

# CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes January 30, 2023, Clinton Hall 6:00 – 7:30 PM

### 1. Call to Order

Dave Hoogerwerf

#### Attendance:

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

Absent:, Jill Engstrom

Guests: John Lanier, Shauna Causey, Gina Valaske, Brandon Wise, Rob Mellish

### 2. Approval of Minutes of December 2023 Meeting

All

Christina moved, Sheila 2<sup>nd</sup> all approved

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

Don Simmons

Went over financial statement. Some council members have paid dues, some have not. Discussion of how/when we want to pay dues. Consensus to pay at first of year. We cannot invoice because this is discretionary. We can issue receipts.

### 4. Project Updates/Discussion

#### a. Clinton Gateway Update

John Lanier

Staff leaning toward taking rural center code, adding single families in certain areas (with future multifamily provisions depending on sewers). Hwy 525 is all businesses – no residential. Redoing comp plan 2024-25. Might eliminate some uses such as mini-storage. Some multi-use is currently allowed in rural center but limited. Doug H raised issue that if you have house in bad shape, you can't tear it down and rebuild it if it's in rural center zone. Single family homes not allowed there, so existing ones are non-conforming. Four-plex could be built there. Another thing to add to allowed usage is ADUs. Rural residential zoning is set in stone and can't be changed. Planning will hold more community meetings to see what is best fit for Clinton. No affordable housing provisions for this area.

#### b. Affordable Housing Update - Fairgrounds

Curt Gordon

County gave out \$7 million ARPA funds and port didn't get any. Did get \$150,000 grant. A number of local projects did get ARPA grants. May be more coming.

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c. Affordable Housing Update Michael Clyburn  
County got \$7million in ARPA funds. Goosefoot got \$1.1million for Langley project. Bulk of money went to project in OH on land given to them by city. Home on Whidbey had first public meeting with good attendance. Doug reported that Goosefoot was only project on South Whidbey that got funds.

d. Ferry to Park and Ride Update (WSDOT) Doug Hofius  
Dave Hayes helped to get funds to improve sidewalk from park and ride to ferry. \$1.6m from state. Went to bid with lots of other things attached, so bids came in over budget, so project had to be rebid and delayed year and a half. Bids have been cleared and will start construction some time this spring. Sidewalk repairs, ADA compliance, lighting, drainage. One northbound lane of hwy will be closed for ten days during construction. County on hook for any cost over runs. Project cut back to conform to this budget.

e. Port of Everett/Mukilteo Ferry parking update Curt Gordon  
Curt talked to Joe Marine and he said port of Everett has not reapplied for parking lot permits – will probably require zoning change. Original permission was for maritime parking but when Mukilteo bought it that changed. Port of Everett paid for work on the lot.

## 5. Member/Organization Updates

a. Clinton Water District Don  
Have hired some additional part time help. Making improvements to tanks and sites – mostly for cosmetic reasons. Need to do line replacement at Hilltop Terrace. Doing repairs to prevent future outages. Phasing in electronic meters. Currently some old meters aren't reading correctly and will be replaced first.

b. Ferries Update Dave Hoogerwerf  
Late night ferry canceled two days next week. Current budget \$10 million – some allocated for Clinton electrification – we're getting the first hybrid ferry. Will be 15 min recharge. First electric ferry will be maybe 2027. Electrification between \$13-19 million (currently have \$5 million). WA state signing MOU with PSE. Port is at 90% design on passenger only ferry dock. Don't know yet if passenger only ferry will be electric.

c. Friends of Clinton Library Carol Flax  
Next book sale March 25. Continuing to hold 4 sales a year.  
Whidbey reads book is The Music of the Bees by Eileen Garvin.  
Still working on public input about library's future. If you haven't  
Talked to Kaley yet about it, please do.

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- d. South Whidbey Parks and Rec Jennifer Cox
1. Have grant funds that will expire at end of this year for campground behind high school on Maxwellton. Waiting to hear which long range planner will be assigned to them.
  2. Maxwellton trails – maintenance crew has gotten main trail punched in. Double wide trail goes about ½ mile to main logging trail. Pat McVay doing signage
  3. Doug Coots, head of Parks and Rec has resigned. They're doing search for new ED.
  4. Money from state to start feasibility study on aquatic center. Signed agreement with Pacifica to do it. Dave Paul and Clyde Shavers are both supportive and senator Muzall (chair ways and means).  
(Dan Porter park is public works, not parks and rec)
- e. Clinton Community Hall Sheila Goebel  
Audio visual set-up will be discussed at their retreat this weekend. They are currently researching it. New president – Mike Gebhart, Sue is now VP.
- f. Chamber of Commerce Katie Grindon  
New board. First meeting couple of weeks ago. They have some grants for events to bring in tourists. They need to advertise 50 miles out. Excited to do bigger projects to pull in folks from outside.
- g. South Whidbey School District Joe Greenheron  
Second semester starts tomorrow. Board sent letters to elected state reps urging them to vote against cola changes that he reported on last month. Board voting on 22<sup>nd</sup> on whether to put up Bond – cost would be .79 per \$1000 assessed value/year. Doing lots of community outreach to see what folks want to see improved. Next workshop all principals will provide info on what improvements they plan for their schools in terms of student achievements and well being.
- h. Port of South Whidbey Curt Gordon  
Port hired consultants to do six-year comprehensive scheme. Jan 23 meeting was part of this. This review is required by law. Island county is doing boat launch study. They haven't told the port about this. Lots of issues with local launches. Study is to decide where launches should be. Dave brought up that residents would like to have input.
6. Public Input Public  
*Due to meeting time constraints, individual public input is limited to 3 minutes*

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Rob Mellish reported there is money from EDC for Chambers from Dept of Commerce

## 7. New Business

a. Scheduling of 2023 public input meetings Dave Hoogerwerf  
Necessity of more public outreach. Question of what folks think about when to do them.  
By-laws mandate two a year. We discussed one in spring and one in fall. We have ten board meetings a year and the two public meetings.

b. Nomination Committee report Christina Swan  
Distributed information about the nominations committee process to all board members and Christina outlined what she'd sent out.  
Shauna introduced herself first. Her business is national but only in person pre-school is in Clinton. She's very concerned about our community and how she can help.  
Brandon next. Works from home for company based in Chicago. Has two young children. Wants to invest in future of Clinton  
Gina has worked with legislators as rep for real estate industry. Fund raising experience.

c. Nominations/Election of At-Large Dave Hoogerwerf  
Dave asked for nominations from the floor – there were none.  
Christina moved that we vote in at-large members of Shauna Causey, Gina Valaske, Brandon Wise as a slate. Sheila 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor  
Christina then moved that we accept the slate of those three at large members, Joe 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor

d. Nominations/Elections Council Officers Dave Hoogerwerf  
Office openings Pres, VP, Secretary. Christina described what we looked for to fill these positions. Call for nominations for secretary – none. Curt requested job descriptions for open positions. Call for nominations for treasurer – Curt nominated Don, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote – all favor. Call for nominations for VP. Christina nominated CF. It was pointed out at this point that we don't need a 2<sup>nd</sup> for elections. Vote – all in favor. Christina nominated Jon for pres. Other nominations – none. Vote – all in favor.

e. Election of 2023 officers Dave Hoogerwerf

## 8. Adjourn 7:55

Next meeting: February 27, 2023

Dave Hoogerwerf