



FALL CITY  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
January 2022 Virtual Meeting Minutes

President Donaldson opened the meeting, reviewed the agenda, introduced the Board Members, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**Donations:** Costco's United-Way Campaign/Front Stream -- \$96,000. Amazon Smile -- \$ 26.10. Amazon: <https://Smile.Amazon.com> Select your non-profit organization, e.g., Fall City Community Association and the FCCA will receive a small percentage of your Amazon Smile purchases.

**Renewals (29) and New Members** You have until February to get your dues paid. We are up to 136 or so members.

**December Meeting minutes: MSP. Friendly amendment:** Change next meeting date to January 4.

**Announcements:**

**Boy Scout Fundraiser Tree Pick Up** - \$20 donation suggested. 8-yard load of chips available

**Fall City Little League Registration** – For info go to <http://ow.ly/yV7c50GVY6S>.

**Fall City Mural Contest** – Deadline extended to Feb 28. Online application - [fallcity.org](http://fallcity.org)

**Fall City Business Assistance Update** – Three assistance programs for businesses in Fall City supported by grants from the state or county.

- **Business District LOSS vote** – January 19.
- **Mailer to 98024 zip code** – 24 of 186 businesses post job openings. Visit [snovalley.org/jobs](http://snovalley.org/jobs).
- **Executive Tax Workshop** Email [ilovefallcity.org](mailto:ilovefallcity.org) to see the recording of the workshop. You can schedule an in-person half-hour appointment with a tax assistant from Brown and Sterling person.

**Fall City Subarea and Housing Update-- Re Fall City Housing Developments.** The biggest thing we can do to influence the outcome is by communicating that with the permitting division and your representatives at King County. *View the video of the January 4 FCCA meeting. Roughly 18 minutes in you will find slides listing the permit numbers of the pending developments, a list of possible concerns you might wish to address, and a third slide with contact information.*

**WSDOT 202 Two Part Corridor Study Results --** The study purpose is primarily safety-focused (Target Zero – Zero deaths by 2030), getting an understanding of community priorities and roadway issues (724 responses to our WEB survey), and identifying strategies to address

pedestrian and traveler safety, roadway operations and intersection performance while preserving community character. The focus is on near and mid-term actions, not major capital investment events.

**244<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 324<sup>th</sup> Ave SE: 244<sup>th</sup> to 324<sup>th</sup>** Proposed: A single lane round-about for the Ames Lake intersection because of its history of angle crashes. Likewise, for Tolt Hill Road with a history of rear end accidents and angle crashes. WSDOT also identified other intersections for smaller corrections, e.g., 308<sup>th</sup> Ave SE (Ball Fields). Since the SE 31st and 324<sup>th</sup> is Western Terminus of the West Side Trail, we are looking for strategies we can use to provide connectivity to the West Side Trail and reduce driver speed coming from the West heading into town. Cost Estimate: Tolt Hill Roundabout - \$ 10 million. Ames Lake Road Roundabout - \$ 7 million.

**324 Ave SE and SR 202 Intersection** This intersection considered to be the gateway to the community has been flagged for further engineering and design analysis, so there is no specific recommendation at this time.

**324<sup>th</sup> Ave SE to SR 202/Preston-Fall City Road Intersection** Because the Westside trail when complete will encourage more pedestrian activity, WSDOT proposes changing the Y at FCES to more of a T, which would reduce speed. Also proposed: A 14-foot shared use path along the river with parallel parking on the north side of 202; change to back-in angle parking on the South side with a rolled curb easement between the east and west bound lanes and at least one per block pedestrian crossings supported by curbs. Also, a Preston-Fall City Road round-about which would improve pedestrian crossing and designed to allow larger trucks/buses to have a comfortable movement through the round-about. Cost estimate: \$10 million.

**NEXT STEPS** We are meeting with you all and would like your feedback and questions before finishing the report; then looking for future opportunities for funding such as grants as we move forward. **Project contact information** Maan Sidhu. [Maan.Sidhu@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:Maan.Sidhu@wsdot.wa.gov), Thomas Noyes [Thomas.Noyes@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:Thomas.Noyes@wsdot.wa.gov), Study Website: <https://wsdot.wa.gov/planning/studies/sr202/multimodal-planning/home>.

**FALL CITY FIRE DEPT. UPDATE** Chief Culp -- 2021 was our busiest year, 972 calls kept the crews busy as opposed to 771 in 2020. *Two New Firefighters* gave us our 12<sup>th</sup> fulltime firefighter which will allow us to have four per shift, with a minimum staffing of three on duty. *Volunteers* Tomorrow we start to work with possible new volunteers who will be testing over the next few days, hopefully starting their training in February. *Community Outreach* Operation Santa with our lit-up fire engine. The firefighters' union raised donations which provided cool toys for 8 or 9 families and provided donated food items to the Food Pantry. *Station closure* Because of an increase in COVID cases among our firefighters, I am closing the station down again and we are going back to virtual meetings for a while. We POC test our firefighters as they come in for their shift – if positive, they exit the building, and we send them for a PCR test. We will reevaluate after the Omicron variant shuts down a bit.

**Fall City Metro Park Update -- Four items.** *Bernard Park/LOSS* We are working with King County on the impact of the LOSS system in Bernard Park. The majority, if not all, of the drain

field would take up most space, and we want to make sure we can use the park for our intended purpose. *10 Year Plan* -- we will be reaching out for input. The Tree Lighting went well, and the lights will remain on through Valentine's Day. *Homestead Field* can be used.

**Snoqualmie Valley Hospital District Update.** 2021 26,000 vaccines administered and 60,000 tested. *Omicron* – Currently, 140 tests/day and 150 vaccines/day compared to Pre-Omicron 3-4 positives/day. Omicron positives now upwards of 20/day. You do need appointments for testing (we prioritize those with symptoms first) and vaccines. *Hospital Visitor Policy*-- we still have visitors coming in. Precautions include upgraded masking and distancing. *Pediatrics* moved to the hospital in December. *Urgent Care* Snoqualmie Ridge Urgent Care opens January 13 with three providers on site. [SherryJ@snoqualmiehospital.org](mailto:SherryJ@snoqualmiehospital.org).

**5<sup>th</sup> District Representative Lisa Callan** – 60-day Legislative session starts Monday. The House will be fully remote with a few members able to work in their offices, if tested regularly, etc. The Senate yet to decide on remote or in person meetings. The good news: remote testimony makes us much more accessible by the public. On my FACEBOOK page I can show you how to get signed up. We do have additional unexpected money coming and we want to make sure we are giving our schools what they need to keep going during the pandemic with a focus on prevention, education, and early intervention rather than emergency situations.

**Representative Bill Ramos** *Transportation --Highway 18 – I 90* Three bids have come in. Work will start, I hope, this spring, finishing in 2 to 3 years. *Temporary License Plate* We are working on a system to create an actual temporary plate front and rear that can be read. This safeguards police officers and enables tolls to be collected for an added \$3 million/year. *Adult Family Homes* have been exempted from property taxes. There is conversation about that, but we want to keep them tax free so they can provide services. *Police Reform* Three bills will be coming through to clarify what people should and should not do. *River* I am starting to work on a part of Salmon Recovery that hasn't been focused on recently, the early life stages of salmon who are hunted day and night because of light pollution on lakes and rivers. It will be a long-term program.

**King County 3rd District Councilmember, Sarah Perry.** *Interests* Housing, Behavioral Health, Small Business, Environment and Transit. I look forward to hearing from you and meeting for coffee after COVID. Contact: [sarah.perry@kingcounty.gov](mailto:sarah.perry@kingcounty.gov) Office 206-477-1003

**King County Dept. of Local Services Director, John Taylor** –*Perfect Storm Snow* Several days of snow, COVID, and a job market where it is difficult to fill jobs, and we are working hard to get the roads cleared in Fall City. *COVID* Big day-- 3371 cases between yesterday and today. We still have access to hand sanitizer and masks. *Subarea Plan Planning* to begin in earnest in the next month or so. *Float Season.* Our annual debrief meeting for 2021 is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 11:00 a.m. – noon. We will review 2021, determine what we need to do for the coming season, and what we need to do re: young salmon. Simon is doing a good job trying to regulate folks. *LOSS* Jacob, your consulting firm is doing a great job. We are driving for a ground-breaking this summer or fall, if possible.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 7:00- 8:30 p.m. via Zoom, Facebook Live and phone.