



FALL CITY
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
April 4, 2023 Hybrid Meeting Approved Minutes

March Highlights:

- Representative Lisa Callan included \$1.5MM in the House approved budget for gap funding needs for the business system LOSS; next step is approval from the State Senate.
- The Hearing Examiner session for the proposed Mt. Si plat was held on March 29; the proposed Cha Cha plat (on 324th) hearing will be held on May 4 (public comments due by May 1, 4:00pm).
- Application was made for a Snoqualmie Tribe grant to support National Night Out and Fall City Day; thank you Carrie Lee!
- Welcome to Jim Hutchins who has onboarded as the new editor for Neighbors.
- After many years of faithful service, Sue Holbink is retiring as webmaster; Rachel is working on a transition plan.
- Anji Donaldson reported that the preparations for Fall City Day (June 10th) are on track!

River & Floodplain Management Presentation, Chrys Bertolotto & Chris Ewing, King County.

Flooding is the most common disaster in King County with significant personal, community-scale, economic and infrastructure risks. The Flood Hazard Management Plan, primarily for unincorporated areas of King County, is in the process of being updated; the plan focuses on protecting people and public infrastructure.

A new tool, a sophisticated two-dimensional hydraulic model of the lower Snoqualmie Valley is currently in use. They are interested in hearing how this tool could be best used. Attendees shared concerns about upstream growth (Snoqualmie, North Bend) and its effect on those downstream (Fall City, Carnation), including the challenge of impervious surfaces. Also, a holistic floodplain management system is needed to address items such as compensatory storage, headwater management, landslides, sediment issues, tributary flooding, alluvial fan issues, etc.

Community input is critical. To provide input via meetings like this, email cbertolotto@kingcounty.gov. or call her on 206 263 267. A survey is available at publicinput.com/FloodPlan. The first draft of the new plan will be available in November.

Snoqualmie Valley Hospital, Renee Jensen, CEO

Voters will be asked to vote for a levy lid lift increase for the first time since 2008 – from 24.8 cents per thousand of assessed property value to 70 cents per thousand. Accomplishments over the last two years include: thousands of COVID 19 tests and vaccinations provided, improved quality and capability of the emergency department by adding Overlake ED doctors, added a full-time pediatrician, opened an urgent care on Snoqualmie Ridge and tripled the capacity of behavioral health providers. Also, the hospital provided \$1.5MM of community charity care last year and employs 315 people!

The levy lid lift will provide needed expansion for the emergency department, laboratory, radiology (including CT, MRI and Mammography), increased service to outlying areas, maintaining pace with community growth and ensuring long term financial health for the organization.

When the levy passes, a new “tax credit program” will be implemented. The amount of real estate taxes a homeowner pays towards Hospital District 4 can be used as a credit toward their balance owed for any services in the SVH network. Learn more at: snoqualmiehospital.org/about/levy2023.

Report from the President

After almost 4 months in office, Rachel shared some thoughts and ideas about the FCCA. The board’s role is to organize and facilitate. Our by-laws are clean and simple; there are areas where there is a gap between our practices and the by-laws. For example, a Zoom renewal is \$300+/year and, per the by-laws, members must approve all expenditures over \$100; the by-laws call for monthly financial reporting and we have reported much less frequently. Rachel suggested that a small group review the by-laws and ensure they reflect practical and standard non-profit practices. Also, she receives many emails from residents as well as copies of correspondence with elected and other officials. She suggested that a process by which members could offer input on future budgets would be helpful. If you are interested in being part of a small group to review the bylaws, email ilovefallcity@gmail.com.

National Night Out (7/29/23) and Fall City Roads, Carrie Lee (Chair of both committees)

Both organizations are grant-driven; Carrie Lee sought approval for six grant applications: King County for community, T Mobile for a Fall City Park, Costco for marketing initiatives, Costco for consumables, Department of Justice for additional law enforcement support, and Comprehensive Community Policing Grant for positive relations between community and law enforcement. None of the grants require matching funds.

Fall City Arts, Krimsey Lilleth, Chair, fallcityarts.org

The first “monthly makers meetup” was successful with painters, calligraphers, drawers, and writers attending. The meetups will be continued on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7:30pm.

A Rubber Ducky Painting Party will be held at the Library on April 15th from 5:30-7:30pm. 100 painted ducks will be hidden before Fall City Day and attendees will be encouraged to find a duck.

A community Dance will be held on April 16th, from 4-7pm with music by Rod Cook & Toast. Dance lessons available from 3:30 – 4:00pm – or come listen to the music at 4:00. The dance will raise funds for “Friends of the Library”.

Fall City Library, Michelle Drovdaahl, Regional Manager

Annual plant sale Saturday, May 20, 9am – 2pm. Learn about a variety of library programs, including tutoring for kids, family story time, book group, Teen/Tween Hangouts and more at KCLS.org (choose Fall City Library).

Fall City Septic Association, Jeff Wilson, Project Manager, King County

The final design should be received this week; shortly thereafter you will see the typical large county sign at Barnard Park. Permits are under review; plans are to receive bids this summer and break ground in the late fall. As a result of inflation and the State’s requirement for “high quality effluent”, gap funding has been requested from the State (see “March Highlights” above for further information). In addition, federal gap funding is being proposed by Representative Schrier.

Thank you Nancy Moore

After the meeting, the group thanked Nancy Moore for her many acts of service since moving to Fall City with her husband, Del, in 2004. Ashley Glennon, former FCCA President, offered a toast to Nancy noting that “Nancy didn’t ask of the community, she just did it; she saw needs and filled them; she saw problems and solved them”. Nancy shared a bit of her story and a lot of her passion for Fall City. Others expressed their appreciation for Nancy’s thoughtful, hardworking, and dedicated way. An example of Nancy and Del’s service was remembered: they donated and installed “beaver protectors” for the cherry trees in downtown Fall City! Thank you, Nancy!