



FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING August 2017 Meeting Minutes

President Ashley Glennon welcomed attendees, called the meeting to order, reviewed the agenda, led the Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence and invited those attending (40+) to introduce themselves.

Minutes: July minutes were amended to include the March 10, 2018 date for the FCCA sponsored Community Event and approved.

Snoqualmie Valley School District: Tavish MacLean (SV School Board Vice President) shared district accomplishments including an improved graduation rate (from 77% to 91%), improved performance in elementary and middle schools, better collaboration with teachers in seeking ways to improve, and the addition of a new elementary school and other new buildings. If re-elected, his second term goals include improved learning outcomes, improving dialogue and communication with families, and delivering facilities projects on time and within budget.

Fall City Community Center: Angela Donaldson, a member of the Community Stakeholder Group. King County and the owners have negotiated a Sales Agreement that will likely close by the end of the year. The County and Stakeholder Group are developing potential interim uses (after the closing of the sale and before a new levy is built) as well as potential longer term uses, all for discussion with the community.

Community Stakeholder Group: John Taylor, King County Asst. Director Water & Land Resources shared the group's progress including: A review of all land parcels the county already owns: why it was purchased and the current plans; What is being considered for purchase: includes trail connections, development rights on farmlands, flood mitigation, etc.; and, a "laundry list" of things the community would like: includes ideas such as a community center, farmers market, sewer service, visitor center, meeting rooms/classrooms, basketball courts, etc. The next focus of the group will be to crystalize the "laundry list" seeking input from the community. Angela Donaldson will, at least temporarily, facilitate communication between the Stakeholders Group and the community.

Tolt River Bridge: Councilmember Lambert expressed her concern about the Tolt Bridge, sharing an overview of the situation and asking for support for the recently established 6 ton weight bearing capacity. The county will be stepping up police patrols and she asked that citizens report use by large buses or trucks.

Local Government Budget Item Councilmember Lambert also expressed her support for King County Executive Dow Constantine's decision to open a local government section in order to be



a better “local government” for the 200,000 people living in unincorporated King County. Kathy will be working with Fred Jarrett and Claudia Dalvucchi to develop the plan.

Fall City Business District Waste Water Treatment Options meeting, August 23. Alan Painter encouraged all community members to attend and noted that State Representative Paul Graves was responsible for a \$600,000 capital budget line item in the proposed State capital budget to be used as seed money that allows the County to apply for other grants to fund the wastewater treatment project.

Summer Floating Issues. Residents of Fish Hatchery Road have formed a coalition to communicate and address their concerns about river and road safety, vandalism and garbage pick-up. **Fall City Floating: Simon Briant, owner** shared that shuttle drivers provide a scripted speech about river safety, restrooms, life jackets, etc.; shuttles’ speeds are limited to 20 mph on Fish Hatchery Road; two plus staff members are assigned to litter patrol/removal. **Lively Discussion:** discussion followed noting concerns that more safety training was needed, current numbers are not adequately handled, future growth, and negative impact on river. Potential solution ideas: mesh bags, usage caps, etc. FCCA members recalled that before Fall City Floating there were many issues that the company has since addressed: all garbage cleanup was handled by citizen volunteers; some traffic concerns have been addressed; there was no safety training before; requests for more police involvement have been answered. The tremendous growth in population in the greater Seattle area and this summer’s weather have resulted in increases in numbers of people desiring to float the river. **Litter Laws:** Councilmember Lambert reminded attendees that Washington State has a litter law (\$1,000 penalty) and the county has an ordinance against urinating/defecating in public and that citizens should call 911 when those laws/ordinances are being violated. **Suggestion:** FCCA consider a follow-up meeting where people could express concerns and offer suggestions in a solutions-oriented forum.

Sue Holbink: Raging River Conservation Group Blasting at the Quarry has been stopped until the quarry hires its own geo technical consultant. **FCCA Website Update** The current outdated website receives 2200 unique visitors each month. The new site, currently being designed, will be mobile, tablet, and PC friendly!

High Density Homes Project Attendees expressed their concerns about a proposed “high density” 17 home (sharing one septic field) project off of 324th. The developer has completed an informal SEPA and residents believe a full impact evaluation is necessary. There was discussion about the Growth Management Act, the fact that 266 people move into King County each day, etc. The community is encouraged to coalesce around a vision for Fall City, keep discussions moving, and press for transparency from King County Permitting, etc.

Next Meeting – September 8, 2017

As always, thanks to those who donated water, sandwiches and other treats for the meeting. Donations go directly to the FCCA Scholarship Fund.