



**FALL CITY
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**
March 7, 2023 Virtual Meeting Approved Minutes

Before the business meeting began, President Rachel Shepard welcomed attendees and shared general information about Fall City Community Association (FCCA). The FCCA is a nonprofit, membership-based organization focused on community building, communication, and coordination. Learn more about memberships, donating, or to view her presentation or learn more about the FCCA at www.fallcity.org.

President Shepard opened the business meeting at 7:05pm and reviewed the agenda. Motion to approve the February 2023 Minutes: seconded, and approved.

February Highlights:

- Thank you and welcome to our new “Fall City Neighbors” newsletter Editor, Jim “Hutch” Hutchins. Also thank you to Nancy Moore for her many years’ service as Editor.
- Thank you to those who attended the Hearing Examiner’s 6-hour session for Cedar 23; 6 more hearings to go!
- The FCCA provided a Letter of Support for the Fall City Park District grant application for Phase II of the West Side Trails project.

March Opportunities:

If you are interested in any of the opportunities listed below, email lovefallcity@gmail.com:

- March is Grant season; we are looking for someone with grant writing skill sets and/or experience.
- Fall City Farmers Market is looking for a coordinator.
- Participate on the Scholarship Committee supporting local students.

FCCA Business:

- Motion to approve a “not to exceed \$6,000” budget for the FCCA Totem Pole Removal and Relocation: seconded, and approved. (A budget of \$5,000 was previously approved.)
- Motion for FCCA to write a letter of support for Fall City Septic project to apply for a Federal Grant to secure funding for any overages: seconded, and approved. (See Fall City Septic Association report below.)

Friends + Partners Updates:

Fall City Sustainable Growth, Mike Suelzle, www.savefallcity.org

David Bricklin, nationally recognized land use attorney, has been retained to represent FCSG and is currently appealing the Hearing Examiner’s decision on Fall City II.

FCSG is a non-profit seeking donations for legal expenses and any necessary expert consultations. The current goal sustains expenses through the Fall City II appeal and the Cedar 23 hearing. Options for giving are on the group's website. SAVEFALLCITY.ORG yard signs (12X24) will be available at the Farmhouse Market this Friday (3/10/23) from 10:00am-12:00pm. Stickers are available at Aroma Coffee. Proceeds will help fund FCSG.

The primary focus of FCSG includes:

- LOSS (Large Onsite Septic Systems) Permitting and Drinking Water Safety
- Land Use and Rural Character (varying elevations, styles, fences, setbacks, lot sizes, etc.)
- Slow the Progress (FCSG is not against growth)

The Mount Si Hearing is scheduled for 9:00am on Wednesday, March 29th; written comments are due by 4:00pm on March 24. This proposed 16 home development with ingress and egress via Highway 202 is situated between the back of Arrington Court (Corner of 324th and Highway 202) and Chief Kanim Middle School. For more information see the FCSG website.

SR 202 Corridor Study – Final Report Update, Thomas Noyes, Sr. transportation planner, WSDOT (Thomas.Noyes@wsdot.wa.gov)

The 2022 report focused on Highway 202 through Fall City and west to 244th SE in Sammamish. Understanding Fall City summer tourism, park use, pedestrian crossings and user safety were analyzed in the study. The study looked at needs and deficiencies and did not consider a specific time horizon or the cumulative effect of current proposed developments.

Recommendations include a roundabout at the intersection of SR 202 and Preston-Fall City Road, more pedestrian crossings, a separated pedestrian/bicycle path along the river leading to the proposed West Side Trail, back-in parking, a median between lanes, etc. at an estimated cost of \$10.3 Million.

Next steps include incorporating the recommendations into local plans, King County Comprehensive Plans, etc. and pursuing potential project funding through the Puget Sound Regional Council, federal grant programs and the WSDOT Pedestrian-Bike Program/Safe Route to School program.

Committee Updates:

Fall City Septic Association, Jeff Wilson FC Capital Project Manager (jefwilson@kingcounty.gov)

Final design mark-ups, including updated cost estimates, will be received soon. The Permitting Department is requiring "high quality effluent" which is similar to operating a small sewage treatment facility. Thus, gap funding will be secured.

Operating costs will be finalized by the FCSA Board and are a function of operation and maintenance contracts, administrative fees, and a capital reserve fund.

Fall City Roads, Carrie Lee

A \$250,000 River Corridor grant for a feasibility study to amend the current bridge to allow for greater pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian connectivity and provide funds for a Tribal Liaison and six heritage signs, will be applied for by March 15th. The committee is working on plans to provide artwork for the currently empty historical sign framework in Quigley Park.

National Night Out, Carrie Lee

The event is planned for Saturday, July 29th from 4-8pm! They are seeking grants, rather than local sponsorship, this year. Their website will be launched this Friday and you can sign up to volunteer (72

volunteers needed); small businesses, first responders and other local resources for keeping our community safe can request space on the website. Their next hybrid meeting is March 22 from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

Fall City Day, Anji Donaldson

Everything is moving along well, and the committee is seeking volunteers for the parade, party-in-the-park, and the Fun Run. There is also an opening for the Grand Marshal chair for next year's parade. 80% of the proceeds after expenses are donated to local youth organizations and charities and there are opportunities for groups to put on the pancake breakfast, etc. The next meeting is March 16 at 6:00 at Hauglie Insurance Office Conference Room.

Fall City Library, Irene Wickstrom

This year's plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 20th from 9am-2pm. In February, 4,177 items were checked out to 979 patrons and 2,134 people walked through the library doors.

Fall City Fire Department, Brian Culp, Chief

In the next few weeks, firefighters from 16 stations in Fall City, Snoqualmie, Duval, and Eastside Fire will be training on "acquired structures" off of 324th and along 202. The structures are proposed to be demolished after the training is complete.

Welcome Bags, Anji Donaldson

We work the Carnation Chamber to provide welcome bags to new homeowners in our zip code. If you would like your business or community event to be promoted, reach out to Anji at Hauglie Insurance.

Snoqualmie Valley Hospital – Sherry Jennings

The hospital just signed a contract to become a demo and test site for Spacelabs Healthcare; their scaled-down equipment will help make health care more accessible in many other small rural districts. Next month the Hospital's CEO, Renee Jensen, will share information about the hospital's proposed levy lid lift that will be on the April 2023 ballot.

Empower Youth Network, (empoweryouthnetwork.org)

Upcoming events include two hikes and their April 22nd gala at Snoqualmie Casino.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion to Adjourn at 8:25: moved, seconded, and approved.

Next FCCA Meeting: April 4th, 7:00pm at Fall City Fire Station or via Zoom, Facebook Live and Phone.

Other Ways to Connect:

King County Dept of Local Services: asklocalservices@kingcounty.gov www.kingcounty.gov

Fall City Community Association: ilovefallcity@gmail.com www.fallcity.org

Watch this meeting at www.fallcity.org.