



FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2018 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Fall City Fire Station

President Ashley Glennon welcomed attendees, called the meeting to order, reviewed the agenda, and remembered long-time FCCA member Del Moore and Ross Marzolf, Director of Communications for Councilmember Lambert's office.

Minutes The minutes of the May 2018 meeting were approved. (MSP)

Community Improvement Grant President Ashley Glennon expressed his appreciation and thanks for the 2018 One-time Funding grant provided by King County Councilmember Lambert's office.

Rights of Way Charges Fall City Water District Commissioner Lyn Watts reported that the County's intention to charge utilities to use the rights of way on county roads (thereby increasing utilities costs) was challenged by various water districts, including Fall City Water District. King County Superior Court Judge Samuel Chung rejected the county's argument and essentially ruled the county cannot charge utilities rent for use of county road rights of way.

Support for Playground The FCCA membership approved providing a letter in support of the proposed Chelsea's Dream all-inclusive playground planned for Centennial Fields Park in Snoqualmie.

Proposed King County Department of Local Services, Harold Taniguchi, Transition Leader The quarter million people living in unincorporated King County combined would equate to the second largest city in Washington. It has long been recognized that county service delivery in unincorporated areas should be improved and standardized. The proposed King County Department of Local Services will focus on improving services, service delivery, response and quality through improved coordination, strengthened partnerships, strengthening ties with communities and innovative funding strategies.

County departments will be reorganized to maximize resources. The proposed model includes the following departments: road services, planning and permitting, storm water, animal services, parks & recreation, public safety and district courts. Current plans are to begin operating with the new model on January 1, 2019.

When asked to compare Snohomish or Pierce County funding to King County funding, Harold noted that the other two counties encourage economic development (and thereby a



larger tax base) in the rural areas; however, King County's plan calls for economic development to take place in the urban areas.

If you have questions or would like to share your thoughts, email asklocalservices@kingcounty.gov.

Fire District Update: Nancy Moore Changes to our Fire District/Station operations will impact service and staffing levels and funding (primarily through real estate taxes). The three options being considered by the three elected Fire District 27 Commissioners: Continue as a stand-alone Fire District, merge with King County Fire District 10, itself a member of Eastside Fire & Rescue or form a cooperative arrangement with the City of Snoqualmie Fire Department.

Some in the audience expressed concerns about changes in real estate taxes (saying that real estate taxes for lower valued homes and businesses will likely increase), the number of times Eastside Fire & Rescue has tried to merge with our Fire District, and the effects of change in service, staffing and fees.

The FCCA is committed to including information about the proposed changes in future meetings; you are encouraged to visit our website, www.fallcity.org or Fire District 27's website (www.king27fire.com) and to send comments to commissioners@king27fire.com.

King County Updates King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert reported that the state capital budget includes \$1MM for a sewer system for the Fall City business area; significantly more funding is needed but this is a good start. Councilmember Lambert concerned about King County growth (current expectations are that 100 people move to the county a day) and the need for housing, road maintenance, etc., is supportive of the new Local Services initiative in part because it will give rural King County residents more access to the King County Executive, Dow Constantine. Also services will be better coordinated in one department; however, there are no new sources of funds for the department.

Members of the audience expressed continued concerns about the increase in river usage, acknowledging that improvements in traffic and trash clean-up have been outweighed by the sheer volume of people floating and the impact on the river and fish. Residents expressed thanks for more sheriff's patrols; however more still are needed. Kathy Lambert shared that area hiking trails are experiencing the same increases in volume. Ashley acknowledged the continuing concerns/frustration of residents who live along the river.

Next Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., September 4, 2018, Fall City Fire Station (South Meeting Room)