

# CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes  
November 27, 2023  
6:00-7:30 PM

1. Call to Order                      6:04pm    Jon Forbes

## Attendance:

Present: Jon Forbes, Curt Gordon, Don Simmons, Michael Clyburn, Mike Gerhardt, Brandon Wise

via ZOOM: Joe Greenheron, Shauna Causey

Absent: Dave Hoogerwerf, Jennifer Cox, Carol Flax, Katie Grindon,

Guests: Melanie Bacon, County Commissioner, Emily Neff, County Planner, Doug Brand, Clinton resident

2. Approval of Minutes of October 30, 2023 Meeting    All  
Brandon motion to approve, Curt second, approved

3. Treasurer's Report – Account and Budget Status    Don Simmons  
Written report submitted. Our current balance: \$2019.86. Don also presented a draft 2024 budget. He noted that in 2023, we spent \$442.16 more than we took in. The draft budget includes \$650 expected income and \$1370 expenses. Jon asked board members to review proposed budget and be prepared to discuss at our January meeting, including ideas on how to deal with deficit.

4. Public Input  
Doug Brand stated that it feels like public input is ignored with no follow-up. He acknowledged that Brandon had reached out to him and had a conversation. It was suggested the new newsletter may serve to stimulate public interest. Doug requested that the ZOOM link be made more accessible and that public input be included in the minutes. He suggested the board should work on improving public outreach.

5. Project Updates/Discussion    Emily Neff  
    a. Clinton Gateway Update

Emily reported that the county's draft County-Wide Planning Policies are available on the County's website and the BOCC will have a workshop on Dec. 20 where they will set the schedule for public meetings. She reported the state projects the County will need housing for 15,000 more residents in the next ten years. This translates to a need for 8700 housing units.

b. Affordable Housing Update

Michael C.

Island Roots Housing's project in Langley - Generations Place – is moving into the design phase and has contracted with Environmental Works to serve as architect for the remaining phases of development. Habitat for Humanity will get \$3.2 million in HUD SHOP funds for project in Langley, on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

c. Island County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Michael C. Michael distributed draft goals and subgoals from the committee. He will send the electronic version of the complete first draft to Jon for distribution. Michael requested all feedback and action plan suggestions be emailed to him by January 3.

d. Legislative Committee

Katie G.

The committee had their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and identified three priorities: Safety, Walkability (including traffic) and zoning. Michael reported that Margaret Anderson (Clinton representative on County Planning Commission wants to discuss sewer alternatives with this committee. Jon said he would contact her and invite her to meet with the committee.

6. Member/Organization Updates

a. Clinton Water District

Don Simmons

Water still flowing and tastes good. Jill Engstrom (former Council member) is running for re-election against one opponent. Backup generator for Heggnes Rd wells is up and running. We have installed about 100 electronic meters so far in Columbia Beach and Brighton Beach. We have ordered more. Hope to complete the conversion in the next two years.

b. Friends of Clinton Library

Phyllis Alexander

No report

c. South Whidbey Parks and Recreation

Jennifer Cox

No report. Jon reported that he followed up on the Deer Lake dock and discussed it with our elected representatives to get their help in getting Fish and Wildlife to fix it.

d. Clinton Community Hall

Michael reported a very busy December coming up at the hall including the Holiday Market and a blood drive. We have raised the rates for community organization rentals from \$25 to \$40 to cover expenses.

e. Chamber of Commerce

Katie Grindon

No report.

f. South Whidbey School District

Joe Greenheron

Each school has developed its improvement plan. The board is reviewing how it works and how it governs the district. The bond is currently passing by 24 votes with certification of the final vote due tomorrow. The Elementary school has received an award for the best field STEM program in the state.

g. Port of South Whidbey

Curt Gordon

The Port had a meeting on housing at the fairgrounds. The concessions facilities have to be replaced. The state allows Ports to support workforce housing if it can show a need in the community. As planned, the housing will not encroach on the midway any more than the re-built concession stands will require. The Port is still waiting on Langely to grant re-zoning. The Port had discussions with a Hat Island organization that has a new passenger ferry. The Port is still trying to fund a pilot run between Langley and Everett. The Port is researching whether it can take on the second half of the state's sidewalk access project and get it on the IRPO project list. Curt also reported the bicycle path from Clinton to Ken's Corner is still planned but the estimates were way over budget.

h. Ferries

Dave Hoogerwerf

7. No report.

8. New Business

Next meeting: January 29, 6pm at Clinton Community Hall and ZOOM.

9. Adjourn 7:15 pm

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