

CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2023
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, Katie Grindon, Gina Valaske, Brandon Wise, Shauna Causey, Dave Hoogerwerf, Joe Greenheron, Jennifer Cox

Absent: Curt Gordon

Guests: Doug Brand, John Lanier, Christina Swan

2. Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2023 Meeting All
Michael motion to approve, Dave second, approved

3. Treasurer's Report – Account and Budget Status Don Simmons
Dues payment ahead of last year. General liability ins paid for the year. Income \$500, expenses \$374.00

4. Project Updates/Discussion John Lanier
a. Clinton Gateway Update
Jon reported that a few members attended this afternoon's meeting with Planning. John reported that he shared they're thinking of changing rural center to Clinton gateway zone. Slides of presentation available online. Looked at Hwy corridor – keep those areas open for businesses. Can do apartments above businesses but no single family. They're looking at incremental growth here and what happens if sewers become available. Planning commission – some didn't like any single family in rural center. Discussion on NMUGA but out of scope of work at this time. There are currently about 14-15 lots undeveloped in rural center area so that potential for growth. Only single family in that zone if community agrees. And talk of community have input into what businesses might not be allowed. ADUs allowed in rural residential areas. Also multi family. There will be conversations with community before any decisions are made. Meetings with community will include evening and daytime meetings and maybe a weekend. Want to cast as wide a net as possible. Maybe will mail surveys and looking at other options. Survey monkey possible or mailer to let folks know about meetings. Dave commented – got email from Jack Lynch about today's meeting and he was

disappointed in amount of action and things happening from our plan. Of our five priorities only one (zoning) is being discussed. Also concerned that one commissioner brought up NMUGA, which Clinton has made clear we don't want. Doug Hofius included in email from Jack and is also concerned and disappointed at lack of action by commissioners. Katie brought up question about study – John said Margaret Anderson wants to get money to design corridor. This is state issue so nothing county can do. Curt will do presentation about all this (IRTPO) next meeting. Commissioners have said there's some money but John doesn't know what is allocated.

b. Affordable Housing Update Michael C.
All projects moving forward

c. Ferry to Park and Ride Update Christina S./Doug H.
Christina – project going – no news. Curt would be best person to present on this.

d. Ken's Corner Carol Flax
No report

e. Port of Everett/Mukilteo Ferry Property Update Curt Gordon
Parking available – 60 +- spots

5. Member/Organization Updates

a. Clinton Water District Don Simmons
Water still flowing. Contract awarded to local co. to do work at Hilltop. Contract to Jerry Beck to install generator at Heggenes Rd well. Purchasing 50 electronic meters. Did water loss study – mostly from older lower flow meters. Working to reduce water loss. Moving ahead with negotiations with property owner up Humphrey who are developing 20 acre parcel and will trade for use of one of the parcels to put in tank to maximize pressure. Dave concerned about faulty meters based on experience with PSE meters.

b. Friends of Clinton Library Carol Flax
Research into library improvements/new library moving forward.

c. South Whidbey Parks and Recreation Jennifer Cox
ED search – 4 finalist candidates. Nov bond for so Whidbey athletic and wellness center.

d. Clinton Community Hall Sheila Goebel
Bought equipment for remote meetings and it's working. Raised money for it.

e. Chamber of Commerce Katie Grindon

Getting ready for easter event – Apr 8. Fundraising going well. Getting EDC grant for \$18,000. Doing new website, walking map and extended out for driving. Events calendar and other things with this money. Also art installation around Clinton.

f. South Whidbey School District Joe Greenheron
Bond is official. Gobluewhidbey.com is website. Approved improvement to curriculum. Feds paying for electric school bus and charging station. Adding student voice to board. Spring sports started. Spring break next week. Board and community aligned with what students should learn. No current censorship issues that board is dealing with. Public does come and speak about concerns at meetings but nothing contentious now. State funding formula changed – senate and house both passing budgets right now. He'll see new budget soon.

g. Port of South Whidbey Curt Gordon
No report

h. Ferries Dave Hoogerwerf
Last Saturday's wait was due to crew shortages. Big news is ferry parking is open. This has been an issue for at least 20 years. Around 30 monthly stalls (all sold out). Rest are 1 hr to 3 days. Port of Everett made this happen. Port Townsend ferry not returning to two boats this year – not enough boats – legislature hasn't funded any more ferries for years. Return of Squamish – it goes elsewhere in winter – will be back around May/June so we'll have two large boats for summer. Clinton/Muk on list to get first electric/hybrid boat when it's built because we're a short run. Lots of delays in building it – keel has not been laid yet. Probably 2026 at soonest.

6. Public Input All
Doug Brand – went to today's planning commission meeting. Agrees with disappointment of folks there from our group. He felt they were very dismissive of what we want – focusing on NMUGA. Felt that John was not getting support he needed. He stressed that council needs to be more assertive about what we want and don't want. Public input time was at beginning. Next meeting in two weeks and more opportunity to comment. Dave suggested we draft planning paper and send to planning commissioners and all three county commissioners.

Next meetings – April 10 & 24 2:00pm. Jennifer said we can ask them to break Robert's rules and allow for public comment. They need to vote on allowing it. Best to send email in advance asking for this.

Discussion of drafting position paper – who should work on it, what should it say.

7. New Business Christina S./Doug H.
a. Clinton Community Picnic

No firm plans yet. Need to find someone to chair it. Need to form committee. Always been weekend after labor day. Sheila reported that there's a policy that no tables or chairs can leave the Hall. They would give us good deal on using the kitchen. In past all the community organizations worked on it. Need someone on board to take leadership on it. Doug and Christina will be involved but don't want to be in charge. Brandon said he'll facilitate a discussion. Jon will send email to get group going. Dave talked about what a fun community event this has been. Not currently known which orgs will and will not be participating

b. Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt 4/8
Reported previously

Katie

c. Community Meeting

All

Carol hasn't scheduled committee meeting yet but will soon. Community meeting is May 22.

d. Committees

Jon

Gina interested in gov't liaison – Jon appointed her as chair, Katie volunteered to be on committee.

Communications – Jon appointed Brandon. Christina said she'll keep doing web page.

Events – Carol chair

Brandon suggested ways and means committee to set priorities and goals and look at fundraising. Also discussion of strategic plan to figure out measurable progress.

Jon paid for Zoom pro membership – half price \$81.55
Michael made motion to reimburse Jon on this and Gina second. All in favor

e. Secretary

Jon

No volunteers. Carol will keep doing it (for now).

8. Next meeting: April 24, 2023

All

9. Adjourn

Jon Forbes