



FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION June 2017 Meeting Minutes

President Ashley Glennon greeted the 40+ attendees, led the group in the Flag Salute and a moment of silence, reviewed the agenda, and called for self-introductions and brief announcements.

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Honorable Paul Graves, Washington State House of Representatives, 5th District.

Highlights of this year's session: The Highway 18-I90 interchange design start date moved from 2023 to 2017. Of the 2200 bills introduced 300 were made law or are still "alive" including adoption of a Small Business Bill of Rights, additional workplace protections for pregnant workers, making it easier for doctors to "prescribe" disability parking for qualifying patients and there will likely be agreement on education funding that will address the issues in the McCleary decision.

Kathy Lambert – King County Councilmember (3rd District) provided a number of updates and information about King County and our local area:

- Timely Response for Adverse Childhood Experiences (TRACE) Because early experiences have great impact, the pilot project for TRACE will start in September in Council District 3 with Evergreen Hospital as the partner organization. The goal is to have someone in contact 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. Trauma Pilot Project community meetings were held in North Bend and Kirkland.
- King County's budget rating is AAA (the highest rating). Justice and safety comprises 73% of the budget and public health and human services 5%. The new budget provides funding for 2 additional deputies in our area as well as maintains the Search and Rescue helicopters.
- King County Comprehensive Plan includes a focus on growth in urban areas (limiting growth, no expansions to the urban growth area, more public health funding and elimination of the arbitrary 1% cap on property taxes), a plan for future growth in the region, and protection of resources lands.
- The Hirst Decision essentially states that counties cannot approve new development using permit-exempt wells if it impairs in stream flows or impacts water bodies. Having to prove that a new construction will not impact river or creek flows in any way is incredible costly and counties throughout the state are struggling with how to react to this new burden. The legislature needs to find a fix to the Hirst Decision and KL is working actively with the legislature to make sure this is taken care of this year.
- The group was updated on two initiatives: SADS (Sad, Anxious, Depressed, Suicidal) and TRACE (Timely Response to Adverse Childhood Events).



- Roads: King County's 1500 miles of roads and 180 bridges are "drastically" underfunded, and we are burdened by not funding routine maintenance sufficiently which significantly increases the total amount needed for bridge and road safety and durability.
- Available: a free prescription discount program offered through the county: for more information see www.nacorx.org or call 877-321-2652.
- Upcoming issues include opioid injection sites, new access for arts (on the ballot in August) and waste to energy opportunities.

Alan Painter: Community Service Areas Manager

Grants were given to support the Fall City website, Fall City Historical Society and Mountains to Sound Greenway.

- Negotiations to acquire the Quarry property are underway. County purchase will reduce noise, make the site more accessible, and reduce traffic.
- The State has not yet reviewed the waste water treatment plan and the County continues to work on documentation to present to the State for consideration. A team will be here this summer to determine location, financing, etc. If you would like to be part of those discussions, contact Steve Tolzman (steve.tolzman@kingcounty.gov).
- Work is underway to enhance the Fall City baseball field, the Preston Mill Park sign has been installed, and there is new turf being laid down in the Preston fields. The Veterans and Human Services Levy is up for renewal: the proposal includes all senior adults and among other things, expands the exemption on property taxes for qualifying seniors.

Fall City Floating

This season in addition to removing trash from the river and many sites, they enclosed their dumpsters, added a privacy fence, plan to recycle aluminum this year and have purchased two more vans.

Other Brief Updates

- *Raging River Conservation Group* request for enhanced pedestrian crossing safety where the Preston-Snoqualmie trail crosses the Preston-Fall City Road was turned down by the County because the crossing did not meet the county's threshold for use.
- The *Fall City Community Stakeholder* group has begun meeting; they are charged with developing a plan for county land acquisition and exploring funding options.
- The *property north of the Roadhouse* has been gifted to the non-profit Friends of Fall City Parks.

Next Meeting: Friday, July 14, 11:30- 1:00 at the Fall City Fire Station

Mac and Cheese courtesy of the Fall City Roadhouse. Other goodies provided by Anne Loring. Donations go directly to the FCCA Scholarship Fund.