

# CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes April 24, 2023 6:00-7:30 PM

1. Call to Order                      6:01pm                                      Jon Forbes

### Attendance:

Present: Don Simmons, Jon Forbes, Michael Clyburn, Carol Flax, Sheila Goebel, Katie Grindon, Gina Valaske, Brandon Wise, Dave Hoogerwerf, Jennifer Cox, Curt Gordon,

Absent: Shauna Causey, Joe Greenheron

Guests: Christina Swan, Margaret Anderson, Emily Switzer

2. Approval of Minutes of March 27, 2023 Meeting                                      All  
Gina motion to approve, Brandon second, approved

3. Treasurer's Report – Account and Budget Status                                      Don Simmons  
Gina and Brandon paid dues and Dave. 2023 income \$600 (primarily dues)  
Expenses \$504. Costs – zoom, WhidbeyTel, hall rental

4. Project Updates/Discussion  
a. Clinton Gateway Update                                      John Lanier  
John absent. Margaret reported planners use Freeland as example of NMUGA – linked to sanitation district to possibly seeing what we can do in Clinton. She's interested in unlinking sanitation district as NMUGA requirement. Payless using new tech to replace traditional septic. If Island Co accepts Payless experiment it could open up possibilities for Clinton. She thinks gateway conversations might be thought of differently after this. No plans to put sewer system in Clinton. Gina asked how these systems are powered. Margaret doesn't know.

b. Affordable Housing Update                                      Michael C.  
Tiny homes in Langley – 7 of 9 complete. Expect PSE hook-up this week. Folks ready to move in. Goosefoot housing group has two lots in Langley at 2<sup>nd</sup> and deBruyn. Plan to build 15 apartment units. Final stage of selecting architect. Then public outreach

starts this summer after design plans drawn up. Home on Whidbey, Community Landtrust – focus on Coles Valley project. Langley making critical changes to regs. Owner of land will submit application after changes are made. Home on Whidbey land trust will purchase land. Record ran article today about holdup on fairground development plans. City hiring another planner to help with moving project forward. County has promised Port money for design once ready to move forward

c. Ferry to Park and Ride Update Curt Gordon  
SRV - large firm that got state contract to do work. Improvements will go up to Simmons.

#### 5. Member/Organization Updates

a. Clinton Water District Don Simmons  
Water is flowing. Hilltop – construction starts July 2. Heggenes Rd wells generator ordered. Meter replacement program still active but haven't ordered new meters yet. Waiting to learn more about new technologies. New fed program pressing water utilities to make sure no lead or other chemicals leaching into water. They have company looking into that but haven't found any with their testing so far.

b. Friends of Clinton Library Carol Flax  
Kaley working on report to Sno-Isle about refresh/build plans.

c. South Whidbey Parks and Recreation Jennifer Cox  
Campground through planning code interpretation. Awaiting land use permit before they can do anything. Deer Lake has new dock and has been stocked. Saturday was opening day. They are talking about going for Bond for So Whidbey rec center. By June they'll need to file with county for amount of bond. Thinking \$27million. Two candidates for ED position. Trails – trustland map and signage coming.

d. Clinton Community Hall Sheila Goebel  
Mayfest May 20. Food and beer and wine. Rural Characters and HVB playing.

e. Chamber of Commerce Katie Grindon  
Next members meeting May 2 at Ogres. Haven't received grant yet and have to spend money by Nov. Easter egg hunt raised about \$4000 to support it. Some money left. Great turnout. Christina reported on tourism. Langley has new businesses in and ramping up tourist event planning. Discussion of RVs in park and ride. WashDot in charge. Really hard to get folks out. Hope to work with WashDot and Homeless coalition.

f. South Whidbey School District Joe Greenheron

Joe couldn't log on to zoom link. Asked folks to vote. Board evaluating superintendent this year. Budget season – facing 10% budget shortfall due to inadequate state funding. Board will be setting board and district goals for next year.

g. Port of South Whidbey

Curt Gordon

ED leaving. Angie has agreed to be interim director and maybe permanent. Commissioners can appoint ED. Island Grown now housed on fair grounds and will take up some of the space during fair. Using commercial kitchen. No gain on more money for passenger only ferry. Dave Paul couldn't help with getting funding. Port open house on comprehensive scheme tomorrow at Freeland library. Got USDA grant to build new restrooms near horse arena.

h. Ferries

Dave Hoogerwerf

He'd like to see schedule of when Clinton ferry is canceled due to crew shortages. He suspects it's Fri and Sun. Two ferry crashes in last 3 mos. Edmunds – Cathlamet crashed – interim report said *captain lost situational awareness*. Rammed into dock at 20 knots. Captain resigned next day. Second crash – Walla Walla ran aground at Bainbridge – story is lost generator (diesel/electric boat) but there are two so Dave doesn't know why that one didn't kick in. Will be awhile until whole story is known.

6. Public Input

All

Christina – in terms of NMUGA – asked if it would only be business district or further out? Margaret said up to Clinton to decide. Curt talked about reluctance of Clintonites to have sewers and be NMUGA. This plan would remove sewer requirement from NMUGA. Is this legal under growth management act? Margaret is asking for official response to this from state. Freeland's zoning district became one third of original plan. RAID is grandfathered in so it's very hard to change zoning so NMUGA may be the answer. Current RAID area cannot be changed so zoning can be swapped but very limited. NMUGA may also solve problem of what can be done on some residential lots. Margaret is advocating for Clinton. Planners are very busy and she wants to make sure Clinton stays in their awareness.

Virtual town hall May 2 6:00pm with Paul, Shavers and Muzzall.

7. New Business

a. IRTPO Briefing

Curt Gordon

Transpotation planning org. Used to be part to Skagit but they kicked us out and we formed our own. Money comes from feds every year through states. In 90s more accountability demanded. \$1.1 million allotment to County. Allows counties to hire transportation planner. Counties can join together to plan long term trans. Policy board – elected officials and Island transit board member. Tech advisory committee made up of paid professionals (public works directors, etc). Every March IRTPO sends letters to entities asking for list of projects they want to get done (cities, etc). Tech committee

decides which projects they want to do. Money granted with spending term (4 or 5 yrs). Commissioners put list in capital improvement plan. This plan makes it easier to get state reps to advocate for these projects. Curt added passenger only ferry to alternative transportation plans. Got funded and now looking for matching funds to do next phase. IRTPO hires consultants to do 20 yr plan, human services plan, 6 yr plan, etc. All these things go to trans planner to sort out. Also block grant dollars we can try to get through county. Lots of opportunities for grants. Important to make sure desired projects are on the lists. CCC can try to get some of this money for shovel ready projects down here either through Port. Project comes before money. County can also submit projects to county. (TIP – transportation improvement plan). We need to come up with a project and we can submit it to get it on the TIP. Suggestion to do part two of ferry to park and ride from Simmons to park and ride. Something already designed and realistic is best.

b. Clinton Community Picnic

Brandon/Doug H.

Discussion of how can the various organizations help. In past reps from each org formed committee. Need to do fundraising, assign responsibilities, etc. Sheila suggested be more pro-active about getting community more involved in making donations.

c. Community Meeting

Carol/Christina/Gina/Brandon

In process. Working on agenda and power point presentation. Katie suggested trying to get food donations from local purveyors.

d. Secretary

Jon

No volunteers

8. Next meeting: May 22, 2023

All

9. Adjourn 8:12

Jon Forbes