

CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes January 31, 2022, Zoom Meeting 6:00 – 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order 6:01pm Dave Hoogerwerf

Present: Council: Christina Swan, Carol Flax, Michael Clyburn, Don Simmons, Dave Hoogerwerf, Jill Engstrom, Mike Gerhardt, Doug Hofius

Absent: Kristina Macarro, Curt Gordon, Jon Forbes

Guests: Jo Moccia (So Whidbey Schools Superintendent Dan Poolman (school finance director), John Lanier (Is Co Planning Dept) Doug Brand, Jack Lynch

2. Approval of Minutes of November 2021 Meeting All

Tabled since a number of people had not read minutes

3. Treasurer's Report - Account Status Don Simmons

For year 2021:

Dues received + \$548.60

Bank interest + \$.43

Expenditures - \$370.65 (WhidTel, Clinton Hall,

12/31 bank balance \$2476.29

4. Jo Moccia (superintendent) Dan Poolman (finance minister) SWSD - School board opening from Clinton. Apps due end of Feb. Levy this year c. \$3.5million – supports athletics, field trips, etc. Dan – school district levies are for dollar amount rather than percentage rate. Even with McCleary, state does not fully fund programs including meals, athletics, full funding for school nurse and other personnel including librarian, counselors. Asking for less than last levy. Need 50% + 1 vote to approve. Limited on amount they can ask for. Request is about half of what they'd collect if based on tax rate. Because we're a wealthy district, we get less in state funding. Funding per child has been reduced over the years. District is doing fine with amount of available funding because of good management. About 1200 students in the district. Enrollment has been holding steady.

5. Project Updates/Discussion

a. Gateway Planning Update

John Lanier

Looks like this project will be on the work plan this year. Doug H asked that John keep us posted as work plan gets developed and John said he would. Gateway issues – rezoning, gateway. Dave asked about road improvements down to ferry. John

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doesn't know but thinks there's an IRTPO meeting coming up. Doug H will follow up with WashDot and let us know. Mike reminded us that in late Sept our notes say project was out to bid and construction should start in spring.

b. Planning for Bayview's Future- -Goosefoot Michael C
Feasibility study on land owned by Henny family and not moving forward at this time. Goosefoot wants to help org be born on So Whidbey to take on affordable housing. Community land trust – group moving forward to form it – Michael is involved with this. Non-profit org to own land and qualified buyers can buy houses on the land and profits are limited by agreement and split when house is sold between home owner and land owner. Land can be purchased by or donated to land trust with intention of keeping housing on the land affordable. Saratoga Community Housing was on island – no longer in existence. Land on Coles road may be available for this. Trust would do fund drive to get money to buy land. Goosefoot doesn't want to start org, wants to work with org that would do this. Service area – Greenbank – south. Four people committed to working on this and talking to a few more.

c. Community Hall Usage Changes Mike Gerhardt
We've been approved as Hall user under civic use rental program – CCC and FOCL both approved. Flexibility if meetings need to be canceled because of Covid. Our Mon spot is reserved and we can cancel if we decide to do zoom meetings. Special meetings – we just need to let them know as far in advance as possible. Our agreement applies if we're sponsoring meeting. Need to do separate rental agreement for each meeting other than regular monthly meetings.

d. CCC By-Laws Update-Workshop Christina Swan
Committee (Dave, Christina, Michael, Carol) met in Dec and made some changes. Christina made edits based on discussion and Michael is working on legal language. Changes include removing language on forming council, adding some formal language on non-profit status and other legal protection language. At-large members term limits changed to 3 consecutive terms. Retreat needs to look at committees listed in by-laws and activating or eliminating them. Adding we'll hold at least two community meetings per year – focus on more communication between council and community. Looked at make-up of board and which organizations should remain on council or any we should add. Before retreat committee will reach out to orgs to see if they want to be involved.

e. CCC Planning Workshop-Scheduling Dave Hoogerwerf
Not feasible to set date right now – hopefully by next meeting we can schedule it.

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March might be possible if Omicron declines as expected.

- f. Rick Larsen's office sent out notice on grants – several billion dollars is available. Doug H thought bike trail might fit guidelines for grant. Doug reached out to Melanie Bacon to see if she can find out more.

6. Member/Organization Updates

a. Chamber of Commerce

Christina Swan

New CCC rep Clinton business owner – Shawn Fowler. New chamber board member. Easter egg hunt is on at park April 16. Clean-up needs to be scheduled. Chamber hired part time position for social media person and office help.

b. Port of South Whidbey

Curt Gordon

Curt sent in report to Dave – port close to signing design contract for passenger only ferry dock in Clinton. Curt working with Dave Paul on this. Ferry would run out of Everett. Dock would be available for other boats as well. Curt also working with Dave P to do So Whidbey visit – half day with tour of local projects. At least month away. Dave hopes to be involved with planning this.

c. Ferries

Dave Hoogerwerf

Dave has resigned as ferry advisory committee chairman. Will stay on committee. Dean Enell elected as new chairman. Dave was chair for about 13 years. Ferries hiring as quickly as possible but probably no hope for correcting problems. Ferries are only responsible to governor. Dave Paul is chair of ferry caucus and on transportation committee.

d. Clinton Progressive Association

Mike G

Things are slow. Started working to plan events for coming year. Mid-Feb planning retreat.

e. Clinton Water District

Jill Engstrom

Break on Brighton Beach – updates for emergencies will be on website.

f. Clinton Library

Carol Flax

Successful two-day sale – made good money and got a number of new and renewing memberships. Next book sale March

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Public input – Doug B. Commended us on acknowledgement of need for public input. Also question about zoning changes and community input – discussions on what folks want to see here. John L said planning committee would be happy to hear from community. Community as well as Council have input. Very little planning happened in 2021 except some current use planning. 2022 more focus on long range planning.

Doug H brought up issues with Covid and ability to schedule meetings. Discussed other ways to get word out. Agreement to do some preliminary work to prepare to survey the community.

Mike C – suggested go to county website and look at gateway language – island comp plan. Michael will send link.

Next meeting February 28 6:00 - zoom

7. Adjourn

7:46pm

Dave Hoogerwerf

Respectfully submitted, Carol Flax, Secretary, Clinton Community Council