

CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2024
6:00-7:30 PM

1. Call to Order 6:01pm Jon Forbes

Attendance:

Present: Don Simmons, Michael Clyburn, Curt Gordon, Carol Flax, Mike Gerhardt, Jennifer Cox, Phyllis Alexander, Dave Hoogerwerf, Jon Forbes, Brandon Wise, Shauna Causey, Emily Switzer

via ZOOM: Joe Greenheron

Absent:

Guests: Melanie Bacon, County Commissioner; Emily Neff, County planner; Bryan Tidwell, Library manager; Mark Juneau, Langley Chamber, Doug Brand

2. Approval of Minutes: Jon moved, Emily Switzer 2nd, approved

3. Treasurer's Report – Account and Budget Status Don Simmons
Written report submitted. Our current balance: \$2092.41. Jon donated funds to pay for our ZOOM subscription. Melanie Bacon donated \$120 to help with hall rental. Don renewed our state license. He recommended we drop our voice mail account with Whidbey Telecom. It is never used.

4. Public Comments: Doug Brand commented on the ferry system's lack of boats. The ferry system should have a way to extend runs later in the evening when traffic is heavy.

5. Project Updates/Discussion

a. Clinton Gateway Update Emily Neff
The consultant is on board for the Clinton subarea plan. There will be a public workshop here at the hall on July 24. This will be the first of several opportunities to provide input. The county's outreach focus for this is now through fall. In the winter, the new draft plan will be ready for comments. They county will also have an info booth at the Clinton summer market.

b. Affordable Housing Update
No update.

Michael C.

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
The committee has been seeking input from local businesses on safety and walkability measures. Katie Grindon is no longer the Chamber's rep to the council, so the legislative committee needs more members.

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 gave a report on island water at June 13 board meeting.

b. Friends of Clinton Library Phyllis Alexander
Round up month at the Goose netted \$2500 for each of the three friends organizations. We had a good book sale on June 15. Library has tons of summer programming coming up.

c. South Whidbey Parks and Recreation Jennifer Cox
No update on Deer Lake dock and no update from Parks.

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. Thanks to Curt Gordon Paving for fixing the potholes at the edge of the parking lot.

e. Chamber of Commerce Emily Switzer
Emily Switzer is the new Chamber rep to the Council. Chamber is looking for a VP and an at-large member. The next chamber board meeting is July 16. The chamber is co-sponsoring the Freeland 3rd of July Fireworks event, and the Maxwellton Parade. Mark Juneau, from Langley Chamber, invited everyone to Langly Lights the Night

f. South Whidbey School District Joe Greenheron
(submitted via email) **Bond construction:** at the upcoming School Board meeting, the Board will be choosing contractors to do safety improvements and beautification to the Middle/High school courtyard, and for upgrading the Elementary School playground this summer. We weren't able to line up as much summer work as we wanted for 2024, but we're getting everything in order for a larger push in summer 2025.

Superintendent search firm: put in your feedback on the three search firms we're considering. The chosen firm will begin the search process in the fall. [See this link for instructions on how to learn about the search firms and submit feedback.](#)

Levies: our district's two levies are expiring so the board is voting on whether to put replacement levies up for a vote in November. My commitment is no new taxes (i.e. new levies at the same rate as the expiring ones). One levy is for technology (allows us to provide laptops to students and teachers) and the other is for educational and enrichment programs beyond what the state will fund (e.g. athletics, lower class sizes, school lunch, music/arts programs, and transportation).

g. Port of South Whidbey

Curt Gordon

The Port has received several inquiries from other jurisdictions about the passenger-only ferry dock. The county engineer and the state engineer are looking for ways to fund the 2nd half of the sidewalk improvement project. The Port had a good discussion with the school district about the existing booths and their location on school property.

h. Ferries

Dave Hoogerwerf

The system continues to have boat capacity issues. With the small boat currently here, expect long lines everywhere.

7. New Business

Community meeting: two goals for this meeting: Board development: looking at board goals and challenges. We will apply for a capacity building grant from the Whidbey Community Foundation. 2nd part is community outreach. Consultants advised we need to get clarity on the Board goals and challenges before outreach.

There were general comments that board members were not clear on consultant's proposal so Carol will send that out to members again.

County Commissioner Candidate forum is tomorrow. 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.

We agreed with Emily Neff that we will work together with Planning on community input to comp plan and Clinton Sub-Area Plan.

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

Next meeting: June 29, 6pm.

8. Adjourn 7:20 pm