

CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes March 28, 2022, Zoom Meeting 6:00 – 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Dave Hoogerwerf

Present: Council: Christina Swan, Carol Flax, Michael Clyburn, Don Simmons, Dave Hoogerwerf, Jill Engstrom, Shawn Fowler, Curt Gordon
Absent: Kristina Macarro, Jon Forbes, Mike Gerhardt, Doug H
Guests: John Lanier, Doug Brand

2. Jill moved to approve minutes from Feb mtg

Approval of Minutes of January 2022 Meeting

Jill moved, Christina second, all in favor

3. Treasurer's Report - Account Status

Don Simmons

Jan 31 bank interest + \$.04
Feb 28 bank balance \$2476.37

Michael moved to approve, Christina second. All in favor
Discussion of creating budget and keeping spread sheet for Council

4. Project Updates/Discussion

a. Clinton Gateway Update

John Lanier

On work plan for 2022. Zoning changes on docket for 2023. All prep will happen this year. Jon met with Planners to fill them in on where things are currently at. He's meeting with Asst Director and planning manager to go over tasks and start looking at what folks want in Clinton and how to shape it. He'll update us on plan to hear from community – survey or otherwise. Dave suggested community meeting. Curt asked what they are looking to find out. Jon talked about conflicting priorities for residents and visitors. Wants to get it right for as many people as possible. Dave reminded us of the amount of prep needed before we talk to community. We want to know what's possible from County before we know how to prep. Jon said it mostly comes down to zoning code. It's been awhile since we've discussed priorities with community so time to do it

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again. New long-range planner who lives in Clinton started today – Joshua Pitts. Assistant director is Jonathan Lange. Jon will let us know what action items are.

b. Ken's Corner Project Latest Information John Lanier/Doug Hofius
Curt talked to Connie Bower – she said there will be upcoming meetings at the Hall about this. Fully funded and we can't do anything else right now – County working on it and will hopefully let us know if there's any updates.

c. Goosefoot Affordable Housing Update Michael C
Goosefoot is very interested in housing situation on so Whidbey. Will not be building any housing themselves. He hasn't heard anything about property being offered. Goosefoot is looking for donations to raise funds to purchase that property. Plan is to find someone to build the low-income rental housing.

Michael's committee met to discuss forming community land trust as hub for affordable housing on so Whidbey. Too early to talk about any details on this. He is facilitator of this group and will report monthly to us.

No idea if there's anywhere in Clinton to put in affordable housing. Gateway project and zoning changes could affect this.

d. Clinton Progressive Association Board Dave Hoogerwerf
Representation on Council – we concluded at last meeting that they need to be on Council. He met with Sue Mills and told her how we feel. He convinced her of this and he suggested they find a non-board member to represent the org since board members are all too busy. Sue is working on finding someone. Discussion that their rep needs to be able to speak on behalf of CPA and come to all our meetings.

e. Dan Porter Park Cleanup update Christina Swan
Park clean up had 28 people show up and it went really well. Did great clean up. Was lots of trash and they got it all. Park looks great. Waiting for Jan to pick up the trash and debris. Only took two hours to do it. Chamber wants Easter egg hunt to show that Clinton is back.

f. CCC Retreat (April 30) Planning Dave Hoogerwerf
Sub-committee formed to plan event – Dave, Christina, Carol, Michael. Council + Dave Paul, Helen, Jack Lynch, Doug Brand invited to retreat. Location – Clinton Hall. Dave heard little brown church is going to open for meetings, etc.

Discussion of who should attend retreat.

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5. Member/Organization Updates

a. Clinton Water District Jill Engstrom
Water still good. Close to 800 customers. Four wells. Since around 1940. Jill will do presentation about water in Clinton.

b. Clinton Library Carol Flax
Sno-Isle facilities folks meeting with board next meeting to start public discussion on hopes/plans for future of library.

Trudy Sundberg lecture

Book sales – last one successful. Next one June. Few more this year.

c. Clinton Progressive Association Jim Swann
Hall seeing effects of Covid restrictions letting up – book sales, etc. Refresh on Hall done including painting inside and out. Newsletter coming out early April. Mayfest is back – tentatively set for May 28 beginning at 5:00. Will limit tickets to 125. Planning dinner. Tickets will be available online closer to the event. Beer (thirsty crab) and wine (Spoiled Dog). Live entertainment and DJ. Currently six board members with one open spot.

d. Chamber of Commerce Shawn Fowler
Easter egg hunt coming together. Have local business sponsorships. Lots of candy and other goodies. Fire department offering lunch with a fireman and eggs filled with fireman legos.

Thirsty Crab brewery – putting in pole barn. Hope to open by April. Food truck will be there – Build a Brat. Have their liquor permits. They hope to put in outdoor activities. Erin and Jeff Hansen owners.

e. South Whidbey School District
No report

f. Port of South Whidbey Curt Gordon
Signed contract with KPFF to design passenger only facility with funding through IRTPO. In Langley making formal app to Is Co for work force housing at Fair Grounds. Looking at how they can afford to build the housing. Working with Meredith Penny (now planning director for Langley) and Scott (mayor).

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Temporary passenger only ferry from Langley to Everett – ferry is Hat Island's. They're looking at funding for that.

He's in group to look at parking in Mukilteo with many organizations and making slow progress, created by Port of Everett, which now owns tank farm property. NOAH pulling out from building on their property. Buzz in person involved with this group and city not supporting parking garage they want to build on their property.

g. Ferries

Dave Hoogerwerf

Maybe things getting a bit better. They have hired new people and fewer boats being canceled. Have put out priority list for getting back to normal and we're #3 on list. Expect that to happen in next month or so. Two years behind on building hybrid electric ferries. Issue with bringing in electricity for charging. One station will be in Clinton.

6. New Business

All

a. Potential Project(s) for Federal Funding

Dave Hoogerwerf

Rick Larsen's office reached out to us for transportation suggestions. Need proposal by March 30. Round-about one option. We want to be on the list for future projects, so we're part of the conversation. Dave will submit something to them.

7. Public Input

All

Doug B suggested crosswalk to add to list. Port looked into this at one point. Probably at Humphrey. No safe way to cross there.

Zoning – he'd like to hear what council hopes to get out of zoning. We can have input into what types of zoning we can have. Community input should start with what council recommends. Question of where's the starting point – with council suggestions or with community suggestions. Why is zoning even on priority list? Christina said this is what Jon will be providing us with after his meetings. He said he'll know about timelines, sequence of events this year. No set vision yet. Dave says starting place is current plan county has. We are only one point of input into this process.

8. Next meeting: April 25, 2022, In-person?

All

9. Adjourn

7:51

Dave Hoogerwerf

Respectfully submitted, Carol Flax, Secretary, Clinton Community Council