



Before the business meeting began, President Rachel Shepard welcomed attendees and shared general information about Fall City Community Association (FCCA), a non-profit, citizen powered organization. Its mission is to build community, facilitate communication and increase coordination on local issues and events. To learn more about the FCCA, memberships, donating or to view a past meeting, go to www.fallcity.org.

President Shepard opened the business meeting at 7:05, reminded attendees that the next meeting is Tuesday, August 1st and reviewed the agenda:

- FCCA Housekeeping
 - Fall City Day request for help
 - Bylaw update
- King County Updates
 - Land Use/Moratorium - *Sarah Perry & John Taylor*
 - Subarea Plan - *Jesse Reynolds*
 - 2022 Floating Report - *Simon Briant*
- Committee Updates

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT/FCCA UPDATES

Motion to approve the May Minutes, seconded and approved. One person abstained as they had not attended the May meeting.

Rachel explained that the opportunity to update attendees about significant land use issues, the Subarea Plan, and receive the 2022 Fall City Floating report necessitated moving the budget presentation and details regarding the proposed bylaws changes to the August meeting. An overview of the bylaws update, including clarifying the mission, roles, simplifying membership, etc., was provided; members will receive an email with the proposed bylaws (as well as the current bylaws) before the August meeting.

Anji Donaldson asked for help distributing posters before Fall City Day and provided information about the schedule for the day. A full day and evening have been planned for the 50th Anniversary of Fall City Day. The committee has a goal of raising \$55,000 (80% of which will be donated back to the community).

KING COUNTY UPDATES

Land Use/Moratorium, Sarah Perry and John Taylor

Sarah has been the King County Councilperson representative for District 3 for 1.5 years. Sign up for her newsletter at: www.kingcounty.gov/Perry. District 3 is a microcosm of the state in terms of being both rural and urban – it includes 3 unincorporated towns: Vashon Island, Snoqualmie Pass and Fall City.

Sarah's report included, "On May 16, 2023, the King County Council voted to adopt a seven-month emergency moratorium on new subdivisions in the residential area of the rural township of Fall City. This means the Permitting Division of the Department of Local Services will not accept applications for

subdivisions – for five or more lots – between May 16 and December 16, 2023. Subdivision applications already submitted and vested prior to the moratorium going into effect will not be impacted.

A brief pause in subdivision development in Fall City will provide the community with the time necessary to fully engage in public process and dialogue around potential zoning changes currently being proposed in the Snoqualmie Valley/Northeast King County Subarea Plan as part of the 2024 Countywide Comprehensive Plan Update.

The King County Council is holding a public hearing on the moratorium on subdivisions in Fall City at its Council Meeting at 1:30pm on June 27th, 2023. Please plan to attend in person or online to speak for 1-2 minutes about the positive, negative or neutral impact of the moratorium on your community. Alternative, you can share your comments by email or phone –

- **In Person:** Attend the meeting in person in Council Chambers (516 3rd Ave, 10th Floor, Seattle, WA 98104).
- **By Email:** You may testify by submitting a COMMENT email by emailing clerk@kingcounty.gov. If your testimony is submitted before 10:00 AM on the day of the Council meeting, your email testimony will be distributed to the Councilmembers and appropriate staff prior to the meeting.
- **Remotely by Zoom:** You may provide oral public testimony at the meeting by connecting to the meeting via phone or computer using the ZOOM application at <https://zoom.us/> and entering the Webinar ID below. You are not required to sign-up in advance.
Webinar ID: 813 1719 0179
- **Remotely by Phone:** If you do not have access to the ZOOM application, you can connect to the meeting by calling 253-215-8782 and using the Webinar ID above. *Connecting in this manner, however, may impact your ability to be unmuted to speak.*

We also introduced a 15-month interim zoning control, which will temporarily change the zoning requirements for residential lots in Fall City by:

- Increasing setbacks from the street and other lot lines
- Establishing a minimum lot size of 10,000 sq. ft.

We intend to adopt the interim zoning control before the emergency moratorium expires in December 2023. **Provide public comment and share your thoughts at the Local Services and Land Use Committee on July 25th at 9:30am.**

The interim zoning control would be in effect until Council makes final decisions in the adoption of the 2024 Countywide Comprehensive Plan. The County Executive and Council will continue to solicit community input on the Subarea Comprehensive Plan through December 2024. **Plan to attend the Snoqualmie Valley/NE King County Subarea Plan Kickoff on June 12th from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Preston Community Center (zoom id: 834 7143 2033 Passcode: plan2023)."**

Questions and discussion followed the presentation including the following:

- Lot sizes of the most recent development are 5,000 sf (less than Issaquah city lots); Washington State requires 15,000 sf lots for typical septic systems, there are only 2 lots in Fall City that are less than 6,000sf (excepting the new development). There is no minimum lot size in the current code – the interim zoning addresses lot size and set-backs
- Proponents of the moratorium are not anti-growth, it's not "if" we grow, but "how" we grow
- King County Council's passing of the moratorium reflects the fact that the Fall City community is organized, working together, and show up! That gave the King County Council something to work with!

- Emails to King County Councilmembers matter – use your address, email councilmembers individually rather than as a group, personal stories are important

Councilmember Perry thanked the group and shared, “The greatest reason for sadness is the inability to accept what is. We will make change where we can. We start where we are, we use what we have and do what we can”.

King County Subarea Plan, Jesse Reynolds (jesreynolds@kingcounty.gov)

Look for their booth at Fall City Day! Jesse will be in the Fall City Library on June 30th from 2-3:30pm to share information and answer questions and concerns.

The Subarea Plan is to make real, equitable improvements to the quality of life for everyone who lives, works and plays in the area. Public comment is sought through July 15th at www.publicinput.com/SnoValleyNEKC. . A 10-page readers guide is available.

King County has engaged with Fall City residents through open meetings, focus groups, etc. and working with the Subarea Stewards over the last two years. Some of the recommended policies included in the public comment draft are:

- Maintain size of the Fall City business district
- Support efforts to provide, manage and maintain community facilities, gathering spaces and trails in Fall City
- Require new sidewalks within the Fall City Business District
- Prohibit road connections between the City of Snoqualmie and 356th Ave SE & Lake Alice Road
- Support communities adjacent to the Agricultural District (Fall City)
- Limit lot sizes to 10,000sf and have 20-foot street set-backs and 10-foot interior setbacks.

The King County Comprehensive Plan (www.kingcounty.gov/compplan) guides growth and development in unincorporated King County over the next 20 years, it:

- Governs a wide range of policy areas including land use, housing, parks and open space, economic development, transportation, and the environment
- Directly results in land use designations and zoning, and indirectly in investments in public services and facilities needed to serve county residents.

2022 Floating Report, Simon Briant, owner

Simon shared information about the 2022 season and some plans for the 2023 season. Fall City Floating has a concession agreement with King County Parks since 2015; they increase safety and sustainability on the Snoqualmie by:

- providing sturdy rental equipment (versus innertubes that pop and result in the rider walking up through people’s yards), including life jackets, paddles, safety briefing
- providing shuttle service from park to launch (avoids floaters bringing two cars, less parking near the launch)
- providing trash management service: patrol on and alongside the river every day as well as their various sites
- providing 10 individual toilets (important when 1,000 visit on a weekend)
- Paid \$64,000 for law enforcement in 2022: King County Sheriff, Fall City Fire Department, Fish & Wildlife, Washington State Patrol

Last year the season opened on June 22 and ended on Labor Day (per their Concession Agreement to allow for salmon spawning), and they had 20,000 floaters, the average number since 2019. Their busiest time is late July and early August.

Plans for 2023 (June 21 to September 4) include increased messaging on safe recreation and river sustainability, a LiveView security camera, a third motorized kayak as part of the team that offers basic first aid, water, helps those who might have a deflated tube, etc. The summer outlook includes potential for a smokey August and a hot summer with low water levels.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Night Out (NNO), Chief Culp

Fall City Fire Department, along with the King County Sheriff's Department, will host the National Night Out on August 1st. It will be a chance to tour the station, meet Fire Department and Sheriff personnel, and enjoy a hot dog!

Fall City Septic Association, Jeff Wilson, Project Manager, King County

Progress on the business district septic project continues: they are currently working through the permitting process and packaging plans, etc. for bids. If you have questions or concerns, contact Jeff Wilson.

Fall City Arts, Krimsey Lilleth, Chair, fallcityarts.org

Upcoming June events:

- a Beginner Embroider Workshop,
- Learn to Play the Ukulele Workshop,
- Painting "Roos" & Sipping Brews at the Black Dog Arts Café

Upcoming July events:

- Live Outdoor Cello Music from 10-11:30am, Saturday, July 22nd at Aroma Coffee Co.
- Shakespeare in the Park: Romeo & Juliet, 7:00pm, Saturday, July 22nd, Fall City Community Park

Fall City Sustainable Growth (FCSG), Mike Suelzle (savefallcity.org)

Their next hybrid meeting will be Wednesday, June 14th at 5:30 at the library; the agenda includes updates on the appeal processes in place.

Mike thanked the 11 dedicated people who have led, coordinated and done the work completed to date. He also thanked Sarah Perry and John Taylor for their work. 98% of the funds raised have been spent on legal costs. Please donate! During June, as an incentive to give, a matching gift will be available.

President Shepard adjourned the meeting at 8:40.