

VMICC Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2020

7-8:15 pm

Online, using Webex

Meeting called by: Vashon-Maury Island Community **Type of Meeting:** Virtual Council meeting

Facilitators: David Vogel, Jeff Dunncliff, Ella Yarkin, Diane Emerson

Note Taker: Meeting was transcribed by Webex, summarized by Diane Emerson and Jeff Dunncliff

Attendees: 31 people attended the meeting.

Several people called in by phone, and we did not obtain their names (this time).

Participants:

1. Call-in User_3 (206371****)
2. Call-in User_4 (206769****)
3. Armen Yousoufian
4. Barbara Wells
5. Bong Sto. Domingo
6. Craig Beles
7. Dan Schueler
8. Deb Twersky
9. Diane Emerson
10. David Vogel
11. Elaine Ott-Rocheford
12. Eleanor Yarkin
13. Emily Scott
14. Carole Sussman
15. Jeff Dunncliff
16. Jim Garrison
17. Jill Janow
18. Jim Diers
19. Jeni Johnson
20. Judy Kimmel
21. Kate Dowling
22. Kathleen Fitch
23. Kyle Britz
24. Melvin Mackey
25. Morgan Brown
26. Noah Roselander
27. Paul Rowley
28. Ryan Maloney
29. Susan Riemer
30. Isabelle Spence
31. Steve Bergman

Please Note: The proposed Bylaws and Policies and Procedures can be viewed at www.vmicc.net. Those interested in watching the video of the meeting can do so for the next 4 months. The video transcript of the meeting and the chat notes are available at this link: <https://gardengreen.my.webex.com/recordingservice/sites/gardengreen.my/recording/playback/8ac97b99b8cf42fb9dc1001ca81dcacf>

The password to watch the video is **PzmJUCv7**

The transcript of the meeting will be available as a permanent record of the meeting. Note: the transcript is an unedited version created by Webex’s voice recognition software. While good, it is not perfect.

Minutes

1. **Webex Instructions**. – Jeff Dunnicliff

2. **Welcome**. David Vogel reviewed a bit of the history of the Community Council, and how it will be better than before. The proposed bylaws and policies reflect these differences: The rules of order will be easier ([Democratic Rules of Order](#) instead of Robert’s Rules); the Community Council will be more inclusive with a voting age of 16+, by allowing telecommunication attendance at meetings, and by having the elected board members act as “liaisons” to local and state government as well as many different groups of islanders.

3. **April 20 meeting minutes** were reviewed and approved via a Webex poll. Not everyone was able to see the poll, for some reason. The Communications Committee will be asked for help on this for future meetings.

4. **The meeting agenda** was reviewed and approved.

5. **Overview and Key Points of Bylaws and Policies and Procedures** – David Vogel. Key Points:
 - The community council is not a representative organization. It's a participatory organization. It's more like a town hall forum.

 - We are expanding the potential participation in the Council by holding our meetings virtually. This way, parents with young children can attend, as well as homebound people, people who can't get a ride, and others.

 - We are modifying the functions of the board by placing greater emphasis on reaching out and communicating with various sectors on the island, including, but not limited to:
 - Affordable housing
 - Business
 - Culture and history
 - Education
 - Environment
 - Faith
 - Food

Health and human services
Latino
LGBTQ
Recreation
Safety
Youth
Others

The board is going to be tasked with increasing the participation in the community by establishing connections with members of the community and encouraging their participation. We are also going to increase participation by having the election of Board members on our website, www.vmicc.net in Oct/Nov.

- Only members of committees may vote on motions, but anyone is welcome to attend and participate in committee meetings.
- We are working to get the community council up and running as soon as we can and to reach out to as many people as possible, to be a fair organization, and to truly provide a voice for the island with government agencies, and with other entities, such as Puget Sound Energy. If we have issues, we can address them through the Community Council. It's governments agencies and entities that we're trying to communicate with and basically allow them to speak to the island and allow the island to speak to them. We are more of a conduit than a representative government, and that's been the traditional role. Also, The Community Council does not tell anyone what to do. Our power is in the public perception of our authority, and the better run we are, and the more participation we have, the more fairly our meetings are run, the greater our authority is within the community.

6. **Q & A on Bylaws and Policies** – Ella Yarkin (high school junior) facilitated the discussion.

- Elaine-Ott Rocheford pointed out an error with the bylaws posted on the website. This was noted and Diane Emerson submitted the correct version to Dan Schueler for immediate posting.
- Robert's Rules of Order were discussed. For a truly participatory organization, you want to make it easy for people to get involved and to have their say. There are people who felt handicapped by the strict use of Robert's Rules of Order. This is why we are proposing to switch to have the Community Council be guided by the much more user-friendly Democratic Rules of Order, which can be found here: <https://www.democraticrules.com/>

7. **A Motion was made by Deb Twersky** and seconded by Diane Emerson to accept the proposed bylaws. The discussion and vote on this motion will take place at the June 15 virtual meeting. Between now and then we are all asked to disseminate this information and promote this meeting to get as much community involvement as possible.
8. **A Motion was made by Jim Diers** and seconded by Elaine Ott-Rocheford to accept the proposed Operating Procedures and Policies. The discussion and vote on this motion will take place at the June 15 virtual meeting. Between now and then we are all asked to disseminate this information and promote this meeting to get as much community involvement as possible.
9. **Timeline for VMICC Board nominations and elections** – David Vogel.
David re-affirmed the role of the Board: Its key function is to help set the agenda, and the way that is done is by reaching out to the community to get the pulse of the island and find out what are the issues that are important to people on the island and to the various constituencies on the island. We want everyone to be reaching out. When anyone has issues that they want addressed, we want them to bring these to our Community Council, so that we can learn what is important to the island.

June meeting: Vote on bylaws and policies

July meeting: Asking John Taylor of King County to attend (Department of Local Services). Begin discussion of island-wide issues, such as airplane noise. We will form an Airplane Overflight Committee to work on this, composed of people who have already been working on this issue. Also outline the responsibilities of a new Nominating Committee and propose members of the nominating committee.

August meeting: Vote on the Nominating Committee members. Have the port of Seattle give a presentation about airplane overflights.

September meeting: Updates on voting procedures, encourage people to run for a board position. Note: One change this year is the plan is to have seven board members voted on, and then those seven elected board members will choose two more board members, particularly for their ability to reach out to various constituencies on the island. That's our new plan for the structure of the board.

October meeting: The nominating committee will announce its candidates for the board, but anyone who wants to run for the board is free to nominate themselves. We want as many people as possible to run for the board so that we can increase participation. The website voting will be open in late October or early November.

November meeting: Announce the results of the elections, and the board members will introduce themselves.

10. Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: As usual, the 3rd Monday of the month: **Monday, June 15, 7pm, via Webex.** If you don't get an invitation in your e-mail, request one from Diane Emerson or Jeff Dunncliff; their contact information can be found at www.vmicc.net