



## **FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES** **October 6, 2020. Virtual Meeting**

President Angela Donaldson opened the meeting, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence and reviewed the agenda, announced the need to form a nominating committee for the upcoming election of officers for 2021. She noted that the current officers were willing to serve another term.

The Minutes of the September 2020 meeting were approved as written/distributed. (MSP).

**Halloween 2020** The Cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie have invited Fall City businesses to join them in having a Halloween – O – Tine event to celebrate Halloween while following COVID-19 safety precautions for the event.

**2020 Fall City Virtual Holiday Market** To keep the community safe, the Holiday Market will be held virtually this year., Beginning November 1, vendors may offer up their goods on the **FC Holiday Market** Facebook page. Vendors will deliver merchandise via mail or other safe delivery methods.

**Fall City Traffic and Road Safety Survey** The survey was conducted because traffic and road safety have been mentioned frequently at FCCA meetings since its inception in 1988 with increasing intensity. Survey results show the top concern is speeding (80% of survey responders) followed by pedestrian connectivity, vehicle access onto and off of state highways, lack of enforcement (including parking), and road conditions. The top five suggested solutions: pathways on the river side of SR 202 to Fish Hatchery Road, pedestrian bridge access from 202 to 203 to avoid use of vehicle bridge, no parking zones along HR 202, radar speed sign on Issaquah-Fall City Road, and more police enforcement.

Projects in Process: a proposed compact roundabout on the South side of the 202 bridge (favored by 84% of survey responders), completion of the Westside Trail (already in works with the Fall City Metropolitan Parks Department), the 2-part Corridor Study -- SR 202 from 244<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 324<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and SR 202 in Fall City from 244<sup>th</sup> to the SR 202 bridge.

Suggested Short Term ( 6 months or less) Priorities /Projects include looking into purchasing two speed patrol trailers, improved signage and use of stop bars, relocating signs along SR 202 for greater visibility, bicycle training seminars, hiring additional KC Sheriff Officers for parking enforcement, and recreational permits for use in residential zones (Fish Hatchery).

Longer Term Priorities require the creation of task forces in partnership with KC Roads and WSDOT through stakeholder committee involvement, continued focused surveys, and more.

The Traffic and Road Safety Committee is looking for interested community members to join them. If that is you, send an email to [FallCityroads@gmail.com](mailto:FallCityroads@gmail.com). *The entire survey is available online at [www.fallcity.org](http://www.fallcity.org).*



**Snoqualmie Valley Transit (SVT)** Transit works if it is safe, dependable, affordable, accessible and sustainable. SVT is very safe, very affordable (\$1/ride), accessible for handicapped and bicyclists. However, it is not convenient (too few scheduled runs too far apart to too few locations) and not sustainable due to low ridership, in part because it is not convenient. It is even more restricted for Fall City. While Fall City residents can get between North Bend and Monroe, there is no bus that takes them out of the Valley. Metro Transit bases availability and frequency on metrics that don't work in non-urban areas. Our transit needs to be about geographic areas, not metrics.

Snoqualmie Valley Transit Coalition (SVTC) is working on a 5-year plan encouraging Metro to view us as a region seeking geographic equity, not individual towns and communities needing service. SVTC is looking for a baseline service frequency. SVTC wants to know what kind of service you need in order to use transit. They need people's rider stories about what this is doing to people and what improvements would make a lot of lives easier. If you have ideas get in touch with SVT Director Amy Biggs at 425-888-7001.

**Fall City Metropolitan Park District – Kirk. Lori Watts and Kirk** joined the WSDOT 202 corridor study. They are reviewing our preliminary designs Grant application for construction funds and reviewed by the state Dept of Transportation. Elementary School security fence has been set back 20 ft from where it was (getting it back to property line) leaving room for the trail.

**Lower Snoqualmie Channel Migration Study.** This study includes the river from the Snohomish County line to Snoqualmie Falls – about 34 river miles. Part of the channel migration zone study is doing field work and analysis: We evaluate historical and present conditions including riverbank materials, historical channels, avulsion pathways – potential locations the river channel may abruptly shift to during a flood, lateral channel migration and barriers to channel migration. We will also look at flood protection facilities (levies and revetments) about 130 of them in that 34 miles. We look at historical and present information using old maps and photos. **How can you help?** If you have historical information or pictures showing where the river channel has moved in the past, contact Jeremy Bunn, King County Geologist. [jbunn@kingcounty.gov](mailto:jbunn@kingcounty.gov) or call 206 263-6834. Around late June 2021 the final report draft will be shared in a public meeting followed by a 45-day comment period. The comments will be reviewed prior to writing the final report. DNR and Parks will transmit that information to the DLS who will adopt that map and study. The study helps us understand the hazards in the Valley which is important for developing flood reduction project and programs. The Department of Local Services (DLS) uses that information when they review land use proposals.

**Updated FEMA Flood Maps.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) updated flood maps for King County this summer, however not all info on this map is up to date. Mapping is an important tool for evaluating flood risk and protecting public health and safety. *Note: The flood boundary is now on the North Side of 202, If you have a business on the south side you might find your flood designation is now different. You are in a better position now.*



**Flood Map (con't)** Map or insurance questions can be directed to [FloodMapQuestions@kingcounty.gov](mailto:FloodMapQuestions@kingcounty.gov) or call 206-477-4727. Permitting Questions in Unincorporated King County? [DPERWebinquiries@kingcounty.gov](mailto:DPERWebinquiries@kingcounty.gov) or call 206-296-6600

**King County Flood Warning System** Flooding is our number 1 natural disaster in King County. Be prepared. During flood season don't hesitate to contact us. Sign up to receive Flood Alerts. Go to <https://green2.kingcounty.gov/floodalertsystm/>

**Climate Change and the Snoqualmie River** KC River and Flood Management interacts with the climate impact group at the UW to understand how flow levels and flood levels are predicted to increase because of climate change. Question: Will contacts the UW be reflected in the final report? The question will be taken back to geographer Jeremy Bunn.

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**5<sup>th</sup> District Senator Mark Mullet** There is good potential for a **transportation package** for 2021. The **compact roundabout** sounds like a good idea. The **Westside Trail** is a great project that he hopes we can follow up on. The **Fall City sewer project** is a very large request that would be difficult to find funds for. Pete Nelson indicated that he is exploring a less expensive on-site shared septic system option that Sen. Mullet says is much easier to find funding for. The **availability of Broadband** is recognized as extremely important for our State, particularly since we are adapting to work/school from home during the COVID crisis. Federal funds could become available. Call in comment: We should try to do fiber optic improvement as we build and/or update roads.

**Fifth District Rep. Bill Ramos Transportation Issue:** The House side is working on our transportation package (the senate is too). We are doing preliminary work of data gathering on what is needed, but we are not yet to the funding portion. **Rural Broadband:** I think it will become a natural state of affairs where we will at least be -putting the conduit in for broadband even if it doesn't go in at the same time. We do know that kids in school and businesses need it (in rural areas). It is a statewide issue for sure. **Preservation and Maintenance of our Roads** is falling behind. Rural, city, county and state roads are all interconnected.

**King County District #3 Councilmember Kathy Lambert** The *Neal Road Bridge* is not included among the 7 scheduled to be repaired of 35 bridges in trouble in unincorporate King County facing either weight bearing restrictions or closure by 2040. Due to the unfulfilled promise resulting from the Growth Management Act 30 years ago, unincorporated King County has a 40-billion-dollar asset we don't have the money to maintain. *Fiber Optics* are no longer an option. The Dept of Commerce has helped getting hotspots. Libraries are hot spots. Re: Septic System. It looks like it will be a septic system, not a sewer system. Transit: KL agrees with Amy about geographic equity.



**Access to King County Council and Council Members:** When you go to [council@kingcounty.gov](mailto:council@kingcounty.gov) it goes to all council members. Once a month you can come in and talk about anything you want.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.**

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