

June 20, 2022 - VMICC General Meeting
Minutes

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Attending:

Board: David Vogel, Diane Emerson, Nick Simmons, Hunter Davis, Gavin Kovite, Rachel Rome, Michaela Olavarri, John Affolter, Kyle Britz (9)

Community Members: Melvin Mackey, Cheryl Lubbert, Evy Horton, Nancy McMurphy, Morgan Brown, Debby Jackson, Pia Bloom, Beverly Skeffington, Steve Bergman, Nancy O'Connor, Marsha Shenk, Kevin Jones, Jill Janow, Amy Morrison, Christine Kohnert, Virginia Lohr, Sylvia Sohlt, John Williams, Armen Yousoufian, Sarah Ann, Howard Svigals, Jessica Lisovsky, Heidi McWatters, Yvonne Kuperberg, Debra Gussin, Kathleen Fitch, Nodie Sullivan,

7:05 Adopted the agenda for this month; adopted the minutes from last meeting with corrections and additions.

7:09 Committee Updates

Affordable Housing Committee (Morgan Brown) - Jason Johnson, New Director for Vashon Household had a good meeting with us. Household thinking about possible expansion. Getting enough people for meetings / projects has been an issue. David Vogel: Met with KC staffers doing the county planning for Vashon for 2024 - exciting opportunity for Vashon to get more affordable housing; we're currently stymied by some zoning issues. We have joined a conglomerate group of other community councils serving unincorporated King County - another opportunity for us to be involved in the 2024 county update process. If anyone would like to be involved in this, please let us know! Contact David Vogel: david@vmicc.net

7:19 Equity Committee (Kevin Jones) July 6th, 6pm is next meeting (1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month, 6pm). We're hashing out our operating policies and doing outreach. We're drafting

a charter statement as well. We encourage you to email Kevin Jones at kevinjonvash@gmail.com

7:22 Strawberry Festival - VMICC will have a “Strawberry Shortcake Bonanza” booth at the festival, just outside Mica’s Kitchen. We’d love volunteers.

Cheryl Lubbert (Chair, Vashon Chamber of Commerce.):The chamber has been supporting a “by Vashon, for Vashon” approach, trying to get island vendors first. We’ll have a stage, snacks and beer garden, lots of markets, a parade, etc. Great lineup, Publish the Quest headlining on Saturday night. We’ve launched a “This is Vashon” website promoting the island: www.thisisvashon.com. There’s a whole section on the Strawberry Festival. The chamber is an all volunteer organization, and we desperately need volunteers for the festival! If anyone has time or energy, we would love the help. We’ve been without an executive director for a while. Please volunteer!

We’ll be doing the race for unofficial mayor, which is a great opportunity for nonprofits. If you’re interested, go to thisisvashon.com and send your info to Heather for campaign coordination. There will be fireworks in Quartermaster Harbor (not managed by the Chamber); this is the first year that private fireworks will be restricted on the island. cheryllubbert@mac.com; boardpresident@Vashonchamber.com

Mica Olavarri: Our team of volunteers just met to plan the VMCC tent at the festival. We’ll have strawberry shortcake, bubbles for kids, and tables where we’ll get people signed up.

Diane: I’m working on a volunteer calendar for the tabling and the fundraiser, and also a list of things people can donate...as soon as those are ready, I’ll send those out.

7:41 Community discussion on racially motivated vandalism / hate crimes. We had a bad incident where someone broke into Mica’s Kitchen and caused a lot of damage.

Mica shared her thoughts on the incident and on racism in general. Community discussion ensued.

8:12 Nancy O’Connor presented on Zero Waste Vashon. You can contact her at zerowastevashon.org. KC Vashon Compost Project page with survey results: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/facilities/vashon-compost.aspx>

8:42 Don’t see Katy Riley in attendance, so we can put that off until next meeting. David Vogel asks the room if anyone has anything else to discuss. The next meeting is scheduled for July 18th. Look forward to seeing you.

Meeting Adjourned

8:44 Vashon Maury Community Council (501(c)(4) Reboot organization)

Diane - we're just on hold at the moment, waiting for our application to be reviewed by the Secretary of State's office. We'll again be meeting on July 18th, and maybe we will have heard back by then.