

CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2024
6:00-7:30 PM

1. Call to Order
6:00pm

Jon Forbes

Attendance:

Council members Present: Don Simmons, Katie Grindon, Phyllis Alexander

via ZOOM: Brandon Wise, Carol Flax, Jon Forbes, Joe Greenheron

Absent: Jennifer Cox, Shauna Causey, Mike Gerhardt, Michael Clyburn, Dave Hoogerwerf

Guests: Melanie Bacon, Christina Swan, Marie Shimada, Mike Turnbull, Doug Brand, Emily Switzer

2. Approval of Minutes from Jan 2024 Meeting
? motion to approve, ? second, approved

All

3. Treasurer's Report – Account and Budget Status Don Simmons. 990 filed. Annual ins pd \$299. Rent for Feb mtg pd. Income – Don pd \$100 dues, Melanie pd \$120 donation. \$158 in red. Budget \$1279. We'll need to find source of income or double dues to meet budget.

4. Public Input none

5. Project Updates/Discussion

- a. Clinton Gateway Update

Jon and Melanie

Jon attended mtg at High School last Tues – work sheets out to collect public input. Everyone needs to comment via QR code on pamphlet Jon sent out. Very basic overview at meeting and they're looking for input. Clinton portion not discussed. Melanie – County has hired consultant to work on Clinton sub-element (she doesn't know who yet). Section 12 has sub-element – that's Clinton. Brandon asked about Clinton sub-area plan listed as similar to Freeland plan. Melanie said that's probably not the case. 2016 plan was mostly zoning related. Climate, equity, health etc will be included this time. To be involved – come to Tues board meetings – zoom or in person. Planning commission mtgs in Melanie's newsletter or on Co. website. Or at

Islandcounty2045.com – public participation website. Melanie’s newsletter on our website.

b. Affordable Housing Update Michael C.
none

c. Island County Comp. Economic Dev. Strategy (CEDs)
Michael C.
none

d. Legislative Committee Shauna/Katie
No meetings since last council meeting. Meeting coming up in next few weeks. Focus in being involved in gateway plan.

e. Deer Lake Dock Jon Forbes
No report

6. Member/Organization Updates

a. Clinton Water District Don Simmons
Spinnaker ridge replacing all underground power lines. Continuing to replace meters. In compliance with federal water standards. Need to inspect over 100 homes in the district to make sure they don’t have lead or galvanized lines that might contaminate water. Phyllis asked about library’s water and can their lines be inspected – they’re wanting to add a filter.

b. South Whidbey Parks and Recreation Jennifer Cox
none

c. Clinton Community Hall Mike Gerhardt
none

d. Chamber of Commerce Katie Grindon
Emily Switzer at meeting to talk about Easter Egg hunt. Chamber will help clean up park. She mentioned that Little League also appreciates park cleanup. Chamber is encouraging local businesses to set up booths at the hunt. Hunt being moved to Thirsty Crab. Brandon said that folks he’s talked to and he support doing Easter Egg hunt at the Park. Brandon also asked about how to get involved in helping with event. Emily said come to Chamber meeting at Bailey’s on 2/20. She said parking will be at Park and Ride – concern about crossing highway but should be plenty of parking around Thirsty Crab. Katie – reiterated that park cleanup should still happen. Little League starts around May so park cleanup will be scheduled before.

e. School District Joe Greenheron

Superintendent search – Jo Moccia is retiring starting next school year. Looking for search firm to help with search. Bond committee making decisions about how to go about infrastructure projects. Negotiating for general contractor. They'll be interviewed at next school board meeting on Feb 28. Public welcome to weigh in.

f. FOCL – Phyllis Alexander

Getting ready for Easter egg hunt. Short on books kids age 12 & above. Trying to find ways to make a bit more money. Increasing bag price at book sales to \$10/bag. Katie asked about giving donation rather than books.

7. New Business

a. Community Meeting Carol Flax

First planning meeting scheduled this week. Planning committee is Carol Flax, Sherryl Christie, Christina Swan and Dorothy Baumgartner.

b. Open At-Large Position Jon Forbes

Mike Turnbull aligned with direction of Council. Suggested Carol fill the at-large position. Jon discussed with Mike taking a non-voting position. Board thoughts on the position – none. Board needs to make position official. Not a quorum so tabled until next month.

Mike Turnbull introduced himself – lived here about 3.5 years and is getting interested in getting more involved with local activities. Esp. concerned about crossing highway.

c. Secretary Position Jon Forbes

Carol and Michael are willing to be co-secretaries. Will be tabled until next month.

d. Council Budget Jon Forbes

Don has talked about expenses. Also – Zoom costs \$150/yr. Grant last year to pay ½. Hopefully will get again. Discussion of how to raise funds to meet our budget. One option is raise cost to council members to \$100/yr. Possibility of holding community picnic this year. Brandon started looking at putting picnic together previously. Could be at Hall or in the Park. Current committee is Brandon, Doug H, Christina. Marie said she did fundraiser at Thirsty Crab last week and owners were pleasure to work with.

e. Other – Carol will set up gmail account for council. Also – Christina will create interested party list for Jon to send meeting notices.

8. Next meeting: March 25, 2024 All

9. Adjourn 7:20 pm