



FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION July 2021 Meeting Minutes

FCCA president Angela Donaldson opened the zoom meeting, reviewed the agenda, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, and introduced herself and the Board Members.

MINUTES June 2021 meeting minutes approved. (MSP)

Banner Poles. The FCCA received \$14,000 in grant monies in 2020 for the installation of timer banner poles to be installed across Hwy 202 in front of El Caporal. King County and WSDOT have officially granted the permits necessary for them to be installed.

Economic Development Unincorporated King County received \$5.4 million for economic development with \$10,000 coming to the Fall City community. We value our partnership with Sno Valley Chamber—they help us fill in the gaps.

Fish Hatchery Bridge (61B) That timber-supported bridge damaged in 2018 needed to come down. It was not needed for egress, and its closure and removal reduced the traffic, particularly for floating activity. There will be signage installed on both sides of the bridge.

Tolt Inundation Dam Carnation has been involved with Seattle public utilities, owners of the Tolt dam, for several years. A bell sounds daily at noon in Carnation to attest the dam-failure warning system. Last year (September 25), after a faulty ring, it was determined a community drill was needed to make citizens aware of what to do and where to go should the bell ring signal dam failure. Fall City Fire Department's Chief Cuyp indicated that in the event of the Tolt Dam failure, the Snoqualmie River would be flooded up to the base of Snoqualmie Falls. More information to come later.

2021 Senior Parade This year's senior parade in Fall City expanded to include area high-school graduates and Fall City elementary 5th graders transferring to Chief Kanim Middle school this fall. Should the Mt Si Senior Mom's Group have insufficient funds to reimburse the Fall City Parade committee, the FCCA would like to do so. The FCCA passed a motion to reimburse the Fall City Parade Committee up to \$1000 for parade-related expenses.

Fall City Farmers Market Start-up Funding The Market Committee, a volunteer group of the FCCA, was unable to get Farmers Market funding. There are two funding options: 1) The FCCA would provide a \$2500 sponsorship for the group; the remaining 2500 would be provided by local businesses who want to promote themselves in the market itself. 2) In the event the FCCA receives additional unincorporated King County funding (\$10,000), the FCCA would provide up to \$5000 to the Farmers Market group. The membership authorized \$2500 sponsorship for the expenses of the committee of the Farmers Market (MSP) and, if additional funds were received through the Economic Recovery, an additional \$2500 would be available, for a total of \$5000 for the Farmers Market.



Snoqualmie Valley Chamber of Commerce The SVCC has supported Fall City over the last year or so, and the Carnation Chamber “Welcome Bag” program includes 25 businesses in Fall City. The membership approved FCCA membership in both the Carnation Chamber (\$85/yr) and the Sno Valley Chamber (\$195 annual membership.) MSP

Fall City National Night Out National Night out has been happening for years, but this will be the first FC Community/Law Enforcement Event. Fall City’s approach: We want every resource possible to come out. For King County Sheriff that means Armored Vehicle, Search and Rescue, K9 teams, etc. We also want to focus on Emergency Preparedness. And an emphasis on local business businesses also. In addition, the Map the Neighborhood Program. Specialized instructors, e.g., how to keep our children safer, and a kids’ area as well.

The FCCA will provide up to \$4000 seed money for the Fall City 2021 National Night Out Event (MSP) and the committee has made available four levels of sponsorship to community businesses, organizations, and community members.

August Love Snoqualmie Valley Event Because the Valley is so spread out, it is challenging to collaborate for a community day of service. The vision of the Love Snoqualmie Valley event is to create a culture of collaboration by loving our community in practical ways. The first year it was a “serve” day. We wanted 250, we got 750 participants. Our second year, because of COVID we went with a drive-through “give and go.” This year’s event is a hybrid of “give and so” or “stay and serve.” Four schools (North Bend Elementary, Snoqualmie Elementary, Fall City Elementary and Tolt Middle School) set up to accept donations and, have service opportunities: card making for first responders, creating birthday cards for Echo Glen residents and placemats for seniors. Yard work was an option at the three elementary schools. Volunteers sign up for their support activity by visiting Lovesnoqualmievalley.com.

Climate Action Collaborative Update Committee members produce climate-related articles for the Neighbors newsletter and provide Fall City relevant climate-change information at the monthly FCCA meetings. On the national level, Congress passed (92-8) a growing climate-change solutions act. The Agriculture Department is attempting to set up carbon-sequestration credits for farmers. There is money in renewables. Almost everyone is climbing aboard the climate-action item.

Fall City Subarea Plan Update Reviewed our special district overlay that includes the Fall City business district. The business district has its own special overlay, which allows the county to deal with the septic issue in the business district without affecting the remainder of our rural town. With Councilmembers Lambert’s help, Senator Mullet and Representative Callen were able to secure \$6.5 million to cover the design and permitting, purchase of land, easements and construction. In the end there will be upkeep cost yet to be determined. We hope to break ground in Fall 2021 or early 2022.

Because the business owners do not have an entity in place to do it themselves, the FCCA could be the permitting applicant and manage the construction component on behalf of the Fall City



business district and will hand it off to the business owner's group when the project is complete. The selected engineering firm that will actually manage the project is local. The Fall City Water District may manage the billing and perhaps maintenance, but we do not have details on this at this time. Two issues for business owners to decide: whether hookup will be mandatory, and how billing will take place. The consensus is that all 62 property owners need to think about the long haul, well past the current owners of the properties. The RFP did not limit it but did highlight the importance of addressing the businesses who most need it first.

Several questions were raised regarding the FCCA's participation, ranging from what additional insurance coverage might be needed, whether expenses incurred by the FCCA in managing the project would be reimbursed, etc. Local Services Area Director John Taylor will be coming to the September FCCA meeting with answers to those and other questions prior to the membership vote on having the FCCA become the permitting applicant for the project.

To stay up to date with what is happening with the subarea plan visit these three websites:

Fall City Website: www.fallcity.org which has a special page for the subarea plan:
<https://www.fallcity.org/fall-city-subarea-plan.html>

Fall City Subarea Plan. <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-planning/king-county-comprehensive-plan/subarea.aspx>

SO-260: Fall City Business District SDO updated 8/20/2020: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/local-services/permits/property-research-maps/property-specific-development-conditions/SDO/SO-260.aspx>

Future meetings The Board met last month and decided to continue with virtual meetings for the foreseeable future. We hope to see people in person at least once per quarter at community events. We plan to live stream our monthly meetings on U tube as well as Facebook. Please help us share that information. Should you have concerns about not meeting in person, please let us know. Email ilovefallcity@gmail.com

Next FCCA Meeting: Tuesday, September 7, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom and Facebook Live.

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Next Meeting. Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. via Zoom and Facebook Live