

CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2024
6:00-7:30 PM

1. Call to Order 6:01pm Jon Forbes

Attendance:

Present: Jon Forbes, Don Simmons, Michael Clyburn, Mike Gerhardt, Brandon Wise, Dave Hoogerwerf, Jennifer Cox, Carol Flax, Katie Grindon, Phyllis Alexander

via ZOOM: Shauna Causey

Absent: Joe Greenheron, Curt Gordon

Guests: Melanie Bacon, County Commissioner, Marie Shimada (on ZOOM)

2. Approval of Minutes of November 27, 2023 Meeting All
Jon motion to approve, Mike G. second, approved

3. Treasurer's Report – Account and Budget Status Don Simmons
Written report submitted. Our current balance: \$1979.92. It was asked if we should double our dues to \$100 / year in order to raise enough funds to meet expected expenses. Council members who represent community organizations should take this question to their respective organizations. Jon will add this question to our February agenda.

4. Public Input
No comments.

5. Project Updates/Discussion

- a. Clinton Gateway Update Melanie Bacon
The county is holding four open house sessions on revising its Comprehensive Plan. Melanie encouraged us to attend one or more. She noted that Clinton will have its own sub-element in the Comp plan.
- b. Affordable Housing Update Michael C.
Island Roots Housing's project in Langley - Generations Place – is still moving forward with a goal to break ground in the fall of 2024. The Port's workforce housing plans at the fairgrounds generating a lot of discussion.

c. Island County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Michael C.
No meeting since November Council meeting. Next meeting in early February. Traffic calming measures in Clinton will be on the action plan. Melanie told us WASHDOT will not consider any projects that are not on this CEDS document.

c. Legislative Committee Katie Grindon
The committee's top priority is safety and walkability in Clinton. They plan to study the county's Comp plan and be involved in update.

d. Deer Lake Dock
Jon reported that Fish and Wildlife informed him in November that they were working on a plan for the Deer Lake Dock. Jennifer provided an update sent to SW Parks today. Fish and Wildlife are checking with the hydraulic permitting side on requirements for removing existing concrete and gangway removal, to make room for repairs.

6. Member/Organization Updates

a. Clinton Water District Don Simmons
Water still flowing and tastes good. Replaced the pump for Heggenes Rd well. We have installed about 200 electronic meters so far. Columbia Beach and Brighton Beach are complete. Hope to complete the conversion for all customers (approx.. 800) by end of this year.

b. Friends of Clinton Library Phyllis Alexander
Had first meeting of new board in January. We are gathering books to give away to kids at Easter egg hunt. Will be at the book shed February 3rd from 11am – 1pm to collect books. Next book sale is March 23. The future of the Clinton Library capital project is moving up on Sno-Isle's capital project list.

c. South Whidbey Parks and Recreation Jennifer Cox
The Aquatic Center bond passed. State Reps Shavers and Paul are presenting a request in the Legislature for funds for design phase. The pickle ball court project is out with a Request for Proposals. The winning bid should be selected at February meeting. We are adding a new trail in Community trails area. Parks and Rec is currently conducting a community survey. They have received 438 responses so far. The survey will remain open for a couple more weeks.

d. Clinton Community Hall
Michael reported the board wants to replace all the single-pane windows, approx.. 33 of them. One has been replaced with double-pane glass at a cost of \$1,000. The December Holiday Market was a great success, so they are planning a summer Market in June.

e. Chamber of Commerce

Katie Grindon

The website is almost done. We are now distributing the wooden sculptures to business owners who are recruiting artists to decorate them. We will have a big promotional launch in late May. CoC President will attend next Council meeting to discuss Easter event.

f. South Whidbey School District

Joe Greenheron

Joe was absent but submitted this written report: Here's a brief summary of goings on in the district:

- The bond committee formed (with representation from teachers, parents, students, administrators, and board members) and have started reviewing projects. The board will be interviewing and hiring Owner's Representatives and selecting one to help us oversee the various infrastructure projects.
- The board approved a new policy on Professional Communications Standards. The policy was a collaboration between staff, students, the community, and the board, with the intent to preserve the dignity of everyone who communicates with or within the district.
- Our district was awarded a second electric school bus, through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. More details here: <https://www.southwhidbeyrecord.com/news/epa-funds-new-e-bus-for-south-whidbey/>

g. Port of South Whidbey

Curt Gordon

No report.

h. Ferries

Dave Hoogerwerf

The #1 slip in Clinton is closed for repairs and maintenance. WSF is working on new statement of work for electric ferries in preparation of requesting bids. Latest estimate is first boat will be delivered in 2028, which will now go to the Bainbridge Island route instead of the Clinton route. There will be an op-ed in the Seattle times on 2/5 about the proposed ferry governance.

7. New Business

We have one vacant at-large position on the Council. We can elect Carol Flax to fill this as she is no longer the representative for FOCL. Jon has received one other application for this position. He will have a recommendation at our February meeting.

Carol reports that two people who produced the Future Search are interested in doing a one-day update in a community meeting in late May.

On our normal meeting day in February (2/26) the Hall is not available. We decided to move the February meeting to Monday, February 19, 2024.

Next meeting: Monday, February 19, 2024 at 6pm at Clinton Community Hall and ZOOM.

8. Adjourn 7:10 pm