

**April 18, 2022 - VMICC General Meeting**  
Minutes

Attending:

Board: David Vogel, Diane Emerson, Nick Simmons, Hunter Davis, Kyle Britz, John Affolter (6)

Community Members: Slade McSheehy, Melvin Mackey, Carol Ellis, Steven Bergman, Mike Spranger, Ethan Russo, Morgan Brown, Marsha Shenk, Debra Gussin, Kevin Jones, Steve Hunter, Robert Piston, Louisa Eastman, Jenna Riggs, Jim Garrison, Heidi McWatters, Kathleen Finch, Kari Ulatoski, Virginia Lohr, Mark M., Beverly Skeffington, Carol Ellis (21)

Guests:

Bong Santo Domingo, Danielle DeClercq

Link to watch video of the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/7AaEH8YcmtM5J-PpT-43SHvypgRiRTnat9d5s4HC8RVQm5eGIFJ5RbWp5rj57dw.CYO6bhJvdphVYB1x?startTime=1650332923000>  
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**7:05** Introductions, technical overview, welcome guests.

**7:10** VISD Superintendent Slade McSheehy presented the new school district comprehensive plan. Two attendees asked about Career and Technical Education (CTE), especially apprenticeships for things like water tech, mechanical tech, etc. Slade replied that they'd like to get there, but it's tough to program since those technical training programs are off-island. The Strategic Plan can be found [at this link](#). Slade shared his contact info in case islanders would like to speak to him about the district: [smcsheehy@vashonsd.org](mailto:smcsheehy@vashonsd.org)

**7:42** Bong Sto. Domingo answered questions about the garbage cans on main street (no action yet from the County) Regarding the recent town meeting - they're in the process of submitting Vashon community input (about 228 Vashonites responded on the website) to the county (for reference in Snoqualmie only 480 residents responded, so the ratios are within the range for community involvement). Some issues brought up include filling potholes, more bike lane signage, increased walkability, and more frequent water taxi service. Additional questions were raised to ask if KC Roads has any plans for calming the traffic, listing the recent flipped automobile and vehicular homicide as extra reasons to help explore options to address safety -For those that participated in the survey this was a topic but was worded as "speed bumps and road calming efforts" and may not have conveyed the intention of the scope that the budget could be allocated towards addressing. Vashon's KC Local Services office at the Vashon Chamber of Commerce building will re-open with in-person staffing soon. Bong can be reached at 206-351-8071; [bong.stodomingo@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bong.stodomingo@kingcounty.gov)

**7:55** - Old business - voting in of Rachel Rome as the newest VMICC board member. Motion passes - Rachel Rome confirmed as board member.

**7:58** Danielle De Clercq from KC Local Services answered questions about the public garbage cans - they're currently scrounging for the funds to pay for them. Conservation Corps crews would service the bins. She thinks they can find the funding. Question from public: can we do

public recycling bins along with the garbage bins? Danielle answered that, from experience in

solid waste, public recycle bins are often contaminated, and therefore dumped anyway. But Steven Bergman from Zero Waste Vashon said that Vashon residents are being good about the new recycling bins recently installed at Ober Park, so we should consider them for other locations in town. Community members asked about plans for addressing 4th of July FireWorks, and were encouraged to address those questions to Captain Volpe at the upcoming May meeting.

#### Committee Updates:

**8:04** - Morgan Brown (Affordable Housing Committee): Last meeting was 3/28. One issue discussed was water availability for development on island. Water Dist 19 director showed up at the committee meeting and there was Good discussion. The Groundwater Committee is clarifying water availability for development. Vashon Household is planning on doing a “matchmaking” program for household sharing - they are doing a review of the planning before presenting it, as it is a renewed version of the “VHH Home Share Program”. Interest in an eco-district was discussed. Next meeting on 5/23. Good turnout for the last meeting.

**8:13** Kevin Jones (Equity Committee). Next meeting is 5/4. They've done lots of getting-to-know-you and discussing equity interests. Have reviewed the County Equity Strategic Plan. Currently reviewing the equity policy toolkit. The current focus is to understand the equity tools available right now as they move forward. Terry Sullivan wrote an article in the Beachcomber about the committee for outreach. The Equity Committee's report for this meeting can be found [at this link](#). Kevin welcomes questions / contacts by community members. kevinjonvash@gmail.com, 206-463-1766. Voting for committee chair and secretary will be at the 5/4 meeting.

**8:20** Carol Ellis - dog park (FIDO). Doing outreach and talking to local dog owners, and researching possible locations for a dog park. Lots of interest from dog owners for an off-leash area, for dogs to mingle and dog owners to meet each other and build community. There are also possibilities with enough interest for select parks and local trails to have designated days that can be off-leash, with clear signage at all the trail entrances

#### **8:33** Ferry Issues Update:

- The Service Restoration Plan and Progress Reports can be found at these links: [Service Restoration Plan](#) [Service Restoration Progress Report 8 March 2022](#)
- There was a broken cable on the ramp at the Fauntleroy Dock on April 4. Service was stopped entirely but the issue was repaired on the same day.
- There's a new evening departure from Vashon to Fauntleroy (via Southworth) at 8:15pm on weeknights.
- WSF is partnering with Seattle Maritime Academy to respond to the crew shortage.
- Food service will start on some routes soon but not on the Triangle route.
- Tentative May 16 date for WSF to present information about Fauntleroy Terminal project to the VMICC

**8:35** Mike Spranger presented his new 10 acre shellfish and seaweed farm on Colvos passage. [Presentation here](#). He offered his e-mail to answer questions or address concerns: [mikeonvashon@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeonvashon@yahoo.com):

David Vogel - Updates: upcoming presenters for the year will include Fish and Wildlife regarding shellfish harvesting information & in preparation of low tides and mainland neighbors; as well as later in the summer having a presentation on Hunting laws in the forests before hunting season begins.

**8:53** Meeting Adjourned

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**NEW ORGANIZATION (501(c)(4) AKA "The Reboot" MEETING - 8:53**

**8:55** Articles of Incorporation and new name and have been posted, not much public comment. Voting on adopting. John moves to vote. 17 out of 19 eligible vote yes - motion passes. We have a new organization! Vashon-Maury Community Council!

Bylaws are posted on the website, and we're looking for community input on these as well. Important to note: the current board has approval authority; community input is advisory (and the vote will be an advisory vote). But please comment - we will consider all member comments!

**9:02** - Next meeting May 16th. Meeting adjourned.