

# CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes June 27, 2022, Zoom Meeting 6:00 – 7:30 PM

### 1. Call to Order 6:03

Dave Hoogerwerf

Present: Council: Christina Swan, Carol Flax, Don Simmons, Doug H, Jon Forbes, Jill Engstrom, Sheila Goebel, Joe Greenheron, Michael Clyburn, Curt Gordon, Jon Forbes

Absent: Jill Engstrom, Doug Hofius

Guests: John Lanier, Kaley Costello, Christine Stansfield (Sno-Isle)

### 2. Approval of Minutes of May 23, 2022 Meeting

All

Curt moved to approve, Christina second. All approved

### 3. Treasurer's Report - Account and budget status

Don Simmons

May 23 Don Simmons reimburse annual PO Box fee -166.00

May 31 bank interest +.05

Jun 20 Secretary of State annual corporate license -20.00

Jun 27 bank balance 2649.50

Quote for liability insurance: Porter Whidbey - \$1million coverage w/ \$2m aggregate \$479/yr

Waiting for quote from Craven. Jon will get all the info and send out to council for vote at July meeting.

### 4. Project Updates/Discussion

#### a. Clinton Gateway Update

John Lanier

Josh is working on this. No rezoning or RAID expansion is allowed. They're looking at what is possible. Next year they'll look at any code changes that might be necessary to change zoning (ex. Clinton Gateway Zone). Plan to do community outreach in Fall (September probably). Any actions will be in work plan for next year. Curt thought there would be zoning progress under way this year. John said everything takes a long time. Took ten years to set up NMUGA in Freeland. Josh is working on setting up meeting with Chamber. Curt said all this work has been done in terms of surveying community by Port, looking at community possibilities, etc.

Referring to Beckwith study. Feels like we're going back to the drawing board on this. Christina felt that the work being done by the IC Planning Dept on the Clinton Gateway was reasonable based on the Planning Commissions adopted timeline of 2023. John hasn't looked at Beckwith study but

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wants to. Curt will forward it to him. Dave also agrees with Curt that we've done numerous studies over past ten years and now that it's on work plan for 2022 we feel like something is going to happen. And now there's talk of outreach in Sept and no action this year. Zone changes, code changes, etc for 2023. More discussion on what can be done on zoning.

## b. Affordable Housing Update

Michael C

Not a lot of news. Michael's group expects to file articles of incorporation in next couple of weeks then will start with community outreach. Low income housing institute in Seattle trying to buy Harbor Inn hotel to put in transitional housing. CARES Act money going to be committed to this project. Curt reported that there will be competition between homeless housing and work force housing. Michael said his org wants to avoid that sort of conflict. They'll be in mid-range housing.

- c. Kaley and Christine – overview of Clinton library plans. Christine is community engagement coordinator for sno-isle. She and Kaley are working together on Clinton Lib future plans. Does the current library meet all the needs of the Clinton community. Sno-isle is growing and evolving as org and are making significant investment in their buildings to allow everyone to connect to their library. Gearing up for community conversation July 27 at 6:00pm at Hall. Want to hear communities hopes and dreams for the library. Asking for help with outreach and also available for one on one conversations. Then pulling together report to Sno-Isle leadership. Hearing we want meeting room, study spaces, children's room, gathering spaces. Will be hiring architects and designers to turn all this into reality whether existing space or new space. Meeting will include list of specific questions.

## d. Ferry to Park and Ride Update

Swan/Doug Hofius

No report

## 5. Member/Organization Updates

### a. Clinton Water District

Jill Engstrom

No report

### b. Clinton Library

Carol Flax

No report

### c. Clinton Community Hall

Sheila Goebel

Tomorrow night food truck night with Island Nosh – 5-7:00pm. Mediterranean kabobs. July 26 and Aug 30 other food truck nights

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- d. Chamber of Commerce Shawn Fowler  
Island Nosh catering business owners meeting also tomorrow night 5:30-7:30 at Thirsty Crab. New logo. New board member joining. Dave asked about current business climate in Clinton. Shawn feels things are picking up. Several local businesses having struggles with landlords and leases.
  
- e. South Whidbey School District Joe Greenheron  
Asked to put org updates prior to activity updates. School is out for summer. In process of switching to new website. New app for school to home communication – Parent Square. 1165 students enrolled last school year. Flat rather than declining. Also new alternative school program called Alternative Learning Experience. Some teacher and non-teacher positions open. Adding before and after school care next year. Aug 31 first day of school. New student board rep. Pandemic funding ended but most cuts from retirement. Security overhauls. Next board workshop on July 13 6:30, July 27 next board meeting.
  
- f. Port of South Whidbey Curt Gordon  
Mostly housekeeping right now. Hiring consultant to look at six-year focus. Doug H previously reported on transportation safety funding through Rick Larsen’s office. Curt talked to Connie Bowers about it – grant for action plan or implementation. Curt hoping county would apply to update comprehensive transportation safety plan. Passenger only ferry moving ahead slowly. Fairgrounds – waiting for County to submit request for low income housing and concession facility plan. Going after economic development grant for concession piece of it. Michael asked about commercial kitchen. Curt said plans are done and submitted to city of Langley. Waiting until after fair to send out to bid.
  
- g. Regional mobility grant – Christina looking into status of this. Curt asking whether we’ll be involved in this process.
  
- h. Ferries Dave Hoogerwerf  
Ferries last year were 98.8 % reliable according to ferries. Dave doesn’t believe it. Long range plan published 2018 said going to hybrid electric ferries. Phase one done and found out they couldn’t build within budget. Now taking design and sending out for bid again – will take 18 mos to 2 years. Will take another few years if they find someone to build it. Probably nothing before 2026. If no response to RFP then they can go outside of state. Then probably 2030 before we have ferry. He sent out FROG survey to us and asked we read executive summary. Highlights – overall satisfaction down from 68 to 39% this year. More than ½ of respondents dissatisfied.

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Mukilteo/Clinton run 74% dissatisfied with service. Departure dissatisfaction from 5% to 70% since 2021. Most people blame ferries, not external events for problems.

6. Public Input All  
None
  
7. New Business Kaley Costello
  - a. Clinton Library Focus group scheduling Swan/Hofius
  - b. Clinton Community Picnic decision

Christina looking at pricing. Exploring options for Fall in collaboration with Chamber.
  
8. Bylaws review and discussion All  

Mission and vision statements won't be in bylaws. Parks and rec not coming to meetings and maybe will be removed from bylaws. Their board will discuss whether they want to be involved. Christina expressed hope they'll stay on Council. No other potential changes. We'll vote on bylaws at next meeting.
  
9. Next meeting: July 25, 2022 (Dave will contact by email to find good time to reschedule.)
  
10. Adjourn 7:45 Dave Hoogerwerf

Respectfully submitted, Carol Flax, Secretary