



## FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION February 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes

President Ashley Glennon welcomed attendees, reviewed the agenda and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence followed by self-introductions.

The January 2018 Meeting Minutes were approved as written. MSP

**Winter Shelter Update** Jennifer Kirk, Executive Director of Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services says, “The SVSS provides life-changing services to those experiencing homelessness by working with the local communities to provide emergency shelter, social services and connections to permanent housing. SVSS manages two programs in the Valley – The Snoqualmie Valley Winter Shelter and the Day Center. The Winter Shelter moves to Fall City on March 3 and continue to at least the end of March.

**Department of Local Services for Unincorporated King County proposed by King County Executive Dow Constantine** to improve the delivery of services in rural areas as well as the major remaining urban unincorporated communities. Councilmember Lambert, “I look forward to working with him on the creation of a department that can oversee the quality of services for our urban unincorporated and rural residents, and monitor to ensure their proper delivery.”

**Population Growth, Housing Issues and Jobs** The Puget Sound Region’s **population** as of April 1, 2017 was 4,066,800. By 2050 it is estimated that there will be an additional 1.8 million people in the four county region with 19% over the age of 65. **Housing.** Recent new construction has been dominated by multi-family units. In addition, “We have a rapidly diminishing supply of affordable housing, with rent growth outstripping income growth in most major metro areas. Affordable housing without a government subsidy is becoming extinct. **Jobs** Between 2010 and 2016, the Puget Sound Region added three jobs for every added housing unit. The Growth Management Act seeks a housing/job balance examining our infrastructure funding to make sure we are staying ahead of our growth.

**Property Tax** King County is the “bank” for all the other government entities that take part of your property taxes. The County’s portion is approximate 17%. The remainder is distributed according to levy distributions which were approved by 53.28 per cent of voters. Fall City residents can expect their property taxes to increase by 20%; Carnation residents are looking at a 31% increase. **King County BUDGET 2019-2020:** Where does that 17% of your property tax allocated to King County go? 73 percent to Justice and Safety, 3 percent to debt services, 13 percent to General Government, 2.5 percent to Elections, 0.5 percent to the physical environment, and 5 percent to public health and human services. For more information on King County property values, sales of property, permits issued for construction, census information, school information, property taxes, levy rate distributions and more go to <http://localscape.property/#kingcountyassessor/> to access LOCALSCAPE, Putting King County in Focus.



**The State of King County Roads.** King County has 1500 miles of roads and 180 bridges. In November, 17 King County bridges had restrictions placed on them due to new calculations developed by the Federal Highway Administration for determining the weight that a bridge can safely carry (following a bridge collapse) and the decision by the FHWA to allow heavier trucks on roadways. Bridge sufficiency ratings range from 0 – 100. In the Valley the range is from 44 – 96. In unincorporated King County the County roads are funded solely by taxes from unincorporated King County. Not surprisingly there is a shortfall between the funds needed to repair/maintain/improve roads and the funds available. A 2014 graph shows funds available (\$90 million), Funds needed to manage risk (\$110 million), Funds needed to also moderate decline (\$200 million), funds needed to maximize road system life and improve mobility (\$330 million) and to finally accomplish all that and increase capacity (\$350 million). It is extremely important to keep our roads in good repair and fix problems early. Routine maintenance costs approximately \$ 2.97/sq yard; Repair -- \$ 37.56/sq yard, rehabilitation = \$ 78.10/sq yd and reconstruction soars to \$152/sq yard.

**Handling King County Waste** The Cedar Hills Landfill is reaching capacity and King County needs to address the handling of the waste created by its population. Options include expanding the capacity of the Cedar Hills Landfill, shipping waste by rail out of the County, or coming up with a plan to turn waste into energy. Councilmember Lambert favors building a facility like the one in Hamburg, Germany stating that modern Waste to Energy (WTE) facilities can help communities meet the goals of “Zero Waste”. WTE with metal recovery and bottom ash recycling reduces waste to between 5 and 10 %.

**T.R.A.C.E. Timely Response for Adverse Childhood Experiences** The Pilot Project for TRACE starts in February in Council District 3 with Evergreen Hospital as the partner organization. The goal is to have someone in contacted with a child within 2 hours after a traumatic incident. This person will set up an 8 week plan with the child. Navigators (contact people) will be available 24/7.

**NACo.** King County, through the National Association of Counties offers a Prescription Discount Program proving relief to uninsured and underinsured Americans who face high prescription costs. For more information go to [www.nacorx.org](http://www.nacorx.org) or call 877.321.2652.

**Community Service Area Grants for 2018 Unincorporated** Community Service Area Program Manager Alan Painter announced that the Fall City Community Association had been awarded \$790 toward the purchase of a Web Cam. The Snoqualmie Valley/NE King County Area received a total of \$18,790 in awards. For a full list of awards for all service areas in King County go to <https://www.kingcounty.gov/initiatives/community-service-areas/engagement-grants.aspx>

NOTE: No March FCCA meeting. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 Fall City Fire Station 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.