



FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION April 2022 Meeting Minutes

President Donaldson opened the meeting with a welcome, review of agenda, and Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Review and Approval of March 2022 meeting minutes: MSP Approved as written.

Updated Community Resource Phone List The phone list is included in the welcome bags going to new community members (23 distributed this quarter) provided by the Carnation Chamber of Commerce. Businesses that would like to get involved, contact the Carnation Chamber.

2022 Redistricting Maps Washington State legislative and congressional districts are required to have an equal number of residents per district as determined every 10 years by the US Census. To get equal numbers, boundary maps often must be redrawn. The results of the recently completed 10-year census required changes and Fall City has been impacted. While some of us resided in Congressional District 1 and others in District 8, all of us now are represented in District 1 by Representative Kim Schrier. Our State Legislative District also changed for some of us. While most of us remain in District 5 represented by Senator Mark Mullet and Representatives Bill Ramos and Lisa Callan, the north end of Fall City is now in District 12 and represented by Senator Brad Hawkins and Representatives Keith Goehner and Mike Steele. To give you an idea of the size of District 12, Mike Steel's office is in Chelan. The changes in district boundaries take effect January 1, 2023, but the voting for the candidates for positions in the new district boundaries will take place this November.

Transportation *Highway 18* plan to construct 4 lanes all the way from Hobart to I-90 has been fully funded. Phase 1 scheduled to begin this summer at the intersection at I 90 with widening starting west from there. Phase 2 over Tiger Pass construction will take place over the next four years. *A whole transportation package, but locally* there is \$5 million to repave the Snoqualmie Parkway from I 90/Hwy 18 to Hwy 202. A lot of emphasis in the package is on the preservation and maintenance of our current roads, e.g., repaving, etc. *More emphasis is being placed on reducing carbon* – electrification of cars and ferries; improvement to 405 and trail systems. **The transportation package is a 16-year package.** Transportation is terribly underfunded so most of the money is going to road preservation and maintenance. We will now look at how we fund transportation. Re: Problems on 202 and 203 -- Continue pushing for transportation funding for all the Valley. Build your case. Be ready when the opportunity comes up (like you were with the LOSS project.) Where on 202 and 203 are the problems? What are the high-risk areas? What will the impact be? Build a regional coalition around that. Five communities working together is better than one community.

Rep Lisa Callan *State B&O tax update and small business tax credit changes.* Instead of a graduated tax, it is now a flat \$125k gross. If your business earns below \$125K gross, you do not need to file the B & O tax. If you qualify for a tax-credit, there is an increase. *Access to mental*



health services Extensive work to bring dollars into King County to increase access to behavioral health. A 7% Medicaid rate raise for those that provide Medicaid services brought stabilization dollars and grant dollars. It helps workers stay in the field to increase capacity for crisis intervention for adults and youth and reduce burnout. *Pilot Project* of support between Snoqualmie/North Bend Fire Departments and Eastside Fire and Rescue to build a collaborative effort with the Snoqualmie Valley Hospital to build a co-response model with a behavioral health coordinator to connect with the broader King County resources and services. *Broadband investments*: Add additional \$50 million above the dollars already in the biennium budget to the State broadband office. Another \$50 million targeting unserved and underserved. In addition, we are working on how we get capital dollars and services into unincorporated communities like Fall City. *K-12 program* -- a COLA increase for teachers, student counselors, nurses, mental health, etc. I work on the *capital budget team* with Representative Mike Steel.

Representative Mike A Steele, District 12 (North end of Fall City is now in District 12) a former ranking member of Education Committee, and now on the Capital Committee and in his 3rd term. Born and raised in Chelan, his family has been 130 years in Chelan County. Rep Steele collaborates with Kelley Coughlin, Snoqualmie Valley Chamber. District 12, the largest geographic district, contains 9000 sq miles. The Budget Committee is the most collaborative/bi-partisan group. The addition of the North side of Fall City to District 12 sounds like it will be a great fit.

Snoqualmie Valley Chamber of Commerce Kelly Coughlin In addition to the resident guide and visitor guide, the Chamber has produced a wedding guide for the Snoqualmie Valley. It has been a game changer -- people are responding. The Snoqualmie Valley can no longer be lumped under Greater Seattle. We must become our own entity. We don't have hotels, but we are the playground – we need to be respected.

July 31, 2022, National Night Out. Save the date.

King County 3rd District residents' concerns The Local Services Area Snoqualmie Valley/NE King County *SURVEY of Top Concerns* revealed that residents rank environmental protection and climate change, road improvement and investment, public safety, and behavioral health among their highest concerns. There will be follow-up surveys. *Committee Work*: The Local Services and Land Committee is focusing on strengthening codes to improve air quality, preparing the county to be solar ready, and more. *Council grants*: The King County Council still have some council grants for nonprofits e.g., community service grants, housing services grants. Email Osmond Salahuddin for more information. Osman.Salahuddin@kingcounty.gov.

King County Dept of Local Services Jeff Wilson, Manager LOSS project. Quick update: We just finished a large round of town halls getting feedback which informs our budget for 2023-2024. DLS staff will be coming to the Fall City Library beginning in May. Date and Time TBD. Director John Taylor is also the DLS staff member for Snoqualmie Valley/NE King County.



Fall City & Snoqualmie Valley Subarea Planning Kick Off. Jesse Reynolds, subarea planner in DLS is leading the 20-year plan for Snoqualmie Valley/NE King County The visioning and planning process: APRIL 28, 6 – 8 P.M. No zoom link yet but coming soon. Snoqualmie Valley/NE King County Subarea Plan and Community Needs List and Subarea Plan Interactive Feedback Map is available online at <https://www.publicinput.com/SnoValleyNEKC>. The DLS subarea plan staff will meet more regularly with the FCCA subarea stewards' group. Questions/Comments? Send email to Jesse Reynolds at jesreynolds@kingcounty.gov

Town Clean Up happens twice a year Sat. April 30, Annual Arbor Day and Sunday, June 5, (1-4 p.m.) town clean up and beautification just before Fall City Day. We can get the round-about cleaned up, help business owners get their windows cleaned, etc. Those needing volunteer hours can participate in this. Vests, gloves, and garbage bags will be available.

Fall City Farmers Market – Farmer's Market Committee. **LOOKING** for \$10,000 in grant (May – Aug or Early Sept). Between Library and Totem Garden on 42nd. We hope to have 30 vendors of food, produce, arts/crafts. Fridays – 4 – 7 May thru end of August, maybe early September.

Fall City Day & Party in the Park, June 11, 2022, pancake breakfast, fun run, kiddie parade and main parade, Watermelon eating contest, etc. We are looking for a lead for the 1:30 p.m. watermelon eating contest. Nelson Supply is sponsoring the evening Party in the Park featuring food trucks, a wine/beer garden (\$20), Staxx Brothers music, etc. No ducky derby this year. Fall City Day is a fundraiser for our schools -- 80 % of proceeds go to schools/ 20% to the FCCA to keep us going.

Business District Septic Association – Jeff Wilson, Business District Septic Project: The Predesign report has come in and will be handed to the State Dept of Health. The HOA that will own and operate the facility is being formed. If you own property in the business district and don't know what I am talking about contact Jeff Wilson. Email: jefwilson@kingcounty.gov.

Scholarship Committee The FCCA funds two \$500 scholarships and the Neighbors Newsletter funds one \$500 scholarship each year for graduates applying through the Mount Si High School Scholarship Program. The graduating student must live in the FCES school boundary, demonstrated academic skills, plans to go on to further education, has financial need, has volunteered in the Fall City Community, and (for newsletter scholarship) have an interest in Language Arts.

Fall City Murals Fall City Market and Deli Gas Station owners will meet with David Walega and Lydia Vanhyning; and Fall City Firearms owners in the Bronneman Bldg will meet with Krimsey and Jess Lilleth and David Walega to discuss their vision and scope of the mural, then select their artist(s). Taylor Development is funding the two \$5000 grants.

Climate Change Committee Later in May the State Dept of Natural Resources will be giving a presentation on their Firewise program.



Snoqualmie Valley Hospital COVID numbers are coming down, but we see a gentle wave. The Omicron variance is happening. Re: COVID -- 25 people are lined up for 2nd booster. Don't rush if you don't need to. Our turnaround times for COVID testing are quick. We do offer rapid test at the Urgent Care. If you are symptomatic and really want to see a doctor, we can help with that.

Sand Volleyball in Bernard Park Contact Scott at ricketts.s@gmail.com

Rainier Recycling Site The buildings are gone. Habitat for Humanity came in and salvaged the buildings. The old culverts will be removed as part of the fish restoration project.

July 31 National Night Out on a Sunday, so we can have all the search and rescue people with us. We expect the Civil Air Patrol, helicopter, food trucks, family friendly music and we hope to have mini horse Baxter return.

Sno Valley Chamber of Commerce Kelly Coughlin. The Chamber still has hand sanitizer, gloves, and N95 masks available. A 48-page Visitor Guide is coming out in a couple of weeks. We just had our Gala which raised more money than ever before. We have some scholarship money for some businesses. I am a navigator for rural cities in King County. Information to come out about that.

Library In May King County Local Services will once again be coming to the library and the community can begin to schedule our meeting rooms again. Interested in scheduling book talks? Contact Michelle.

Empower Youth Network Coming Events: Three Free Adult Workshops promoting healthy youth -- Guiding good choices, Inside Out Trauma Responsive Care, and Youth Mental Health First aid; The Heart of the Valley Gala May 7 at the Snoqualmie Casino, the online auction beginning May 1; and the Rise and Shine Volunteer Awards on June 8. For more info: <https://empoweryouthnetwork.org>

Fall City Historical Society *May Day Walk on the Preston-Fall City Trail* starts at the Kiosk on the Lake Alice Road. *Fall City Day* We will have our 3-tent pavilion at Fall City Day. Our Salish design was chosen for the fun run medals and shirts. In addition, we are making buttons to give away for Fall City's 150-year anniversary. Thanks to Beth and Mark Traverso for giving FCHS space for display. We are always looking for volunteers. We have a great website, and we are on Facebook, too. <http://www.fallcityhistorical.org> email historylives@fallcityhistorical.org

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2022