



## FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION February 2017 Meeting Minutes

President Ashley Glennon welcomed attendees, called the meeting to order, reviewed the agenda and led the Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence. Those attending (approximately 25) introduced themselves.

The minutes of the January 2017 meeting were approved as written. (MSP)

**Library** Michelle Drov Dahl shared that Lisa Taylor, author of [Your Farm in the City: An Urban Dweller's Guide to Growing Food and Raising Animals](#) and the [Maritime Northwest Garden Guide](#), will be offering a class in how to grow an edible garden on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

**Winter Homeless Shelter Update** Valley Renewal Center director Jennifer Kirk shared information about the Snoqualmie Valley Winter Shelter, which for the second year, will be hosted by Fall City Methodist Church from March 5 to April 26. Hours will be 7:30pm to 7:30am to help sync with bus routes. The shelter provides a warm, safe space for up to 40 (although current average is 15) homeless men, women and families to sleep, share a meal and access much-needed resources to help them move towards a more stable lifestyle. They are classified as a "life-saving, low-barrier" shelter which helps staff to meet guests right where they are and build relationship from there.

Jennifer provided much demographic information and shared their success at helping people move into transitional housing, obtain medical and dental care, find employment, connect to substance abuse and mental health treatment, etc.

Volunteer training will be offered at Fall City Library from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on February 18. Those providing meals are not required to attend the volunteer training. To learn more, go to [www.valleyrenewalcenter.com](http://www.valleyrenewalcenter.com).

**March 11 Community Information Event Update** The event's purpose is to provide an opportunity for Fall City residents to meet each other, learn about a variety of local services and organizations and become activated. The event will be from 11:00 – 2:00 at the Fall City Library and light snacks will be provided by the Roadhouse.

As of our meeting time, likely participants include:

Fall City Arts, Fall City Food Pantry, Fall City Historical Society, the Learning Garden and Pea Patch, the Metropolitan Park District, King County Council Member Kathy Lambert's office, Mom's/Encompass, Mountains to Sound



Greenway Trust, Raging River Conservation Group, Snoqualmie Valley Senior Center and, of course, Fall City Community Association.

### **King County Updates**

**King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert** shared that 1 in 5 people in King County are suffering with mental health issues and reminded us that “we need to walk gently with each other”.

She shared that 62.3% of King County is either not buildable due to open space requirements or is owned by the County. This presents a revenue challenge for the County as that property is not taxed or is taxed at a reduced rate.

Kathy Lambert’s 2017 Campaign Kick Off will be a breakfast on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Community Services Area Manager Alan Painter** shared that this year some of the funds set aside for mental illness/drug dependency are targeted for rural areas such as ours. He also shared that community discussions regarding youth homelessness are taking place and that a youth homelessness director has been hired.

**Simon Briant, FCCA VP** Simon shared a power point presentation and discussed the importance of having a mobile friendly website (our current web site is not mobile friendly). Also the desire to consolidate, merge and redirect information between the website, Facebook, twitter, instagram and the Yahoo group.

### **Other News and Updates**

**Preston Mill**– work continues on the grounds and there is a desire to have a gazebo suitable for bands, weddings, etc. and lighting from the Mill to the Community Center.

Ashley reminded attendees that Fall City is not a “city” (we are unincorporated King County), use of our area is increasing, resources are limited and the Association welcomes volunteer help and resources of any kind. He encouraged each of us invite a friend to the next meeting.

**Next Meeting: Friday, March 10, 2017 11:30-1:00 p.m. at the Fall City Fire Station**

*February 2017 Meeting Minutes notes were taken by Mary Butler. Thank you, Mary.*

*Pizza, etc. provided by Anne Loring. Donations go directly to the FCCA Scholarship Fund. Thank you, Anne.*