



FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES March 2021 Virtual Meeting

Minutes of the February 2021 FCCA Meeting Approved (MSP)

Fall City Day The annual event has been postponed until 2022.

Graduating Senior Parade 2021. Needed: Volunteers for the Senior Parade this year for town clean-up, decorating, coordination, communication, snacks, etc. Contact Angela Donaldson at Ilovefallcity@gmail.com

Office of Law Enforcement Oversight (OLEO)committee. FCCA President Angela Donaldson will be the voice for our community on the committee determining the characteristics of the new Director of OLEO for King County. She will send out a poll seeking input from community members.

Totem Garden New mulch estimate \$1000. Motion made for up to \$1000 for spring mulch and maintenance of the Totem Pole Garden. 100% in favor of the motion. (MP)

Fall City Library Open Wednesdays and Fridays for limited use in one-hour increments. Walk up/pick up still available.

Fall City Metropolitan Park District FCMPD in touch with Puget Sound Energy regarding reduced visibility at cross walk the PSE substation on 203. PSE will be cutting back the blackberries. FCMPD also talking with KC Parks regarding condition of parking lot along Neal Road and FC Park. FCMPD 2nd Monday each month Zoom meetings. Go to www.fallcityparks.org to get a zoom reservation.

FD 27 – Fall City Fire Department Public meetings 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. www.king27fire.com for more information.

Sno Valley Senior Center Plant Sale April 30 – May 1. 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Pre-order handing baskets until April 23. **Virtual Trivia** with Sylvia O’Stayformore on April 16, 7:00 p.m. If you are over 65 contact the senior center to get placed on a vaccine wait list. For more info: www.snovalleyseior.org or call 425-333-4152.

Road Safety Committee – Carrie Lee.

BRIDGE WORKING GROUP Looking at a 7 – 8 foot wide, aesthetically pleasing, steel cable bridge to handle equestrian, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic that provides trail connectivity while supporting conservation efforts and historical preservation. To date the group has contacted the tribe and Mountains to Sound, talked with the engineering/project management team responsible for the Winthrop Bridge, connected with Perteet (Snoqualmie) for design-support, and reached



out to Snoqualmie Valley Heritage Action Team. Next steps: We need to submit a request for a proposal for a project manager and organize a Board of Stakeholders – there are several groups in and out of Fall City who would be using it and interested in the impact it will have. We are looking at a duration 5-6 years (but not necessarily completed in that time) with a conservative estimated cost of \$2.2 million. We do have to stay within the budget cycle for the County and larger funding sources. Once constructed bridges must be maintained, so ownership of the bridge will need to be determined.

POLL Question to members: Are members in support of funding for the advertising of the request for a proposal? 14 of 15 who voted, approved funding up to \$500 to publish a request for a proposal, which will be placed in papers and online.

RADAR SPEED SIGNS – We are meeting with KC Roads to discuss a rotating sign option. 8 or 9 top locations for pole placement have been identified. We are applying for a CSA grant to fund at least 50% of the purchase price for a radar speed trailer. We will contact the local King County maintenance shop about storage and access to electricity for keeping it charged.

HERITAGE SIGN IN OLIVE TAYLOR QUIGLY PARK The sign boards removed in February are being stored with the Boy Scouts of America. Pictures of the sign have been provided to the Fall City Historical Society. The replacement sign working group would like to embrace the diverse history of the Snoqualmie Valley reaching further back -- pre-1850's. It will likely take 2-3 years to get the new sign completed and installed.

WSDOT 202 Corridor Study Update –742 people completed a 3-week online survey (see fallcity.org) identifying problems along the corridor from Fall City to Sammamish. WSDOT is doing technical analysis now. There may be opportunities to optimize parking, widen sidewalk, create a joint mix-use trail, etc. on the 68 feet of right-of-way. WSDOT will meet with the Road Committee, the Park District and the Heritage trail group, then develop preferred packages for near and mid-term improvements. Target date for the final report is the end of July. Rep Bill Ramos' office is requesting cost estimates for roundabouts including a CAD design about what a roundabout will look like for Tolt Hill Road, Ames Lake Road, and the Preston-FC road intersection in Fall City. Contact info: Thomas Noyes, Sr Transportation Planner WSDOT-Mngt of Mobility Division. Thomas.Noyes@wsdot.wa.gov

Lower Raging River Levee Breach Study –The 2018 study reviewed available information on existing levee systems; identified data gaps; and recommended conducting further investigation to better understand the risk of potential levee breaches. The current project will do a more detailed analysis on the Raging River from the (green) Bridge – 328th Way SE to the confluence with the Snoqualmie River. The study begins in late March 2021 with field work along the levees including observation and subsurface testing with a drill rig gathering information for hydraulic modeling, economic risk modeling, etc. moving on to data analysis through 2021 with



a report expected around mid-2022. For more information: Project Manager Raging River Levee Breach Study, Judi Radloff, King County Geologist – jradloff@kingcounty.gov or call 206-263-6844. Visit web page www.kingcounty.gov/LeveeBreachStudy for information on the upcoming study and a link to the 2019 study.

Raging River Dike Trail History Listen to Johann Sassynuik share the history of the trail in the Video of the Fall City Community Association March 2021 meeting on the Fall City Facebook page. Johann has donated Raging River Dike pictures and articles to the Fall City Historical Society.

Snoqualmie Valley Hospital District's new CEO, Renee K Jensen, a hospital CEO in Washington State for about 16-17 years, noted she is somewhat of a Valley girl growing up in Monroe. She expressed excitement about everything we can do in a small community and is glad there is a hospital foundation. The biggest need for SVH has been emergency room services. The physicians you will see now in the SVH emergency room are the same ones that you would see at Overlake. Community engagement and relations person, Doctor Anita Jane, pediatrician, from the Renton area, now living in Snoqualmie will fill that role and see pediatric patients. COVID 19 update – The hospital has given out approximately 4000 doses of the Moderna vaccine since December 24th. SVH staff is working with City of Snoqualmie and the Snoqualmie Fire Department to prepare for a mass vaccine event with a goal of 1000 vaccinations per day. You can be tested for COVID and/or flu between 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. daily. At this time, the positive rate for flu testing is down to 2.4 %.

Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition –The SVMC believing that affordable, accessible, and collaborative transportation is a necessity for life are dedicated to connecting Valley communities by improving transportation for all of the Snoqualmie Valley. The SVMC is seeking Fall City representation. Next General SVMC Meeting Friday April 9, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Zoom meeting. For more info: www.getaroundthevalley.org.

Rural Mental Health and Substance Use Services Survey King County is seeking input from individuals about the needs, challenges and opportunities community members face when accessing mental health and substance use services in rural, unincorporated areas of King County. If you are interested in participating in an upcoming survey, contact lisa.floyd@kingcounty.gov to provide your contact information. The survey will open in March.

As soon as it is available, we will send a link directly to the email address provided. Thank you in advance for contributing your feedback on this topic.

District 3 Councilmember, Kathy Lambert on COVID, Roads, Hazardous pay for grocery workers, Criteria for hiring a King County Sheriff, and Metro



COVID – King County is prepared for quickly and efficiently providing vaccinations with the addition of 17 mobile teams staffed by personnel from Eastside Fire and Rescue and other organizations and individual volunteers who have donated dollars, time and/or resources. With the rollout of Johnson and Johnson vaccine, the County should have enough vaccine available for all adults by the end of May.

COUNTY ROADS The State formula for road funding does not work for unincorporated King County. There is no way for 250,000 people (11% of the population of King County) to pay for the upkeep on 1500 miles of roads. The Growth Management Act has been fully implemented in King County. Because our property values have escalated so much our tax rate has dropped, consequently we are paying less than the cap with far fewer people than cities that have more people and income resources.

KING COUNTY SHERIFF A committee of 13 will decide on the qualities important to have in a sheriff. If too many committee members are influenced by Seattle conditions, qualities important to unincorporated King County may not be included and we may not get a sheriff that will help us achieve the goals we have in district 3. The report will be completed in November and the hiring process will begin.

BLAKE DECISION The Blake decision says having marijuana and heroin is no longer illegal and if you have been arrested for that you can be let out. The Blake decision does not take into account that for years we have not arrested on drug charges only, unless it was part of a far more serious crime and unless it has been easier to charge than for the more serious crime they have committed. In addition, this decision could result in taking away drug court and other good programs that have helped many with drug issues. We have the lowest incarceration rate of any other municipality in the United States. The courts have a backlog of 9500 pending cases. Call your legislator to fix the BLAKE decision by adding the word “knowingly”. You “knowingly had these drugs”.

METRO Metro is looking at how to bring back service to King County. Metro wants to know what you want.

King County Department of Local Services, John Taylor on Roads, 356th, Summer float season, Fall City Septic project.

ROADS. *FCCA road committee* Director Taylor thanked the committee for all the work they are doing and asked them to keep him in the loop on conversations they are having with the Roads Division. He also noted that the Roads Division was able to plow more roads in this last snowstorm than ever before even while adopting many special practices because of COVID. *356th Repair* March 3rd Councilmember Lambert and County Executive Dow Constantine scheduled to take part in the celebration of the completion of slide damage repair on 356th, a project funded and completed in record time in the middle of a pandemic with lots of great work by the Roads Division with support from the Council. *Fish Hatchery Road* Responding to a question about the Fish Hatchery Road bridge removal, Director Taylor said he would be setting up a meeting along with scheduling our annual debrief and plan for the summer float season. He



commended Simon Briant, Fall City Floating, for the work he does and says he expects King County will have more resources for litter control, police presence and signage this summer. *Downtown Septic/Wastewater Project* We have an RFP going out this week for project to start in earnest in late spring or early summer aiming for construction to begin in summer 2022.

The Snoqualmie Valley/NE King County Subarea (including the Fall City Subarea) Planning begins July 2021. FCCA President Angela Donaldson says the requests for short plats on 44th, 332nd and 324th suggest it is a good time to talk about how the Subarea plan protects us from improper planning. Go to fallcity.org for an overview of Community Service Area Land Use Subarea Plans and a link to the King County website for more detailed information. In addition, find a link to the Community Needs Survey. Community input is needed to build a community needs list identifying program services and capital improvement programs, and to develop the subarea plan. Councilmember Lambert says there will be a follow-up meeting for land use and planning so everyone can understand what goes behind those decisions to protect us and to let us know how we can be involved.

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Councilmember Lambert expressed concerned that the PSRC is attempting to prevent schools from being built in unincorporated King County and limiting/removing recreational opportunities for UKC students. The site of schools should be decided by elected members of the school district, not the PSRC. To express your concerns contact the PSRC at 206-464-7352.

Preston Mill Park By the end of Sept. we will have the Preston Mill Park ready to have more buildings, e.g., a nice bathroom; restoration of a building to have an overhang; a gazebo with electrical outlets (for music); the addition of stairs down into the park.

Next FCCA meeting: April 6, 2021, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. via Zoom and Facebook Live

Meeting highlights, minutes, and presentations can be found at FallCity.org. Videos of the Zoom general membership meetings can be found at [Facebook.com/FallCityWA](https://www.facebook.com/FallCityWA).

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