

# CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

1. Call to Order                      6:02pm    Jon Forbes

Attendance:

Present: Jon Forbes, Don Simmons, Michael Clyburn, Curt Gordon, Carol Flax,  
Brandon Wise

via ZOOM: Joe Greenheron,

Absent: Mike Gerhardt, Shauna Causey, Phyllis Alexander, Jennifer Cox, Dave  
Hoogerwerf, Katie Grindon,

Guests: Melanie Bacon, County Commissioner, Christina Swan, Doug Brand, James  
Sylvester, Asst. Director, Island County Public Works, Jan von Muyden, Island County  
Parks Superintendent

2. Approval of Minutes: No quorum present

3. Treasurer's Report – Account and Budget Status                      Don Simmons  
Written report submitted. Our current balance: \$2131.01. We received dues payments  
from four members this month. Christina Swan donated payment for Go-Daddy, website  
host.

4. No public comments

5. Dan Porter Park: Christina asked James Sylvester and Jan von Muyden to attend  
and talk about how to make Dan Porter Park feel safer. Jan said the vegetation  
between the park and Deer Lake Road contributes to the problem. The  
bathrooms have been closed for several years to prevent transients from  
occupying. The first step is to deal with the vegetation to improve sight-lines but  
not remove it all. They will consult with County Ecologist and come back to us in  
mid-summer with a plan.

6. Project Updates/Discussion

- a. Clinton Gateway Update Emily Neff  
No update.
- b. Affordable Housing Update Michael C.  
Island Roots Housing's project in Langley - Generations Place – is hosting a public event to celebrate affordable housing month and as a public roll-out of the project and the organization – Saturday, May 11, 1-3pm, at the project site, 2<sup>nd</sup> and DeBruyn in Langley.
- c. Island County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Michael C.  
The draft strategy is available for public comment. Next committee meeting in early May
- c. Legislative Committee Katie Grindon  
No report.

7. Member/Organization Updates

- a. Clinton Water District Don Simmons  
Water still flowing and all is well. About 25% of electronic meters installed. We are on track to meet the October deadline for completing the study of water lines that may contain lead or other hazardous materials.
- b. Friends of Clinton Library Phyllis Alexander  
No report. The next book sale is June 15.
- c. South Whidbey Parks and Recreation Jennifer Cox  
No report.
- d. Clinton Community Hall  
No report. Mayfest is May 18.
- e. Chamber of Commerce Katie Grindon  
No report.
- f. South Whidbey School District Joe Greenheron  
Board is taking first look at 24-25 budget. State funding has been cut by 5%. Will soon be issuing first set of bonds to fund capital construction in summer. The board has a new student representative, the first to be democratically elected by the student body. The superintendent has announced plans to retire at the end of the 24-25 school year. Financial director announced his retirement at the end of this school year.
- g. Port of South Whidbey Curt Gordon  
The Port has asked Senator Murray for funding to complete the passenger-only ferry dock in Clinton. There may be funds to complete the second half of the sidewalk

improvement project. The County has promised the Port funding for feasibility phase of fairgrounds work-force housing if Port assure County that the city will approve the re-zone. The Langley Planning Commission has recommended denying the change. Port will go to the city council for answer. Island County Housing Authority has agreed to manage the housing.

h. Ferries  
No report.

Dave Hoogerwerf

#### 8. New Business

Community meeting: The consultants have submitted a revised proposal to the committee. They have proposed an online survey of CCC members and other stakeholders, then they will design and facilitate a one-day retreat for the board. They want CCC to get clarity on purpose and goals of the organization, and CCC members commitment to those goals. The proposed budget is \$10,000. Committee is considering ways to raise that amount. The question was posed: Does the Council want to move forward with this plan? There was general agreement to do so.

County Commissioner Candidate forum: Carol is checking with the League of Women Voters on their plans for candidate forums. The Council wants to be involved. Planning for forum of primary candidates in late June

Next meeting: To be determined. Last Monday in May is Memorial Day. Jon will check hall availability and poll members on best date.

9. Adjourn      7:40 pm