

CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

1. Call to Order 6:05pm Carol Flax

Attendance:

Present: Don Simmons, Michael Clyburn, Phyllis Alexander, Emily Switzer, Brandon Wise, Mike Gerhardt, Jon Forbes, Shauna Cause, Carol Flax

ZOOM: Joe Greenheron

Absent: Jennifer Cox, Curt Gordon, Dave Hoogerwerf

Guests: Melanie Bacon, County Commissioner; Bryan Tidwell, Clinton Library Manager; Doug Brand, Clinton resident; Dylan Scoles, Clinton resident

2. Approval of August Minutes: Jon moved, Phyllis 2nd, approved

3. Treasurer's Report – Account and Budget Status Don Simmons
Written report submitted. Our current balance: \$2242.35. Net income – year to date: \$222.43.

4. Public Comments: Doug Brand would like to see the minutes posted on the website in a more timely fashion.

5. Project Updates/Discussion
 a. Clinton Sub-Area Plan Update Emily Neff
No update.

 b. Affordable Housing Update Michael C.

There was a meeting of several affordable housing providers recently as a first step in forming a network of providers across the spectrum (homelessness to 80% AMI). Everyone in attendance was excited by the prospect.

c. Legislative Committee

Shauna Causey

Needs more committee members. Wants to focus on participation in the current comp plan process.

6. 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 mid- October then re-focus on installing electric meters for the whole system. Waterline replacement in Hilltop is out to bid.

b. Friends of Clinton Library

Phyllis Alexander

Annual meeting is November 21, 6pm. Christmas book sale is December 14. Bryan reported the library has weekly story time Wed. @ 11am. The emergency prep series has been well-attended. The next session is Wed. @ 5:30pm. FOCL has purchased two outside tables for the library. The library is having a local authors event Nov. 16 @ 4pm. Come meet local authors and buy their books.

c. South Whidbey Parks and Recreation

Jennifer Cox

No report.

d. Clinton Community Hall

Michael Gearhardt

The new reader board will be installed in October. We have started our annual membership drive. We have launched a re-designed website. We are starting the “Energize the Hall” capital campaign with a goal of \$125,000. This will be for a major energy efficiency project for the Hall: replacing gas stove with electric induction stove, looking at heat pumps, insulation, new windows and doors. There is lots of info on the website.

e. Chamber of Commerce

Emily Switzer

We will host Trunk & Treat at Thirsty Crab @ 4-7pm on Halloween. We are inviting businesses to participate. The candidate forum was a big success. Our annual meeting is Nov. 12 @ 5:30pm

f. South Whidbey School District

Joe Greenheron

We have hired a consultant to conduct the superintendent search. There is an online survey where people can provide input on what we want in a new superintendent. The plan is to start interviewing candidates in early 2025 and new hire before end of current school year. As has been reported, we did receive an online threat. The sheriff said it was not a credible threat, but we took appropriate steps. The work funded by the bond is getting underway. There is a community meeting this Wed. at 6pm at the elementary school to receive input on the surface for the athletic field – grass or artificial turf. One of the H.S. gyms flooded this summer. Repairs are being paid by insurance.

g. Port of South Whidbey

Curt Gordon

No report.

h. Ferries

Dave Hoogerwerf

No report.

7. New Business

Board retreat: The date is November 9 @ 9am – 3pm. We have not yet heard anything about the Whidbey Community Foundation grant. Carol has started working on an agenda and needs help. Jon and Michael G. volunteered.

Community meeting: The county planners have Nov. 18th or 20th available. It was generally agreed we will combine this with our regular monthly meeting. Board meeting at 4:30 or 5pm, then public meeting at 6pm.

Board elections: Jon will check in with relevant council members over the next month.

Next meeting: October 28, 6pm. Jon noted that the fourth Monday in December is the 30th, and suggested we consider canceling the Dec. meeting.

8. Adjourn 6:51pm