

Vashon-Maury Community Island Council

Meeting Minutes: Monday, May 16, 2022.

Prepared by: Michaella Olavarri

Meeting time: 7pm

Date: 05/16/22

Attending :

David Vogel – Board member

Anonymous Observer

Beverly Skeffington

Bong Sto. Domingo

Hunter Davis (Caroline Hunter Davis) Board member

Catherine B

Charlie Torres

David Sowers# WSF

Debbie Quall

Diane Emerson - Board member

Dianne Kutzke

Greg Rabourn

Hadley Rodero

Michaella Olavarri - Board member

Jason Johnson

Kevin Jones

Kyle Britz - Board member

Laura LaBissoniere Miller

Mark Konoske

Marsha Tolon - WSF

Martine

Nancy Lee

Nick Simmons - Board member

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Patrick Hinds KCPAO

Pete Welch

Rachel Rome - Board member

Steve Macdonald

Virginia Harriman

Wendy Aman

Yvonne Kuperberg

Meeting began around 7:15 pm

Meeting Recording:

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7: 00 pm - David Vogel opens meeting. Not quite a Quorum as of 7pm.

David Vogel - Welcome. Vashon Maury Island Community Council.

Nick Simmons – Explanation of Zoom, the rules of engagement, and how to use tools available for a successful meeting.

David Vogel – Announcement, Democratic Rules of Order is the set of rules used for the MVICC meetings.

David Vogel – Published agenda adopted from last meeting. (No quorum at time of adopting)

Jason Johnson - Not listed official speaker, but briefly introduced as new Executive Director for Vashon Household. He will partake in next affordable housing meeting with more formal introduction.

Guest Speakers:

Sergeant Erik Olson of Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Subject: Clamming on Private Property.

A person can not dig on your property without permission of property owner.

Issue addressed as a challenging problem due to the following reasons:

- a) Maps used are often not up to date. Tools not the most efficient. Property lines in tidelands hard to prove.
- b) Wobbly laws in place regarding the measuring of private property.

- c) Huge territory to cover with only 6 patrol officers for the area.
- d) Public Trust Doctrine – Tidelands discussed. A person can cross tidelands, but not stop and dig. Stakes can be put in the ground, and can't be a material that harms sea life.
- e) Officers stake out covert areas in the dark. (Most common violation time.) (Locations not disclosed. Element of surprise) Strategic placing of staffed officers, Lots of harvesters during low and extreme tides.

Issues of blocking access to water discussed.

Lack of restrooms creating unsanitary bathroom usage on beaches. Porta potty placement discussed.

ONYX King County GIS data and assessor's office for centralized hub of info. Accessible at King county imap <https://gismaps.kingcounty.gov/imap/>

Burton Beach area. Many property deeds state property lines of low or extreme low tide. Description on website is not clear and concise and creates some ambiguity as to what specifically low tide is.

<https://blue.kingcounty.com/assessor/erealproperty/Dashboard.aspx?parcelNbr=1922039028>

Seargent Erik Olson urged people to report any infractions – (425)-775-1313 ext. 317.

Speaker: Eric Heins (prosecutor) Speaking for James Daniel.

Topic: Misdemeanor and felony level shellfish crimes

Issue: most property descriptions are very hard to determine. Without absolute evidence and no reasonable doubt as to boundaries, prosecuting can be difficult.

Question: Katherine B. Covering up clam digging holes education at time permit issued requested by Vashon resident.

Licenses required for 15 YO and/ +

Kids under 15 don't need license. Limits still have to be adhered to.

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Series of questions and answers pertaining to property lines, tides. (Can watch via meeting video)

Sergeant Erik Olson of Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) spoke about the “Public Trust Doctrine” . He mentioned the Washington State Department of Ecology. They have a website explaining the Public Trust

Doctrine: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Shoreline-coastal-management/Shoreline-coastal-planning/Shoreline-laws-rules-and-cases/Public-Trust-Doctrine#:~:text=The%20Public%20Trust%20Doctrine%20is,navigable%20waters%20and%20underlying%20lands>. Ecology concludes its explanation with the statement “no Washington court

has ruled whether walking on the beach or wading in the water on privately-owned beaches, streambanks, and tidelands is a right under the Public Trust Doctrine”, meaning that it is improper for landowners to say (or post signs saying) that it is illegal for someone to walk across their beach, and it is equally improper for beach-walkers to say that they have the legal right to walk across a privately-owned beach. This is why DFW does not try to stop beach-walkers, but does try to stop them from digging.

Speaker: Major Mark Konoske, King County Sheriff’s Office

Subject: 4th of July fireworks

Private fireworks not legal this year.

Enforcement: Urging islanders to be respectful. Warnings will be issued if there is a complaint called in. If a second call comes in for same person, confiscation and fines can occur along with violations being issued.

Michaella O. asked if crimes and prevention on island were going to be addressed at meeting. The topic of fireworks was put to the side. The Burglary at Micas Kitchen became the main topic. The Major asked for details of burglary. Michaella gave details of the commercial burglary to her business, and concerns about recent crimes on Vashon, and the potential of this crime in particular being a hate crime. Major Konoske asked Michaella to email him directly and assured her that he would make sure someone got back to her. mark.konoske@kingcounty.gov

Another minority owned business owner expressed fear. Long discussion ensued regarding this problem and how to address.

Equity committee chair shared contact information to continue conversation with more collaborators.

The KCPAO hate crimes prosecutor and advocates contact information was shared.

Conversation to include listening to the impacts of survivors of harm and what would make each person feel safer.

David Vogel drafted and sent out an email to the KCSO Major for our precinct to recognize the above-mentioned crime (Micas Kitchen) to be an important issue and one that should be carried over and followed up at our monthly meetings.

Trash Cans for downtown

David Vogel reported uplifting news about trash cans uptown. They will be provided for by King County. Unable to find any used ones. The County is having a local company create new, efficient, easy to use garbage cans for downtown Vashon. They should be ready in July of 2022.

Fautleroy Ferry Dock

Hadley Rodero and David Sowers from Washington State Ferries spoke next primarily on upcoming repair of Fautleroy Dock, noting that the dock is to remain in Fautleroy. Virtual meetings regarding the dock repair have started, beginning with May 24 noon-1:30 Pm and May 25 6-7:30Pm. WSF is still struggling to return to preCOVID service but due to an aging fleet and lack of personnel are not yet able to offer Vashon a 3 -boat schedule.

Equity Committee

Kevin Jones of the Equity Committee reported that last meeting elections installed Kevin as President . Rachel Rome will serve as Board Liaison. Kevin invited all interested parties to join the Committee. He can be reached at kevinjonvashon@gmail.com

Postal Service

David Vogel noted the struggles Islanders were having regarding mail that is late in arriving, and packages left in unsecure places. Post Office notes short staffing is biggest contributor to this problem.

As there was not further business, David Vogel adjourned this meeting, and turned the second half over to Diane Emerson, current Head of Interim Vashon-Maury Community Council.

Vashon-Maury Community Council

The main focus of this meeting was the adoption of Bylaws and Standing Rules. An advisory vote was taken and passed. Several issues were brought by Kevin Jones of the Equity Committee which the Board will review at their next meeting.

Prior to the closure of the meeting a business person expressed great fears and concerns of Island minorities especially those in business because of crimes committed on others that authorities don't seem to have moved forward in investigating , and apprehending a suspect.

All those in attendance expressed concern. David Vogel wrote an immediate email to Major Konoske (see above). Kevin Jones (see above) urged those in fear to join Equity Committee in hopes the committee could offer assistance.

Meeting adjourned 9:31 pm. Next meetings to be held June 20.