



FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION January 2020 Meeting Minutes

President Angela Donaldson called the meeting to order, welcomed members and guests, reviewed the agenda and invited Board Officers, members and guests to introduce themselves and share the neighborhood where they live.

Minutes of the December 2019 Meeting were approved. (MSP)

Bernard Memorial Park Update Perry Wilkins, Fall City Metropolitan Park District board member, along with other FCMPD board members and volunteers have been working to prepare the park, owned by Friends of Fall City parks, to be open to the public on Fall City Day 2020. A grading permit is in process and the fences will be gone in the next few weeks. The first phase of the project includes grass, picnic tables and beach volleyball courts; the second and third phases will include a playground, gazebo and restrooms.

Upcoming Events

- **2020 Heart of the Valley Gala** is focused on building better futures for Snoqualmie Valley Youth
- **Soil, Food and Climate Change Workshop, February 15.** (See p 5 and visit fallcity.org/climate for more information and registration.)
- **Fall City Arts** will host a zydeco dance (with lessons) on February 22 and the Masonic Lodge. Donations support the Winter Shelter.
- **3rd Community Information Event, March 14, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at the Library. Learn about local services/organizations and volunteer opportunities. Contact Ashley Glennon if you would like to participate. raglennon@gmail.com

• **Bill Ramos, Washington State House of Representatives**, serves on the Transportation Committee working on the Highway 18/I-90 interchange, widening of Hwy 18 and a new on ramp from Snoqualmie Ridge to I-90 to help traffic flow. The biggest challenge for the committee and the State legislature is figuring how to take five billion dollars out of the budget due to the passage of 976 (which is being legally contested). Rep. Ramos also gave brief updates on the Higher Ed and Workforce Development Committee and the Agricultural, Natural Resources and Rural Development Committee which is looking at carbon sequestration.

Lori Watts, FCMPD board member, shared photos depicting the damage to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail due to rains and slides.



Kathy Lambert, King County Councilmember, expressed thanks for the excellent work John Taylor and the Local Services team are doing! Claudia Balducci, the new King County Council Chair, will focus on restructuring and increasing transparency through television and the King County website. Kathy will be serving on the Community Health Services, Local Government, Budget, and Law and Justice Committees.

Chief Connor, Fall City FD 27 The M&O levy will be renewed in 2020 and is capped at 1%. Neighboring fire district (FD10/Eastside Fire and Rescue) hired four of Fall City's career fire fighters. Four volunteer fire fighters (three from Fall City and one from Duvall) have been hired to replace them. The last day of employment (January 15) at FD 27 for the four leaving is the first day of employment for the incoming career fire fighters, consequently there will be no gap in service. The collective bargaining agreement renewal has been finalized and fire fighters will receive a 4% raise in the first year along with better benefits.

John Taylor, King County Local Services Area Director for Unincorporated King County, noted that floods are very hard on roads and the county's road systems are in a dire situation due to insufficient funding. He also reminded residents to never drive through water on roadways. Sub-area planning for the Snoqualmie Valley Community Service Area, which serves Fall City, Preston and Snoqualmie Pass, will kick off later this winter/early spring and the River Floating 2019 debrief meeting will be scheduled soon with WDFW and Fall City Floating owner Simon Briant.

Director Taylor will be available in the library Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Bring your questions, concerns, ideas, etc. regarding county issues. Check your property assessment. Get help with online tools (iMap, Accela, complaint filing). Register to Vote. Get your pet license. Sign up for emergency alerts. Make road service/issue requests.

FCCA President Angela Donaldson is available in the library every Friday from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. to hear residents' concerns, ideas, etc.

The FCCA welcomes new members. You can now join or renew your membership online at www.fallcity.org.

Next FCCA Meeting: Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 7:00-8:30 at Fall City Fire Station