

CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Clinton Community Council Minutes October 24, 2022, Clinton Hall 6:00 – 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Dave Hoogerwerf

Present: Christina Swan, Sheila Goebel, Don Simmons, Curt Gordon, Dave Hoogerwerf, Carol Flax, Doug Hofius, Michael Clyburn, Joe Greenheron, Jon Forbes

Absent: Jill Engstrom, Shawn Fowler, Jennifer Cox

Guests: Doug Brand, Margaret Andersen (planning commissioner dist 1)

2. Approval of Minutes of September 2022 Meeting

All

Motion to approve as amended – Curt, Christina second. All in favor

3. Treasurer's Report - Account and budget status

Don Simmons

Don passed out report and went over it. Liability insurance discussion - \$300-500 /yr general liability. Directors and Officers ins is \$600-800/yr. Beyond our financial ability but probably worth having. Insurance agents Don talked to didn't think we need it. Dave does think we do.

Move to approve – Michael, 2nd Christina. All in favor

4. Project Updates/Discussion

a. Clinton Gateway Update

John Lanier (absent)

Tomorrow night outreach meeting 3-7:00pm (open house). Discussion of PR and attendance. Hoping there's public interest. Filled in guests on what we've been doing on this issue and some discussion ensued. Kingston has done a really good job of making their ferry landing area nice and is a good model that we're looking at. Kingston is unincorporated area in Kitsap county like Clinton. Expressions of frustration on how long this is taking. There has been some activity since we started this. Turnover at county planning has been a problem. Doug Brand brought up issue of visioning and what our vision is for Clinton. He's asking for vision statement based on input from community.

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Doug H replied that those things are in the comp plan based on the points the Council came up with. We've done a lot of hard work to get on the comp plan, so that's a major accomplishment.

- b. Affordable Housing Update (Fairgrounds) Curt Gordon
Curt - Port successfully got \$150,000 from Commissioners to do feasibility study, esp focus on engineering. They'll be asking for another \$300,000 for design. Dave asked if Port is correct entity to do this project. Port has gone to Housing authority and they will be running it. Port will build it. Affordable housing is 60% of median income. Here median income is lower than Seattle. Port needs to do this project because we need work force housing to house service workers. Langley is changing codes to allow for denser housing.

Michael – Home on Whidbey is the Land Trust org that he's involved with. Meeting today with many of the parties interested in low income housing. Focus on this group is low income, so up to 80% of median income. Each individual group slightly different focus. Interest in coalition of groups to meet periodically.

Doug - Goosefoot working on affordable rentals. They made deposit on piece of property to do affordable housing

- c. Ferry to Park and Ride Update (WSDOT) Swan/Doug Hofius
Curt – Plan put out to bid today is to rip out asphalt walk and put in concrete walk. Plus add lighting at park and ride. Bulkhead will keep dirt from coming off hillside. Plan is ferry to Simmons. Not sure about Simmons to Park and Ride. Our efforts on all this paid off. Plans have been simplified because of budget. Carol mentioned that library plans to put in more parking lot lighting if we do refresh at current location.

- d. Port of Everett/Mukilteo Ferry parking update Curt Gordon
No new news

- e. Year-end meeting schedule Dave Hoogerwerf
Nov meeting 28th
Dec meeting 19th

5. Member/Organization Updates

- a. Clinton Water District Don Simmons

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Additional tank may go in at end of Humprey road because of new developments. Doug H asked about bringing water service up to speed with zoning changes from commercial to multi-family or other residential. No

problems with capacity currently. Still lots of undeveloped land and as it gets developed water will need to be brought in.

b. Friends of Clinton Library Carol Flax
Next book sale Dec 10. Don asked if 24 hr wifi can be turned off at night since there's some activity in our parking lot and park and ride. Can it be turned off after 10:00pm? Carol will look into it.

c. South Whidbey Parks and Rec Jennifer Cox
No report

d. Clinton Community Hall Sheila Goebel
Member campaign continuing. Annual meeting Zoom 6-7 Nov 15. Tree lighting Dec 3 ~ 4-6pm

e. Chamber of Commerce Chrisina
Just had meeting. Great group of new business members. Met at Cascadia meadows (little brown church). Lots of new faces. Janae will be retiring end of year. New folks stepping up. Christina said energy very positive. Ken's Korner report – businesses there working through things.

f. South Whidbey School District Joe Greenheron
Board voted to reconfigure grade levels and which buildings they're in. Elementary school – closing south campus. North campus k-5. Other campus 6-12. Options for south campus – community center or workforce housing or open to other ideas. Building could also be donated to entity who could help with student issues. Enrollment about level with last year. Bump in K enrollment and hired new K teacher. Lower enrollment in some other grades. Meetings now productive. No angry community members coming. New environmental science program that was requested by HS students. Voting at next meeting on goals and other issues. Football team tied for first place in their league. Doug H asked if district thinking of partnering with orgs such as housing groups to deal with homeless student problem. Some districts are doing that. Joe said there are relationships with community orgs for when students are identified with any problems – homelessness, mental health issues, etc. There is a staff person who deals with student problems

g. Port of South Whidbey
1) Passenger-only ferry dock Curt Gordon

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30% progress on design. On mission with it. Good headway with Puget sound regional council. Potential for future passenger only fleet. Could be run by counties or transportation dept. Dock will be electrified for charging electric boat. Might have to be shared with regular ferry.

h. Ferries

Dave Hoogerwerf

Not much update. Not enough crew on fri nights and sun nights. Ferry advisory committee not doing anything at this point. Some retired members might get together to write proposal for change in governance for ferries – very ineffective system right now. Recommended to take ferries out from washdot and governor and set up separate entity to run them with board of directors and CEO. Probably won't happen but would be improvement. Don asked if someone from ferries would come to Council meeting. Used to be regular meetings in every ferry served community. Too expensive so stopped and moved to zoom during covid. Whole system is totally dysfunctional – riders have no input. World-wide mariner shortage & ferries use it as an excuse. Folks laid off who didn't get vaccinated have lost all seniority so mostly not coming back.

6. Public Input

Public

Doug B reiterated his concern with creating a vision for Clinton

7. New Business

Dave Hoogerwerf

8. Next meeting: November 28

All

Dave asked about hybrid meetings so non-local elected folks can attend. Issue is we need better technology to do that. Curt said perfect grant application. Probably need around \$1500. Carol suggested Heritage Bank. Consensus is it's a really good idea to do it. Also WhidTel grants and County might have money from Covid funds. We could get tech for the Hall.

9. Adjourn 7:50

Dave Hoogerwerf