

CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2021
Zoom Meeting
6:00 – 7:30 PM

Board Members Present: Jill Engstrom, Carol Flax, Curt Gordon, Dave Hoogerwerf, Sue Mills, Christina Swan, Don Simmons, Beth Quigley, Michael Clyburn, Jon Forbes, Doug Hofius (Quorum Present)

Board Members Absent: Kristy Macarro, Karen Krug, Jack Lynch

Community Members: Melanie Bacon – Island County Commissioner District 1
Meredith Penny
Dave Paul
Mayzie Shaver – Legislative Asst. to Rep David Paul
Doug Brand

Called to order 6:00

Approval of Minutes of January 2021 Meeting

Christina moved to approve, Beth seconded

Treasurer's Report – Don Simmons

Feb 28 bank interest received: \$.03

Mar 12 Whidbey Telecom payment: \$16.21

Bank account balance: \$2071.77

New Business

Eggstravaganza report (Christina)

Call for volunteers. Dave H and Jill will work at CCC table

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Community Hall Use (Sue) Proposal by Sue that we meet in person – hall has to be sanitized after each use. Hall board is asking non-profits that use hall if they'd like to start using hall. Grant request made to Whidbey Community Foundation to get funding for that. FOCL and CCC have said they would plus some other orgs. Dave polled Council about interest in meeting in person. Most folks are supportive of idea.

County Transportation Improvement plan (link sent to us). Dave recommends that we get involved with it & make sure our priorities are included. Curt can give us update since he's involved in process. Dave asked for volunteer to spearhead this – Doug Hofius offered and Curt will work with him. Plan includes projects for 2022-23, which fit into 20 year plan.

Goosefoot working on Bayview's future. We've been asked to give them input. Dave asked for our interest and we responded positively. Project is mostly about affordable housing. Jill volunteered to spearhead our participation.

Allocation of Covid Stimulus \$ to Clinton – we're not on list to get help because we're unincorporated. Dave H asked Dave Paul whether we can get some of the funding. Coupeville, Langley and Oak Harbor got money. County is getting \$16.1 million to be used through 2024. Clinton can talk to County if we need Covid related funding. County will work through Economic Development conglomeration to assist businesses (similar to last time). Plan not put together yet on how to administer this. Also includes funding for future planning by County. Dave also asked about money in stimulus bill for infrastructure. Dave P will research this and let us know. Important to be shovel ready when money comes up. Dave H particularly interested in funding for overhead loading in Clinton. There will be an application process for the stimulus money from the County. Curt asked Melanie to be sure to let Clinton Community Council know as soon as process begins. Melanie said first Weds in Apr is next work session and she'll make sure conversation starts and she'll get back to us.

Gateway Planning Discussion - Meredith reported on Clinton Gateway – they've hired new long range planner (John Lanier) who will start coming to our meetings. No other updates. On regional mobility grant - talk to Susan Driver.

Member/Organization Updates

- a. Chamber of Commerce –Business owners meeting April 6, 6:00pm zoom for business owners in Clinton who are and are not members. Folks interested in attending and are not members can send request to info@discoverclintonwa.com. Melanie Bacon and Sharon Sappington and Christina Hines (works under EDCIC) will be guest speakers.
- b. Port of South Whidbey – Curt Gordon – Passenger only ferry project – Port met with Susan Driver and found that others who were applying for same funds are not doing

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- their projects, so may be more money for Port and they'd be able to move forward faster to get to build phase. He'll know more after Weds RTPO meeting. Port is looking to rebuild dock and make it available to run passenger ferry – Port wouldn't be running it. Might require Puget Sound wide transportation district. (Note: Tim Callison put in request to state for money to repair Clinton dock)
- c. Ferries – Dave Hoogerwerf – state ferry advisory committee meeting over zoom next Thurs. Overhead loading in Mukilteo delayed again. Has to do with ramp and ferry door lining up. ADA elevators had trouble with design and inspection. Should have been done last week. He'll check on it. Ferries asking for billions of \$ to build new ferries over next few years = 1 ferry every two years over next 10 – 20 years. Clinton allocated first new hybrid/electric ferry. We're the only run short enough to run on batteries. Doug H asked about infrastructure. Dave said ferries is looking at options.
 - d. Clinton Water District – Jill Engstrom
pressure relief vaults project completed. 771 hook-ups for water district.
 - e. Clinton Library – Carol Flax – Debby retiring in June
 - f. Clinton Hall – Sue Mills – Held retreat last weekend. Looking at event schedule. Hoping to open up for events soon. Working on visual appearance of hall.

Public Input and Discussion

At large members – Michael offered to work on Goosefoot housing project. Jon and Beth both said they're learning a lot from the meetings.

Doug Brand – asked what does “better” mean for Clinton. He recommended that Council should have specific objectives to relate to proposals we make. Suggested that Council re-visit future search for specific objectives and proposals. Curt pointed out that we are not policy makers – we can only make suggestions to those that are.

2. Adjourn – 7:25

Next meeting – Monday, April 26, 2021