

CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2025
6:00-7:30 PM

1. Call to Order 6:04pm Carol Flax

Attendance:

Present: Don Simmons, Michael Clyburn, Phyllis Alexander, Curt Gordon, Mike Gerhardt, Carol Flax, Shauna Causey, Dave Hoogerwerf

Absent: Brandon Wise, Jon Forbes, Emily Switzer, Joe Greenheron

Guests: Margeret Andersen, Brian Tidwell, Christina Swan, Doug Brand, John Lanier (County Planning dept)

2. Approval of February Minutes: Curt moved, Dave 2nd, approved

3. Treasurer's Report – Account and Budget Status Don Simmons

Written report submitted. Our current balance: \$2403.59. Net income – year to date: \$111.08. The written report now includes a year-to-date budget report and a list of those who have paid dues in the current year.

4. Presentation by Marnie Jackson, Executive Director – Whidbey Environmental Action Network.

Marnie provided the history of WEAN and reported on the Community Based Organization grant from WA Commerce Dept. Three orgs shared the grant: WEAN, Island Roots Housing and the Agricultural Resource Center / Island County. The goal was to increase participation, by under-represented populations, in the County's Comprehensive Plan Update process, currently underway.

She reported that WEAN's comments on the draft Clinton Sub-Area Plan focused on three areas:

- Stream health in Clinton, including educating the public on the presence and importance of area streams.
- Protecting wildlife corridors and habitats
- Advocacy to WADOT for traffic calming and walkability in Clinton.

She shared strategies for greater engagement.

- Look for common goals
- Seek voices that are missing and needed at the table
- Host creative spaces
- Remember the process is the product.

CCC's April program will be a presentation by the Economic Development Council. The program for May will be Island Transit, tentatively.

5. Project Updates/Discussion

a. Clinton Sub-Area Plan Update

John Lanier

The public comment period for the draft Sub-Area Plan has ended. They received 50 comments. The final draft will likely be released in early Fall when there will be more opportunities for public comment and feedback.

b. Affordable Housing Update

Michael C.

Island Roots Housing's Generation's Place project in Langley inching towards ground-breaking, with some opponents in the community distributing an inaccurate letter. Port discussions with SW School District are on-going.

c. Legislative Committee

Shauna Causey

Shauna compiled Council members' comments on the Sub-Area Plan and submitted them to the county as CCC's comments. She said a common complaint was a lack of details in the plan. The committee wants to stay engaged with the county through the whole process and the implementation phase.

6. Member/Organization Updates

Organizational representative members of CCC will submit written reports to update CCC on each organization. These will be included in the minutes as an attachment..

7. New Business

Park update: A successful clean-up day was held. There were 10 volunteers, including three who had not participated before.

8. Adjourn 7:55pm

Next meeting: April 28, 2025