



## FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES March 2019

President Ashley Glennon welcomed everyone, reviewed the agenda, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence, thanked all those who have served our country, and invited FCCA officers, King County representatives and those in attendance to introduce themselves.

**Approval of the Minutes** The December 2018 meeting minutes were approved as distributed. The January and February 2019 meetings were canceled. There are no minutes for those months.

**Library News and Updates** Heavy library use in January with over 7436 books checked out and 25,945 minutes logged on the six computers available for public use. February was a slow time, in large part because of snow issues.

**Alley Restoration Proposal** A proposal to spend a maximum of \$2,000 (funds from King County and FCCA) to restore the alley behind the Model Garage, including grading, leveling and gravelling was approved.

**Community Service Ideas Wanted** Ashley Glennon and Emily Ridout (Love Snoqualmie Valley) are looking for meaningful and compelling project ideas for up to 50 adults and/or 20 high school students who will volunteer their time.

**Fall City Park Planting Project** Jessica Emerson and Brandy Rinick, Archeologist The Snoqualmie Tribe will be removing invasive species and replanting to restore the natural habitat in Fall City Park. Removal of weeds, including reed canary grass, Himalayan blackberry, Canada thistle, scotch broom and bamboo will be followed by plant groups of native species, including garry oak, nootka rose, blue elder, snowberry, black hawthorn, hazel shore pine, camas, grand fir and douglas fir. On site preparations will begin this summer and plantings will go in this fall. Public access will be maintained with pathways through the plantings.

**Valley Renewal Center/Fall City Winter Shelter Update** (Ashley Glennon for Jennifer Kirk) The mission of the Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services is to help people reclaim their lives. The group provides life changing services to those experiencing homelessness by working with communities to provide emergency shelter, social services and connection to permanent housing. Check out their website: [www.svshelterservices.org](http://www.svshelterservices.org) – if you would like to provide a meal while the group stays at Fall City Methodist Church (March 17 – April 5), you can sign up on the website.

**King County Updates** Lane Covington (on behalf of Councilmember Lambert) expressed thanks to the road crews who worked 12 hour shifts for 17 days during the snow fall. Bong



Sto. Domingo (on behalf of John Taylor, Director of the new Dept of Local Services (DLS), shared that the CSA grants had been awarded, including one for benches facing the river in Fall City! He briefly explained that the DLS is a “proxy government” for unincorporated King County. King County roads and permitting divisions as well as the CSA program are now under DLS control.

Attendees discussed the importance of repairing the Fish Hatchery Road bridge and asked that it be considered a top priority.

**Fire District Update:** Voters are encouraged to become informed about all facets of the proposed merger before **voting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. A voter’s pamphlet, including pro and con statements, will be mailed the first week in April.

The chief noted that the Commissioners meetings have moved from the second Tuesday of each month to the **second Monday** of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

**Haffner-Barfuse Project, Staff from King County Department of Natural Resources**

Staff representing a variety of King County departments shared information about the Haffner-Barfuse project, now in its early stages. The chinook salmon are near extinction today, with numbers only 5% of the pre-1999 numbers, when they were listed as an endangered species. The Snoqualmie and Raging rivers are good spawning grounds, however immature fish frequently die because of the lack of nooks and crannies, quiet calm areas, gravel bars, log jams, and pools. The current levies and “revetment” were added beginning in the 30’s. Moving back levies and removing revetment as proposed by this project will much better support immature fish, provide flood prevention and the county will work with farmers to enhance drainage systems. The group has met with nearby land owners (and that effort continues).

**The timetable for the project** 2019: planning, feasibility, and preliminary design; 2020 – 2021: design and funding; 2022 – 2023: construction; and 2023 and on: monitoring and adaptive management. A more formal public meeting will be held next year when the preliminary design is complete.

It was noted that the suggestions about King County-Fall City communication offered by the Fall City Stakeholders group was a primary reason for tonight’s communication about the Haffner-Barfuse Project.

**Next Meeting: 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**