



FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MAY 2019 MEETING MINUTES

President Ashley Glennon welcomed attendees, called the meeting to order, reviewed the agenda, led the Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence, thanked first responders and all those who have served our country, introduced the FCCA officers and King County representatives, and then invited the fifty plus folks in attendance to introduce themselves.

Meeting Minutes The April 2019 minutes were approved as written. (MSP)

Fall City Library, Michele Drovdahl shared upcoming programs – The Annual plant sale on May 18 **and** Ableton Music Workshop on May 23 at 3:00 p.m. where participants can learn about sound mixing boards, etc.

GiveBig2019 Please consider GiveBig gifts to Fall City Community Association, Fall City Community Food Pantry and Fall City Historical Society on May 8th! Go to:
<https://www.givebig2019.org/nonprofits?keyword=fall+city>

New Web Page Check out our new FallCity.org web page for volunteer and service opportunities: <https://www.fallcity.org/volunteer.html>

Community Service Projects: Send your ideas for community service projects to Ashley – groups are awaiting a project! raglennon@gmail.com

Alley Clean-up By summer's end the grading, leveling and gravelling Alley Clean Up Project will be completed!

Fall City Day 2019 – Volunteers needed. Try out the Volunteer page on our website (see address above) if you'd like to volunteer to help with the ducky derby, watermelon-eating contest, selling tee-shirts or one of many other opportunities. Ducky Derby ticket sales start next week; order this year's tee shirts or sponsor a band, banner, etc. through Angie at 425 770 8355. Remember that proceeds from Fall City Day go to Fall City Elementary, Chief Kanim Middle and Mount Si High Schools.

2019 Floating Season & the Fish Hatchery Bridge Closure, Amy Windrope and Fenner Yarborough, WDFW The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is “dedicated to preserving, protecting, and perpetuating the state’s fish, wildlife, and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities”. WDFW is commissioning a report that will include input from experts in river impacts from



floating, regulations, fisheries, etc. and for which Fall City Floating will provide a variety of data.

In addition to the representatives from WDFW, representatives from the King County Sheriff's Office, John Taylor of King County Department of Local Services and Simon Briant of Fall City Floating participated in a lively discussion about the impact of floaters on the river, our community and those living near the river; the topic is especially timely given the fact that the Fish Hatchery Bridge will be closed for the summer and beyond. Highlights include:

Who owns, or is in charge, of the river? In our state, navigable waterways, such as the Snoqualmie River, are a public trust managed by the state and protected for the common good. The State's responsibilities include both ensuring environmental protection and encouraging direct public use and access.

Do floaters negatively impact fish? The WDFW representatives suggested asking a state Fish Biologist to attend a future meeting.

Can the Sheriff arrest people on the river? Yes, but it is important to consider several things: The Sheriff's office has six people assigned to water patrol and their "territory" includes Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish. Public safety risks are greater on waterways that allow motorboats, etc. It is not illegal to consume alcohol on the river. The Sheriff's office will do their best to make an impact on illegal parking, drunk driving, and other related issues this year: not every day, not every weekend, but from time to time. Having cars towed last year had quite an effect.

Fall City Floating proposed changes for summer 2019?

- River patrols will increase from 2 to 7 days a week, including 2 people patrolling on weekends.
- A shorter season (June 15th – September 2nd)
- A cap on shuttle rides during weekends with hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Floats on paddles.
- Continue work with WDFW, Sheriff's Office and others to finalize parking, transportation plan, security, caps, permits, etc. given the bridge closure. This work will be completed before the start of the floating season.

Ashley presented the initial results of his research into signage, tow truck availability and security provided by off-duty officers and/or private firms (observe and report).



King County Updates,

Kathy Lambert, KC Councilperson 1- An update of the 2001 Comprehensive Solid Waste Land Use Report will be provided in October. 2- The King County Council does not have a unified vision on addressing issues of homelessness; Kathy shared that the Union Gospel Mission has a 77% success rate and hopes that the council will study their effectiveness. 3- There will be more busses delivering hikers to more trailheads this year. 4-the legislative session ended, and state funding for counties was significantly less than hoped for.

John Taylor, Dept of Local Services, introduced David Daw, the new External Relations Manager for the Department of Local Services. An economic development manager will also be hired.

Homeless and the Art Park: Part Two

The person who moved to a make-shift tent by the Art Park was moved out by a citizen and no new tents have been seen. King County Sheriff's officers reminded folks they should not hesitate to call the Sheriff (911) if they have concerns. Officers are receiving training on mental health issues and alternate housing options for homeless people. The officers also shared that the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals judges recently found that lying down to sleep is fundamental and life-sustaining and that people cannot be barred from doing so on public property (provided they are not impeding others) unless there is somewhere else, indoors, for them to go.

If you find needles, you can call the Fall City Fire Department. The group also discussed environmental issues such as cutting back bushes, ensuring park-like areas are kept clean, etc.

Fire District 27 Update

Ashley reported the majority of voters (53.75%) voted "no" on Proposition 1 to merge Fall City Fire District 27 with Fire District 10/Eastside Fire & Rescue. 52% of registered voters participated in the election. The vote is over, but the needs of the department remain and thanks to the election, the community is aware of the fire fighters desire for more training, better equipment or access to better equipment, better pay and more opportunities for career advancement. Chief Conner encouraged community members to attend the next Fire Commissioner's meeting, Monday, May 13, 7:00 p.m. at the fire station.

Next Meeting: June 4, 2019, 7:00pm, Fall City Fire Station