

CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Clinton Community Council Meeting Agenda

January 27, 2025

6:00-7:30 PM

1. Call to Order Jon Forbes
2. Approval of Minutes: November 18, 2024 Meeting All
3. Treasurer's Report: Account and Budget Status Don Simmons
4. Presentation: Washington State Ferries – Electrification Clinton Dock Curt Gordon
5. Public Input
6. New Business:
 - a. Board Positions Nominations/Vote Jon Forbes
 - b. Bylaw Amendments/Vote Michael/Carol
7. Project Updates/Discussion
 - a. Affordable Housing Update Michael C.
 - b. Legislative Committee Shauna
 - c. Comprehensive Plan Emily Neff/Melanie Bacon
 - d. Dan Porter Park Cleanup Christina Swan
8. Member/Organization Updates – See Attachments to Agenda for Reports
Questions
 - a. Clinton Water District Don Simmons
 - b. Friends of Clinton Library Phyllis Alexander
 - c. South Whidbey Parks and Recreation Jennifer Cox
 - d. Clinton Community Hall Mike Gerhardt
 - e. Chamber of Commerce Emily Switzer
 - f. South Whidbey School District Joe Greenheron
 - g. Port of South Whidbey Curt Gordon
 - h. Ferries Dave Hoogerwerf
9. Next meeting: February 24, 2025 All
10. Adjourn Carol Flax

Member Reports

Organization Reports January 2025

Clinton Water District

The electronic meter replacement program is about 2/3 complete and engineering work is underway for the line replacements up at Hilltop Terrace.

Friends of Clinton Library

We held our annual meeting in November and our Holiday Book Sale in December. Both were a great success. In 2024 we met our goals and approved a new logo. The logo is a fun one we think kids will like.

Our goals for this year are to continue supporting Clinton Library programs, help promote programs and work with Sno-Isle to build a “story trail” in one of the parks.

We are developing a website. On that note, we have an open at-large position on our board. We are hoping to find someone to join our board that can help us maintain web presents.

South Whidbey Parks and Recreation

Rec'd \$15k from Rotary Club of Whidbey Westside to install a water bottle filling station at the Sports Complex on Langley Rd.

Pickleball Courts:

- Whidbey Pickleball (independent group) met their \$50k fundraising goal which will go toward the new courts at the Sports Complex.
- All permits are complete except for hearing back from Public Works.

Deeding Right of Way to Island County

- As per Island County Code, any abutting county road must have sufficient right-of-way as a Major Arterial, therefore, we were compelled to deed 10' of property along our Langley Rd Sports Complex property and 20' of property along our Maxwellton Rd property

Clinton Community Hall

- Received \$5,000 grant from Whidbey Climate Action to help with our Energize the Hall campaign.
- Remodeled south end of the Hall in late Dec & early Jan. All volunteer effort (aside from electrical work). Opportunity to improve aesthetics, offer better storage options, update old electrical wiring, and prepare for heat pump mini split unit.
- Installation of new heat pump heating/cooling system. 100% funded by grants from Kicking Gas and the WA State Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program (funded through Sustainable Connections). Old propane furnace removed.
- Hosted then Gov-elect Ferguson along with local & state leaders in early January for a discussion on fixing ferry system.
- The Hall will be Goosefoot's Round Up for Charity recipient in February. Round up purchases at The Goose grocery to support our efforts in the coming year to install more energy-efficient windows and doors.
- To stay up-to-date with Hall news & events, sign up for newsletter on our website (scroll to bottom of page to find signup form).

Clinton Chamber of Commerce

South Whidbey School District

Big news from the school district: after a 1+ year process and unprecedented amounts of community input and involvement, the South Whidbey School board has chosen our new Superintendent, Dr Becky Clifford. Dr Clifford is currently the Assistant Supt for Anacortes School District and comes to us with about 20 years of prior educational leadership experience, including deep experience in Special Ed. She begins July 1, but expect to see her around prior to that as she and current Supt Dr Moccia prepare for a smooth transition. Thank you to everyone who participated in any stage of the process, including the 120+ community members who attended the candidate forum earlier this month.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me: jgreenheron@sw.wednet.edu . My door is always open.

Port of South Whidbey

Washington State Ferries

1. Kitsap has now replaced Suquamish during the winter maintenance cycle. Suquamish scheduled to return to Clinton/Mukilteo in the spring.
2. Governor Bob Ferguson, WSF Head Steve Nevey and key legislative leaders held an informative briefing/question session on January 8th in Clinton.
 - a. Ferguson strongly reiterated Olympia's commitment to the new Hybrid-Electric ferry funding and building efforts. Key legislators were definitely supportive of the new focus on ferries.
 - b. Committed to have WSF's Nevey to attend all future governor's cabinet meeting to improve the communication and commitment to "fixing the ferries".
 - c. Floated the idea of postponing the Tacoma and Puyallup (Jumbo Mark II) upgrades when the Wenatchee upgrade is completed.
 - i. Wenatchee upgrade (currently in-work) seriously behind schedule.
 - ii. Roger Millar (Head of WSDOT) has said "the Wenatchee Jumbo Mark II conversion is more complex than we anticipated".
 - iii. Transfer the funds from the postponement towards the building of the new hybrid-electric ferries.
3. Ferry walk-on traffic is increasing...a good sign. It appears that walk-ons are using the Mukilteo parking improvements and the new direct bus service to Lynnwood transportation Center are all helping riders use other transportation means rather than putting their car on the ferry.
4. Planning for electrification of the Clinton terminal is progressing. Target is to have electrification ready when the first hybrid-electric ferry goes into service. WSF is working with PSE to accomplish this.