



FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION June 2021 Meeting Minutes

President Donaldson opened the meeting, reviewed the agenda, and lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of silence.

MINUTES The May 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved (MSP) *

FCCA 2021 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS Congratulations to Sarah Perry and Keith Heston. Each received a \$500 FCCA Scholarship for academic performance and service to their community.

SNOQUALMIE VALLEY MOBILITY COALITION – SALWA RAPHAEL Salwa is working toward improved transportation for the Valley and is advocating for Fall City to have a direct route to Redmond.

SNOQUALMIE FALLS FOREST THEATRE AND FAMILY CAMP -- CINDY PARKS

The Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theatre non-profit has 95 wooded acres with an open-air amphitheater producing summertime plays, campsites, fishing and swimming on a private 1/3-mile access on the Snoqualmie River. Membership includes a gate key. The Forest Theater has partnered with Black Dog Productions for BBQ dinner and play for first 3 weekends in August. They do need volunteers. The second Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m. each month – work party – clear trails, volunteers for BBQ dinner shows. They need 8-10 volunteers for each show. Email to volunteer@foresttheater.org.

CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATION PARADE UPDATE Clean-up Saturday. 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Parade: Friday, June 18. The 5th graders will join us, and teachers can come out. The littles will be out dressed as kittens.

EMPOWERING YOUTH – KARLA RUSSELL - August 9, 9:00 a.m. – Noon, *Annual Key Leaders Summit*. We need you! Leaders are anyone who shows up who work in the community *Pathways to Employment Success program*. With workshops, onsite work-site tours, industry talks, career mentor lunches, and *The PATHFINDER* – ready for students to use in the fall - an online portal to find apprenticeships, volunteer opportunities, etc. Students can find local jobs, career mentors. Contact me. Karla@empoweryouthnetwork.org

CLIMATE ACTION COLLABORATIVE- ANDREW RAPIN. The CAC is scheduling a meeting with the new members of Puget Sound Energy. We will hear what their plans are to deal with climate change. Shell Oil says it will cut emissions by 2050; EXXON Mobile has 2 new directors brought in to provide guidance toward sustainable/ alternative energy finding it to be an economic and environmental decision. *Food Waste* - See Deb Areth article on Food Waste in the June Neighbors Newsletter. *Contact local farmers* - We are currently seeking out local farmers, whose livelihoods are based on climate, to discover what challenges will they face and



what will they need. We have our assignments – Jubilee farm, FC Farms, Seeds to Soul, and Steel Wheel farms. I will leave you with a visual: Emissions (gases) move up into the atmosphere and only a portion (41%) of those emissions are pulled back out of the atmosphere into coastal and ocean sinks or land sinks (forests, etc.). The challenge-- find ways to reduce emissions and /or increase sinks.

SUMMER FLOATING SEASON PLAN—SIMON BRIANT. We will open mid-June, following the governor’s Phase 3 rules and requiring masks until further notice except on the river, where they are required to be OFF. We will go back to a full store (with separation panels). Last season there were up to 3000 people on the river on a single day. Our cap was 600. When our shuttles are full, those turned away park on 202, creating a dangerous situation. Two solutions: Increase the capacity of our shuttles for this season (we don’t have our caps for this year yet) and increase the number of enforcement officers we hire from two to six, to enforce parking, alcohol rules, etc., in the area of Highway 202 and the Fish Hatchery Road. Each day, Fall City Floating provides 15–20 man-hours picking up garbage. On the river, two river patrol officers (our 4th season) using jet-powered kayaks cruise up and down the river all day, focused on safety, keeping people moving. We have an on-the-river tube patch service for all river users. This year, we have 30 employees, ages 16 to 24, and 90% of them have already been vaccinated.

FALL CITY SUBAREA PLANNING COMMITTEE. The committee has done a visioning exercise for Fall City, which was then organized by priority. We have looked through the County codes considering such things as health/ wellness, climate change, etc. Stay tuned on the Fall City website for short videos with guest speakers on various topics.

BUSINESS DISTRICT ON-SITE SEPTIC PROJECT—PETE NELSON. We have an agreement in principle with Jacobs Engineering firm. Hugo Garcia will be supporting the public outreach. We are on a tight timeframe to get things in place to begin construction next summer. There is broad support for the project. The efforts of Councilmember Kathy Lambert and Senator Mark Mullet to pursue and secure the \$6.5 million will make this easier, more affordable, and a reality sooner.

SEN. MARK MULLET Our hope is that you will let us know ASAP from the County side if you run into any hiccougths with getting the money. This is part of the Federal infrastructure money that has to be spent on water and this qualifies. It seems like it is more than a septic system, but how we keep our local businesses going.

REP BILL RAMOS. Bills important to our forest and residential area are the Forest Health Bill (getting updated equipment and helping forests be healthier) and the Community and Urban Forest Bill (enable DNR forestry experts to work with cities and counties on forest management to keep them healthy). We three (Rep Ramos, Rep Callahan and Sen. Mullet) work as a team to get more done for our communities.

COUNCILMEMBER LAMBERT. *Facial-recognition bill passed:* A great deal of testimony, re: how different ethnicities are interpreted. We made sure that the Sheriff Department can



continue to work with child find/child abduction. *Fireworks*: The bill to ban fireworks in 2022 did pass. *Property assessment*: Show increases in the property value in the Valley, but the increase in assessed value doesn't necessarily mean your property taxes will go up. 17% of what comes in on property tax stays with the County; the rest goes to various municipalities. LocalScape tells where your own taxes go, and which taxes are voter approved (<https://localscape.property>). *Preston Mill Park*: The zoning has been changed and the design should be done in a couple of months. The kiln building was for trees over 24 feet. I would like to try to get it historically marked! If that building is important to you, let me know: kathy.lambert@kingcounty.gov.

LOCAL SERVICES AREA. Road levy information is being prepared in support of placing on the November ballot a 6-year road levy lid lift to get us through the next 10 years. This would generate about \$335 million increase over the next six years.

Next FCCA Meeting: Tuesday, July 6, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. via Zoom and Facebook Live. Meeting highlights, minutes, and presentations can be found at FallCith.org. Videos of the Zoom general membership meetings can be found at [Facebook.com/FallCityWA](https://www.facebook.com/FallCityWA).

** Note: Friendly changes were made in the sections on “permitting” and “fireworks ban” following the approval of the May 2021 minutes. Re: Permitting. “We put \$4 million dollars in to catch up on backlog... We are also putting permitting online as much as possible.” And for fireworks: “no enforcement funding was included, so it will be difficult to enforce.”*