyway (West Hill), White Center & Boulevard Park (North Highline) and us on Vashon, and will continue to be in contact with VMICC going forward.

Precinct 4 also includes the contract cities of Burien and SeaTac

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/sheriff/police-precincts/precinct4.aspx>

- Captain Volpe is weeks into this transfer and having friendly meetings over coffee with many islanders and looking forward to getting to know our community and our needs. Plans to be on island intentionally a few days every month to meet with individuals and organizations to hear about our community needs directly.
 - Direct email address: heather.volpe@kingcounty.gov
- Encourages the community to utilize the online reporting tool for KCSO to ensure that the deputies are informed about incidences that people want them to respond to and that they have the data to help allocate resources.
 - Suspicious circumstances included, if the category doesn’t seem available people are encouraged to telephone either the 3 digit 911 if immediate assistance is needed or the 10-digit 24hr non-emergency

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number [206-296-3311](tel:206-296-3311), both are staffed by nine-one-one dispatch operators.

- Discussions about a lot of community conversations regarding incidences around the island and improving methods for communication and coordination with the available deputies for call and response.
 - Residents ask if KCSO is coordinating with some of the newly formed Neighborhood Watch Groups around the Island.
 - Many requests were made to address speeding motorists and efforts towards traffic enforcement.
 - Many inquiries about the string of burglaries these past few months as well as car thefts, and if they have slowed down or if the recent arrest has reduced the incidences.
 - References to the March 17th KC Local Resources Vashon Town Hall meeting discussion.
<https://publicinput.com/CommunityNeeds>
- KCSO requests more data from our community members and assures that their online reporting system is available to our community and should be accessible to unincorporated county residents.
 - Encouraging lines of communication for feedback, addressing issues and expectations.
 - <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/sheriff/on-line-reporting/on-line-reporting.aspx>

Updates from the Police Accountability and KC Public Safety Advisory Committee:

Bailey de long, longtime Vashon resident with many years of experience as a Public Defender, the accountability of law enforcement and justice issues in general.

- The Public Safety Advisory Committee identifies priorities for improving public safety in King County and developing guidelines for Sheriff hiring processes.
 - <https://kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/constantine/news/release/2021/October/01-public-safety-advisory-cmte-report.aspx>
 - Recommending ways to improve police services that include *community members, partnerships, activists, police guild members, direct service providers* and *representatives of law enforcement oversight community advisory committees*.
 - Consensus is that racism is a major portion of the systemic failures.
 - The general resource allocations of our community see public safety *more broadly* than just the police being the sole providers and building community partnerships.
 - Public safety is part of many systems. For us to be safe folks need many resources, including housing, jobs, and treatment options.
 - The committee is tasked with the guidelines for and is in the process of appointing the Sheriff through the KC Executive Council. As per the 2020 King County vote to ensure that the role is less siloed and more collaborative in having a seat at that table with other providers together

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reflecting on practices and budgets to allocate resources and services to our communities as a whole, as well as how we employ law enforcement.

- <https://publicinput.com/KCSheriffSelection>

Presentation by [King County Prosecuting Attorneys Office] KCPAO Hate Crimes and Community Education Outreach:

- Leading with inclusion and information:
 - Hate crimes are on the rise throughout our region.
 - They are underreported –for many reasons.
 - Help educate as many people as possible for what the legal sense of Hate Crimes are and better awareness for reporting incidences to gain resource support and assistance.
- *Presentation Attached*
- Presenters have combined 20 years of experience working with prosecution of Domestic Violence, Sex Crimes, Juvenile detentions, and Hate Crimes.
 - Reviewed the RCWs and state laws.
 - Defined Hate Crimes as *intentional malicious harassment*.
 - Can include acts relating to *threats, physical injury, damaged property, bias* and a wide perception of victims of protected groups.
 - To be a hate crime they must prove motive, though there are other statutes available for addressing other and additional reliefs.
- Erik Gray KCPAO (They/He) - Victim Advocate for Hate Crimes
 - Ergray@kingcounty.gov
 - 206-877-2879
- Stanley Lloyd KCPAO (He/Him) – KC Prosecuting Attorney
 - Stanley.lloyd@kingcounty.gov

Committee Updates alphabetically:

Affordable Housing: Morgan Brown – Chair. Last meeting was rescheduled, next meeting will be the following Monday at 7pm. If not already on the email list may contact info@vmicc.net to be added.

- Meetings have been focusing on bringing together the wisdom from the current island groups addressing housing, including but not limited to Vashon Household, Vashon Landt Trust, Interfaith Council to prevent Homelessness (IFCH) and independent research.
- Workgroups are tasked with gathering information so that the community can leverage that information.
- Current focus on Waste Water management, Groundwater and Zoning.
- Welcome new members.

Equity Committee: Terry Sullivan. There will be an article in the Beachcomber forthcoming explaining the intent of the focus and direction of the group and invites people that have directly experienced equity problems on island to join the committee to address what equity means to them personally and to have as many diverse people as possible with a variety of experience to have a better impact and consciousness for structures to scaffold support for our community, accessibility and participation.

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- Drafting the charter statements for the committee and reviewing the KC equity policies to see which elements may apply to this community council and our community, as well as our bylaws.
- Next meeting is Wednesday April 6th at 7pm.

Communications Committee: Diane Emerson – co-chair – received surveyed members of the council to confirm membership and opinions on names for the new 501c4 organization of the council. 124 respondents. A new website is being created.

- If you have received a VMICC survey and haven't confirmed membership in either of these organizations, please do.
- Must be a resident of the island and 16 years or older for membership in the council.

KC Ferry Advisory Committee: Justin Hirsch – Vashon FAC chair – new spring ferry schedule will be active April 9th. Ferries for our triangle route are serving un the capacity of 2 boats on the weekends and 3 boats during the week.

- Fauntleroy Ferry Dock terminal project has had recent meetings, all are welcome to attend: <https://www.fauntleroy.net/issues/ferry-terminal-replacement/>
 - A lot of opinion to the improvement and expansion to the dock and how the ferry dock impacts the Fauntleroy community.
 - Important for Vashon and Southworth residents to participate and provide input for effective collaboration.
 - Recorded meetings, information and opportunities for feedback on the WSF website: <https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/major-projects/sr-160-fauntleroy-terminal-trestle-transfer-span-replacement>
 - Issues: Travel times, less service, community feedback, environmental impact statements for the pylon locations for the wildlife habitat and shorelines.
 - The Fauntleroy location is still the top choice for the West Seattle ferry, though other sites have been mentioned as part of the decision-making process there have been several alternative proposed locations. WSF has not developed those alternative site locations, and alternatives may not be feasible.
 - It's important for Vashon residents to weigh in that Fauntleroy is a viable option for the ferry terminal.

New Motion:

Diane Emerson proposes to the council that Rachel Rome become a board member. Hunter Davis seconds the motion along with unanimous board support. In April we can have a vote to accept the board's recommendation for Rachel Rome to be a board member.

Board updates:

Gavin Kovite has agreed to take over the role of Secretary.

Open Discussion:

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Mike Spranger is establishing a seaweed and shellfish farm on the coast of the island and will be speaking at the next general meeting. Email mikevashon@yahoo.com
<https://www.vashonbeachcomber.com/news/seaweed-farming-comes-to-the-shores-of-vashon/>

Next meeting April 18th

Meeting adjourned 8:23pm

New organization meeting

- Interim President Diane Emerson
- The two community council meetings need to be separate as they are separate organizations and to make it clear that there are different issues to be addressed.
- 115 Vashon residents have signed up for membership of this new organization, plus a few new members tonight and hopefully more with the emailed survey results.
- Current board members will act as interim board members.
- The meetings will continue to be held back-to-back while the new organization is formed, and the previous organization is dissolved.
- Advisory vote on the articles of incorporation shared via email to all members to a google doc to review and offer edits and feedback.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13P1i3uT32MbSKnMq4Y9YZIM6KgLR4enN/view?usp=sharing>

Reviewed the survey results and some of the names that were suggested for the organization and selected a name to apply with.

Motion: “We move to adopt these proposed Articles of Incorporation and the name Vashon-Maury Community Council. If the Secretary of State determines that name is too close to our previous name, we further move to propose the name Vashon Community Council to the Secretary of State” *to be voted upon at the April meeting.*

Next meeting April 18th.

Thanks to everyone for showing up!