

# CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2024  
6:00-7:30 PM

1. Call to Order                      6:05pm    Carol Flax

## Attendance:

Present: Don Simmons, Michael Clyburn, Curt Gordon, Carol Flax, Phyllis Alexander, Emily Switzer, Brandon Wise, Mike Gerhardt, Dave Hoogerwerf

Absent: Jon Forbes, Joe Greenheron, Jennifer Cox, Shauna Causey

Guests: Dave Paul, State Representative, Dist. 10; Melanie Bacon, County Commissioner; Emily Neff, County Planning dept, Nick ??? County Planning consultant for Clinton Sub-Area Plan; John Vezina, WSF; Lynae Slinden, County Planning Commissioner, Doug Hofius, Clinton resident; Doug Brand, Clinton resident

2. Approval of June Minutes: Curt moved, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved

3. Treasurer's Report – Account and Budget Status                      Don Simmons  
Written report submitted. Our current balance: \$2212.31. Net income – year to date: \$192.39

4. Public Comments: Doug Brand wants Tesla charging stations in Clinton. Anacarey Clark wants to know how she can help CCC efforts.
5. Dave Paul report: Leg. Asst: Rachel Campbell. his 6<sup>th</sup> year in the legislature. His focus: Running Start, College in H.S., Career technical education – educating teachers and the public about these three programs. Also, the WA Apprenticeship vocational education (WAVE) is holding job fairs for apprenticeships in the trades. He is working on recruiting and retention for the ferry system, and also focused on the capital budget -we have to have steady funding to build a new boat every two years.
6. John Vezina report: Dave Paul is doing great work on the ferries system. Two efforts WSF is making to improve the staffing issues: paying people to take the training necessary to move up in the ranks, and starting a new program to select 12 people each year and provide two years of training for Licensed Deck Officers. WSF is committed to keeping two Olympic-sized boats on the Clinton

run from Mother's Day to Indigenous Peoples Day. There is a need to dispel myths in the legislature that Whidbey folks are all wealthy 2<sup>nd</sup>-home dwellers. The new electric hybrid boats will hold 160 cars.

## 7. Project Updates/Discussion

### a. Clinton Sub-Area Plan Update

Emily Neff

Nick is the County consultant for the Sub-Area Plan. He said they are using information from all the studies and the Gateway plan in the current Comp plan. They are getting close to the end of initial feedback phase and moving into the deep analysis phase. This will include identifying goals, timelines, responsible entities and potential funding sources. Next is community vision timelines and action plan. CCC can add value to Sub-Area plan by contributing details to the action plan.

Doug Hofius commented that Kingston has an excellent Sub-Area plan the County should look at.

### b. Affordable Housing Update

Michael C.

This Sub-Area plan is CCC's opportunity to focus on affordable housing.

### c. Legislative Committee

Shauna Causey

No report.

## 8. Member/Organization Updates

### a. Clinton Water District

Don Simmons

Water still flowing and all is well. We will complete the study of water lines that may contain lead or other hazardous materials by October. Have purchased enough electric meters for the whole system. Waterline replacement in Hilltop is going out to bid.

### b. Friends of Clinton Library

Phyllis Alexander

Phyllis attended the EDC event hosted by the chamber. Lots of interesting business start-ups, including someone who plans to build a 6-unit hotel in Clinton. FOCL is looking into having a story walk in Castle Park. Annual meeting is November 21, 6pm. Next book sale is September 28.

### c. South Whidbey Parks and Recreation

Jennifer Cox

No report.

### d. Clinton Community Hall

Doing planning for major energy efficiency project for the Hall: replacing gas stove with electric induction stove, looking at heat pumps, insulation, new windows and doors. Hope th new reader board is up by October.

### e. Chamber of Commerce

Emily Switzer

We had a great event last week – great networking – great feedback.. Our next meeting is September 17. The artist group in Clinton wants to do public murals and other beautification actions. We will host Trunk & Treat at Thirsty Crab on Halloween.

f. South Whidbey School District  
No report.

Joe Greenheron

g. Port of South Whidbey  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the sidewalk project is designed and ready for funding. That would include more lighting in Clinton. Port is still waiting for federal funds for the passenger ferry dock. The Port will meet with the School District Board on September 18 to discuss housing on school district land. Also working on next year's budget.

Curt Gordon

h. Ferries  
Dave referred back to earlier discussion by Dave Paul and John V. He noted that John committed to putting the first two hybrid electric ferries on our run.

Dave Hoogerwerf

## 9. New Business

Board retreat: Proposed date November 9.

Motion to approve submitting grant application to Whidbey Community Foundation: Curt Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

It was noted that the grant may require competitive bids for facilitator. Carol will check.

We agreed to hold a general election candidate forum, either October 1 or 7.

Next meeting: September 30, 6pm.

10. Adjourn 7:58 pm