



FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
August 6, 2019 Minutes

President Ashley Glennon welcomed everyone, reviewed the agenda, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence before moving on to self-introductions.

Bill Ramos, District #5 Representative whose district ranges from Duvall to Enumclaw and Issaquah to Snoqualmie Pass took questions from and shared information with the group on a variety of issues:

- **Fall City Alleys:** A question on ownership of the alleys was once again raised. Bill Ramos commented on the difference between stewardship and ownership. John Taylor, Director of Unincorporated King County, will tackle the ownership issue and report back at a future meeting
- **Unsafe parking:** Group members reported the unsafe parking on State 202 right-of-way near Plum 2.
- **Reduced taxes:** Fixed income seniors may qualify for reduced taxes if their income falls between \$40 K and \$42 K. The qualifying amount is related to the median income of the county you live in.
- **I-90/Hwy 18 interchange:** Widening to four lanes from Tiger Summit to the Raging River has been funded and the design is being drawn up. Folks from Snoqualmie Ridge can now go through the weigh station to access I-90 west. Improvements from Tiger Summit to the Hobart exit are in the works, but not yet funded and will take time.

June 2019 Meeting Minutes Approved as distributed. (MSP) There was no July 2019 FCCA meeting.

Library News and Updates – Michele Drov Dahl:

- In 2018 total circulation from Fall City Library: books 91,658, estimated down-loadables 27,295
- The library is holding a school supply drive
- Library will be closed 4 days in September for new flooring
- The summer library reading program (goal 1000+ minutes) is wrapping up
- The Fall City Historical Society has a week-long pop-up display in the library

Fall City Land Acquisition and Grant Proposals Update – **Josh Baldi, Division Director, Water and Land Resources Division, Dept of Natural Resources and Parks:**

Raging River Natural Area: Recommended funding sources for the possible purchase in spring 2020 of the Eastside Quarry (Raging River Quarry) include \$ 2,456,000 from the Conservation Futures Tax, a voter approved levy fund collected from property taxes levied throughout King County dedicated to the acquisition of open space in cities and rural areas and \$ 2,456,000 Parks Levy with an \$ 850,000 as yet unfunded request from Washington Wildlife and Recreation



Riparian Protection Program. RP projects conserve and restore fresh and saltwater habitat while protecting fish habitat. The projected plans for this site include habitat protection for fish and wildlife, salmon recovery and protecting water quality, while allowing for passive recreation. These recommendations will be forwarded to the King County Council for their approval, but the recommendation allows King County to actively pursue acquisition of the property. **The Raging River Conservation Group** thanked all supporters for their donations, emails, letters of support and ongoing communications with King County.

Snoqualmie at Fall City – Twin Rivers Golf Course: The funding recommendations for the golf course include Conservation Futures Tax -- \$ 2,772,500 and Parks Levy -- \$1,152,500. Possible purchase in spring 2020. Plans for the site include habitat protection for fish and wildlife, salmon recovery and protecting water quality, removal of two flood and erosion facilities for salmon recovery, passive recreation and the potential for a community center.

TDR/FPP Farmland Protection: This partnership of the Transfer of Development Rights program and the Farmland Preservation Program is to purchase agricultural conservation easements in and around the Snoqualmie Agricultural Production District allowing land to remain in private ownership and continue as working farms. Recommended funding includes \$ 1,000,000 from Conservation Futures Tax and \$ 1,000,000 Transfer of Development Rights Bank Funds in order to purchase in 2020 agricultural conservation easements on five farms, 25 parcels and 652 acres allowing the land to remain in private ownership and continue as working farms.

Fall City Open Space King County Parks Division Snoqualmie Valley Trail Head Parking: Available dollars include \$300,000 from King County Parks Levy and \$300,00 Conservation Futures Tax Program. The appraisal is underway and the estimated date of acquisition – December, 2019. The plans for the site include potential for a recreation trailhead/parking area and conservation for wildlife and scenic views.

Mobile Dental Clinic CarePoint Free Clinic hosts its first mobile dental clinic in Fall City on August 13, 2019, where eligible prospective patients receive dental care at no cost to them. The mobile dental clinic program is part of Medical Teams International in Redmond.

NWNHC Apple Festival – James “Hutch” Hutchins, Chairman of the NWNHC Family Fund encourages community members to celebrate the bounty of the Snoqualmie Valley apple harvest at this family-oriented festival Sunday, September 15, 2019. Free admission! The proceeds from the harvest help support the military family events hosted by the Center. Volunteers are welcomed. For more information go to <http://nwnhcfamiyfund.org> or call 425-222-3623.

Love Snoqualmie Valley – Emily Ridout encourages community members to create a culture of collaboration by loving our community in practical ways. “Be a part of a day like no other as our community comes together to love on the Valley” – Saturday, October 5, 2019. To submit a project or sign up to volunteer, visit www.lovesnoqualmievalley.com.



River and Fish Hatchery Road and Floating Update Several organizations, including King County Sheriff, Fish and Wildlife, Fall City Metropolitan Park District and Fall City Floating worked together to formulate a plan to manage the influx of river users during the summer season. Their goals – protection of the river environment, safety of the river users, traffic control, protection of the rights of property owners. Steps taken summer 2019 included more officers patrolling, requirement of Discover Pass to park at Fish and Wildlife locations, controlling the number of people Fall City Floating could provide transportation for, increased signage warning of bridge closure, etc.

Fall City Floating summer 2019 Update as of August 8, 2019: FCF operated with a daily float pass cap of 900. They hit that cap on July 21 and August 3 and were close to it on July 28 and August 4. FCF provided 4241 shuttle passes, rented 4299 adult tubes and 568 child tubes. 61% of their activity happened on the weekends. FCF provided 7 hours of labor on each weekday and 15 labor hours on each weekend day managing trash on the river and on entry and exit sites. FCF patrolled the river every day. If there was a customer on the river, their boat was on the river 100 per cent of that time. FCF paid for officers to be on duty weekend days from July 4 – August 4. FCF rented 201 life jackets, patched over 200 tubes on the river and provided 30 rental tubes for free to river users with unrepairable tubes to ensure that river users (not just FCF clientele) can stay on the river and get down to the take-out points.

Additional concerns expressed by community members during the meeting: Where are the Fish and Wildlife people with information on the impact on and threat to salmon? Can the river be shut down from Tokel to Fall City to protect the salmon? Where is the State Patrol – unsafe parking and pedestrian use on Highway 202 from the roadside parking across from the hatchery to the Fish Hatchery Road? Tow illegally parked vehicles? Boot them? Booting is less labor intensive and expensive.

Metro 628 Bus service route 628 originating in North Bend could stop at the Preston Park and Ride, but it is not an automatic stop. It is called a **Deviation Route**. You must make arrangements to have it stop at Preston Park and Ride for you. For more info: 206 553-3000.

Park Levy: Passed with a 57% yes vote.

Preston’s “Bride Worthy” tunnel under the Preston-Fall City Road to the Preston Mill Park is being worked on this first week in August.

Next FCCA Meeting -- September 3, 2019