

CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes February 27, 2023, Clinton Hall 6:00 – 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order 6:01

Jon Forbes

Attendance:

Present: Don Simmons, Jon Forbes, Michael Clyburn, Carol Flax, Sheila Goebel, Curt Gordon, Katie Grindon, Gina Valaske, Brandon Wise, Shauna Causey

Absent: Dave Hoogerwerf, Joe Greenheron, Jennifer Cox

Guests: Margaret Anderson, Doug Hofius, Kaley Costello

2. Approval of Minutes of January 30, 2023 Meeting

All

Michael motion, Sheila 2nd all approved

3. Treasurer's Report - Account and budget status

Don Simmons

4. Project Updates/Discussion

a. Clinton Gateway Update

Margaret Anderson,

Planning commission member – trying to get our issues on the work plan. No success for 2023, except for rezoning. Hoping for 2024. Katie asked about rezoning plan and if community has any say on it. Margaret said will be some more outreach. Brandon asked what projects were rejected for 2023 and if that info is publicly available. Big problem is having enough staff to carry out all needed/wanted projects. 2024 update to comp plan so probably not many projects will be tackled. We need to make sure that Melanie Bacon knows about any ideas we come up with. Invite Melanie to our May meeting. Advocate directly to her and John Lanier.

b. Affordable Housing Update

Michael C.

Harbor Inn conversion being discussed still. Tiny houses in Langley has four people ready to move in. Goosefoot looking for on-staff project manager. Michael has left board of Home on Whidbey and now on Goosefoot steering committee.

c. Ferry to Park and Ride Update

Doug H.

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Gearing up to do the work this spring – a paired back version of the original pedestrian safety proposal to meet available budget.

d. Ken's Corner Carol Flax
Good Cheer has moved to new, smaller space. Grand opening Mar 1-4.

e. Port of Everett/Mukilteo Ferry Property Update Curt Gordon
He talked to Mukilteo mayor who said it's up to Port to apply for use permit for parking lot. They hope to have something by Spring. Curt is following up on this.

5. Member/Organization Updates

a. Clinton Water District Don Simmons
Hired some part time labor for some of the projects – storm damage repair, water line replacement, cutting back of berries, etc. Getting quotes for back-up generation for Heggenes Rd wells. Getting quotes for electronic meters – will be phased in over time.

b. Friends of Clinton Library Carol Flax/Kaley Costello
Kaley being transferred to Langlely library since their manager is retiring. She will stay with us until her replacement is hired. Folks from Sno-Isle working closely with us to make sure everything goes smoothly. Survey info for future of Clinton library is being aggregated and once that's done, we'll find out what's next. Folks can continue to fill out online survey.

c. South Whidbey Parks and Recreation Jennifer Cox

- Registration for the Whidbey Island Triathlon is open — Saturday, July 22nd — learn more at swparks.org
- The equestrian access trail at Trustland Trails (Craw & 525) has been completed. This will allow horseback riders access to the trails without having to use the ADA trails.
- Campground the public posting and comment time expired on 2/22. At this time we are waiting to hear from the Planning Dept. with a favorable response to our request for a Zoning Code Interpretation.
- The application submission time period for a new Executive Director was February 24th. We have received more than a dozen applications which we'll be reviewing in an Executive Session on February 28th.

d. Clinton Community Hall Sheila Goebel

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Had first part of a retreat – assigning committees and getting the year planned. She brought up our request for equipment for hybrid meetings & board said their mission is to serve their members and didn't approve it. Suggested we do fundraiser to buy the equipment. Maybe WhidTel or PSE would support this. Sheila will look into funding.

e. Chamber of Commerce

Katie Grindon

Had first business meeting. 25 folks showed up – great meeting. Prepping for Easter egg hunt. EDC is giving chamber \$15,000 grant. Rain Cap Boot Camp - Number of classes being offered for businesses to get grants through EDC. Chamber looking at beautification, website, etc with their grant. Creating some walkability maps. Discussion of advocating to state reps for safety improvements and other issues that are in state purview.

f. South Whidbey School District

Joe Greenheron

Joe Greenheron is in Olympia today, working with lawmakers from our legislative district to improve funding for public education statewide.

Since our last meeting, the district reviewed mid-year testing scores, which show improvements in Math and Reading across all grade levels, for the first time since the pandemic. This helps us understand which educational approaches are currently working, and how we can improve student outcomes even more in the future.

The South Whidbey School Board voted last Wednesday to put a Bond measure to the voters. The bond is \$80 million and carries a 20 year term. It will increase property taxes by \$0.07 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or about \$37/month for the average home in our zip code.

With the input of community members, parents, district staff, and construction professionals, the district has identified the highest priority renovation projects to protect the integrity of the facilities, improve appearance, functionality and to extend the life of our buildings for another 30 years.

Election day will be on April 25, 2023. Please vote!

g. Port of South Whidbey

Curt Gordon

Curt went down to Olympia and talked to all our lawmakers about passenger only ferry project. Emphasized that it's important to be clear and specific to lawmakers to get them on board for our projects – esp good to have projects that are shovel ready. Port working on workforce housing at fairgrounds. Received \$150,000

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from Is Co Commissioners to start feasibility study. Six-year comprehensive scheme being worked on. Food trucks using fairgrounds kitchen. Discussion that walkability is one of our greatest priorities (council, chamber, etal) and we need to find funding to get that done.

h. Ferries Dave Hoogerwerf
No report

6. Public Input All

7. New Business

a. Clinton Community Picnic Doug H.
Doug and Christina are leading the Dan Porter Cleanup project and the Picnic. Christina reported (through Carol) that this could be changed if the board prefers. She'd be thrilled with help from members on advertising. (Drewslist, FB, Instagram, Flyers, etc.). Picnic is still a maybe depending on Clinton orgs wanting to participate and help pay.

b. Dan Porter Park Cleanup/Egg Hunt – 3/25 / 4/8
Some discussion on homeless folks in park and park and ride and trash, downed trees etc. Important to notify appropriate agencies if we see issues. Doug will send out call for volunteers before the clean-up and we all can also ask our friends. Egg stuffing at Ogre and Thirsty Crab.

c. Consent Agenda Jon/All
Consensus that it is not needed

d. Community Meeting Carol
Getting community input and informing community on what/who the Council is, how folks can get involved, what we've accomplished, what we hope to do. First meeting May 22 – for discussion. Second in Fall for multi-day ten-year plan meeting. Committee – Carol, Christina, Gina, Brandon.

e. Liability Ins./Hall Contract/Dues Don S./All
Don talked to insurance companies because of concern about legal language in Hall rental agreement. General liability insurance through Porter Whidbey purchased - \$297/yr. Gina moved to approve the insurance purchase Michael 2nd. All in favor.

Brandon made motion that \$50 annual dues be mandatory for council members and voluntary for other community members. Shauna concerned about folks

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being able to afford. Don feels dues should be optional. Motion withdrawn.
Keeping dues optional.

8. Discussion of forming committees – what committees, who’s on them, what are their responsibilities. Committees – communications, gov’t liaison, events. What else?

9. Next meeting: March 27, 2023

All

10. Adjourn

8:00

Jon Forbes