

CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes July 31, 2023 6:00-7:30 PM

1. Call to Order 6:03pm Carol Flax

Attendance:

Present: Carol Flax, Don Simmons, Michael Clyburn, Brandon Wise, Jim Swan.

via ZOOM: Katie Grindon, Shauna Causey,

Absent: Jennifer Cox, Curt Gordon, Jon Forbes, Dave Hoogerwerf, Joe Greenheron

Guests: Melanie Bacon, Christina Swan, Dylan Scoles, Jerry Suder

2. Approval of Minutes of June 26, 2023 Meeting All
Don motion to approve, Brandon second, approved

3. Treasurer's Report – Account and Budget Status Don Simmons
Written report submitted. Don paid the Whidbey Telecom bill for our land line and voice mail service and reported that we received a new business grant for our voice mail service. This led to a discussion of why we have a landline. Our phone number is 360-579-4803. This is listed on our website. Any voice messages left here should be forwarded to the email: info@clintoncommunitycouncil.org. Don will look into this to be sure it is working this way.

4. Project Updates/Discussion
 a. Clinton Gateway Update John Lanier
John absent. Melanie reported there is no update.

 b. Affordable Housing Update Michael C.
Home on Whidbey, a Community Land Trust, held a public meeting on July 25, in Langley. It was well-attended and they reported on a Purchase and Sale Agreement to purchase the 40 acres of the proposed Coles Valley Neighborhood project.

Goosefoot Housing group held a public design meeting August 7 on their 2nd and DeBruyn housing. It was well-attended. The THINC project in Langley is complete and all houses occupied. A private group (Langley Lofts) is working on creating 10 studio and one-bedroom apartments over the Arcade, which is across 2nd street from the GHG project.

5. Member/Organization Updates

a. Clinton Water District

Don Simmons

Water still flowing. Hilltop replacement of some water lines should be completed this week. Backup generator for Heggenes Rd wells will be online by October. Meter replacement program still waiting. Continuing to ask customers to switch to paperless billing.

b. Friends of Clinton Library

Carol Flax

The latest newsletter is out and available. There was no July meeting of FOCL.

c. South Whidbey Parks and Recreation

Jennifer Cox

Jennifer absent. No report.

d. Clinton Community Hall

Jim Swan

Jim reported that the Hall is seeing 6 civic use meetings per month. They are working on re-establishing the winter market and looking for vendors on the 1st weekend in December.

e. Chamber of Commerce

Katie Grindon

The Chamber's regular quarterly business meeting will be tomorrow at Spoiled Dog Winery at 5:30pm. They continue working on new website. The art project is moving forward. Kelly Cameron is creating basic sculptures. Business owners will work with local artists to decorate and complete each piece.

f. South Whidbey School District

Joe Greenheron

No report.

g. Port of South Whidbey

Curt Gordon

Curt absent. No Port report.

h. Ferries

Dave Hoogerwerf

No report.

6. Public comment: Dylan Scoles shared that he is launching a new business on the island and that he has a degree in Arts and is interested in getting involved in the Clinton community.

7. New Business

a. Clinton Community Picnic

Brandon/Katie.

Chamber is not ready to partner with CCC on the Community Picnic. Brandon will talk to individual business owners at the Chamber meeting to gauge level of support from individual businesses. He estimates we will need 6-7 planners and about 20 volunteers to make a picnic happen. It was reported that the Chamber has \$500 from Rob Mellish for the picnic and the CCC has \$800 – 1,000 from previous years' picnic fund-raising. Brandon estimates about \$1,000 in hard costs to put it on. It was suggested we could pursue sponsors.

b. CCC Fall community meeting. Carol will be gone September and part of October so will not have time to create and plan this event, as scheduled. It was agreed to move to a late winter date.

c. Whidbey Community Foundation Locable invite

Shauna

WCF invited us to sign up on Locable, an app that does search engine optimization. Her recommendation is that we can do this ourselves and we don't need a subscription to this service-marketing tool. We agreed to pass.

d. Legislative Committee:

Shauna and Katie

This is a new committee, just formed. Nothing to report so far.

Melanie Bacon suggested CCC could send a representative to the Island County Council of Governments that meets on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Carol reported that Jon was in contact with a person interested in filling to open at large position on the Council.

Brief discussion of non-voting members. Brandon reported he had a follow-up discussion with Doug Brand, who thinks we should have some but does not want to be one. It was suggested that non-voting membership might be good for people like Doug Hofius or Christina Swan – people who want to attend and participate in discussions.

Brandon offered to start a newsletter distilled from recordings of our meeting. It was noted that Washington state law requires notification to all if a meeting or conversation is to be recorded. It was recommended we add a recording notice to our agendas.

It was also suggested we move the public comment time to the beginning of our agendas.

There was a brief discussion about zoom attendees having problems hearing all the discussion.

Next meeting: August 28. 6pm

8. Adjourn 7:45pm