



**FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2018 MEETING
October 2, 2018 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

President Ashley Glennon welcomed attendees, called the meeting to order, reviewed the agenda, led the pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence, thanked all those who have served our country, introduced the FCCA officers and King County Representatives and then invited the nearly 20 in attendance to introduce themselves.

Approval of September 2018 Minutes will be held until the November meeting

Congratulations to John Taylor, Assistant Division Director, King County Water & Land Resources Division who has just been named Director of the newly formed King County Department of Local Services!

Road Map to Washington's Future, Mary Butler In 2017, the Washington State Legislature approved funding and a methodology to interview residents, elected officials, regional and state-wide groups, tribes, the next generation and others to determine what communities desire for Washington's future. Participants are queried about influences on the quality of life in their communities, what their community needs to thrive as well as their concerns and major issues. As the vision for our state emerges, it will be compared to the growth planning framework (primarily the Growth Management Act) in our state and changes made to ensure we become the vision.

Those attending the meeting provided the following in response to questions about influences on the quality of life, concerns, issues and what Fall City needs to thrive:

- Quiet neighborhoods and ease of walking between the residential and business areas
- Arts, parks, restaurants and other "mom & pop" type businesses
- We need a sewer system to vitalize downtown
- We want a diverse, vibrant downtown area
- Preserve the farm culture
- No "big box" type stores!
- We need zoning with teeth!
- An architectural review board
- We need balance between recreation and environmental stewardship

Saving Lake Kachess, John Reeves John shared concerns about a proposed floating pump plant and conveyance from Lake Keechelus to Lake Kachess that would provide irrigation water to the Yakima Valley. The proposed project would alter the landscape of both lakes



and drain Lake Kachess well below historic levels impacting tens of thousands of visitors along the I90 corridor. The proposed project would also impact the Lake Kachess bull trout and contribute to the extinction of natural water ways such as the Kachess River. For more information visit: SaveLakeKachess.org

Fire District 27 Update, Chief Connor The Chief shared that in July, 2017 our fire department was approached by a neighboring department about a merger and the Commissioners thought it might be possible to save money through consolidation. At this point, they would like to touch base with citizens to see if they are interested in such a change. At this point there are three options on the table and the commissions, although not unanimous, believe one of the options (a merger with District 10, Eastside Fire & Rescue) is worthy of allowing the voters to decide. It is likely the merger will be placed on a ballot in either February or April of 2019. It was pointed out that if a merger with District 10 took place, we would no longer have local commissioners (after their current terms expire) and we would not have a chief or administrative person at our Fire Station, all of the assets of District 27 will be turned over to District 10 and District 27 will no longer exist.

Chief Connor pointed out that District 10 has a different taxing methodology than our district and encouraged those interested to call the Fire Station, and they will run the calculations on your property. In addition, the Commissions continue conversations with the City of Snoqualmie about combining our fire districts. Chief Connor also invited residents to attend upcoming Commissioners meetings; the next meeting is November 13th at 7:00pm at the Fire Station.

King County Water & Land Resources Division, John Taylor, Assistant Division Director The proposed increase in the Surface Water Management raises the rate from \$244.40 to \$289.00 per residential parcel. The purpose of the fee is to offset the effects of imperviousness on runoff and infiltration. Unmanaged storm water results in flooding and is a public safety hazard as oil and other pollutants enter storm water and then creeks, lakes and Puget Sound. The PCB's that are found in whales come from storm water runoff.

The proposed rate increase would ensure funding for the repair or replacement of failing facilities in the next ten years, allow continued focus on removing fish passage barriers, includes a low-income discount, and expands the program to assist farmers with agricultural drainage. The King County Council will vote on the rate increase in November. For more information contact Josh Baldi at josh.baldi@kingcounty.gov or call 206-477-9440.

CSA Grant Proposals must be submitted no later than October 26, 2018

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