

VMICC affordable housing committee – May 23, 2022

Morgan Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05. In attendance were David Vogel, Coco Carson-Rohe, Michaelle Olavarri, Jessica Kennan, Jim Marsh, Armen Yousifian, Terry Sullivan, and Art Chippendale.

In the absence of minutes, Morgan gave a recap of the water issues discussed at the last meeting. John Martinak, head of water district 19 was a guest. It was agreed that water is not an issue in most cases, although arsenic, sulfur, etc. contamination can be issues that could require treatment.

Jason Johnson is the new head of VHH, formerly Executive Director of Human Services in Seattle. Jessica reported that VHH is going to hire someone to manage the new Home Share Matching program. Tacoma has a successful program. People can provide services, such as company, gardening, shopping, and cooking, as well as rent. The survey re household sharing is www.vashonhousehold.org/survey. Everyone is encouraged to fill in the survey. VHH also needs to handle eviction rules and other issues. VHH is still in contact with VCC and VLT, but no news yet.

Morgan talked about the conference he attended, YIMBY, April 11-13 in Portland. [much of it available online](#). If you want to have a look, scroll through the schedule and click on the links for sessions you find interesting. For an intro, perhaps start with the “Welcome Introductions” and skip to minute 13:20 where Alan Durning, founder and ED of Sightline Institute reviews challenges and success of the housing advocates movement nationally.

Other comments during meeting:

Mica – send her stuff the committee wants to promote.

Terry – VHH screening also reassures neighbors.

Jim - will look into tenant/landlord codes

Coco – eviction issues also need to be in code

Art – around 500 vacant homes on Vashon & we could contact owners about use as affordable housing. Also, KC comprehensive review coming up in 2025 – can propose amendments and take them to Joe McDermot.

Morgan closed meeting at 8:33.

Next meeting reverts to 2nd Monday schedule: June 13

Community Council's Affordable Housing Committee Meeting

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