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Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes  
May 28, 2024  
6:00-7:30 PM

1. Call to Order                      6:02pm    Carol Flax

Attendance:

Present: Don Simmons, Michael Clyburn, Curt Gordon, Carol Flax, Mike Gerhardt, Jennifer Cox,

via ZOOM: Shauna Causey

Absent: Phyllis Alexander, Dave Hoogerwerf, Joe Greenheron, Katie Grindon, Jon Forbes, Brandon Wise,

Guests: Melanie Bacon, County Commissioner, Christina Swan, Bryan Tidwell, Jim Swan

2. Approval of Minutes: Carol moved, Mike G. 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved

3. Treasurer's Report – Account and Budget Status                      Don Simmons  
Written report submitted. Our current balance: \$2241.04. We received the bill from the Community Hall for the two candidate forums - \$80. Don is closing the PO Box tomorrow. The second key never showed up. The CCC mailing address will be that of the treasurer.

4. No public comments

5. Project Updates/Discussion  
a. Clinton Gateway Update    Emily Neff  
No update.

b. Affordable Housing Update    Michael C.  
Island Roots Housing's event in Langley was a big success. Other housing orgs were there: Habitat for Humanity, Home on Whidbey, and county public works all had info tables. Langley City Council agreed to move ahead on changing the zoning overlay for the fairgrounds to allow housing.

c. Island County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Mike C.  
NOTE: This item can be removed from the monthly agenda. The report is in final editing and will be approved by the county BOCC in June. The committee will meet two times a year to review progress.

c. Legislative Committee Shauna Causey  
No report.

6. Member/Organization Updates

a. Clinton Water District Don Simmons  
Water still flowing and all is well. We are on track to meet the October deadline for completing the study of water lines that may contain lead or other hazardous materials. County hydrogeologist will give report on island water at June 13 board meeting.

b. Friends of Clinton Library Phyllis Alexander  
Library manager Bryan reported patrons enjoy the new outdoor table at the library. We are partnering with CCC on the candidate forum. The summer reading program starts this week. Next book sale is June 15.

c. South Whidbey Parks and Recreation Jennifer Cox  
Update on the Deer Lake dock. WA Fish and Wildlife need a SEPA review before moving the damaged dock. On May 10, they started the hydraulic project approval process. Parks continues the permitting process for the campground. The Chum Run event is moving to Oak Harbor and will be September 14. Disc golf baskets have been installed at the Langley complex.

There will be a public design meeting at the community center in Langley on June 12 for the pickleball courts.

The first \$15 million in bond funds for the aquatic center will be released in July. We expect to open in early 2027.

d. Clinton Community Hall  
We will be hosting a summer market on June 29 – almost 30 vendors so far. We have contracted for a new reader board, waiting on permits. Curt Gordon Paving will be fixing the potholes at the edge of the parking lot.

e. Chamber of Commerce Katie Grindon  
No report.

f. South Whidbey School District Joe Greenheron  
(submitted via email) The SWSD board is giving the community the opportunity to provide input on our selection of a Superintendent Search/Placement Firm. Dr Moccia is retiring at the end of next school year and the board will be hiring a search firm at the end of this school year.

We interviewed 3 potential firms at our last meeting. The interviews are [recorded so you can watch how each firm performed](#) and then provide input by [filling out this survey](#) (once for each firm).

g. Port of South Whidbey Curt Gordon  
The IRTPO gave the Port \$1 million for the passenger ferry dock. Total project cost will be \$4.5 million. The county engineer is working hard to find funds to complete the upper half of the sidewalk improvement project.

h. Ferries Dave Hoogerwerf  
Curt reported the county has funds for PSE to start upgrading electrical service to the ferry dock for the future ferry charging stations. He suggested we invite Bryan Heinrichs from PSE to a future meeting to talk about power availability and needs in Clinton.

## 7. New Business

Community meeting: The proposed budget is \$10,000. Committee is considering ways to raise that amount. Will apply to Port for a grant to cover economic development aspect of the meeting. We need volunteers to help raise funds for this. Shauna will meet with the committee to discuss ways she can help.

County Commissioner Candidate forum: Date is June 25: 6-8:30pm. All four candidates have agreed to participate. The forum for the state District 10 legislative positions will be July 9. All 8 candidates have agreed to attend. Council members should help promote these events and attend, volunteer if possible.

Park clean-up: Christina reported the county is working on a plan for the fall.

Next meeting: June 24, 6pm.

8. Adjourn 7:20 pm