



## FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION May 2018 Meeting Minutes

President Ashley Glennon welcomed attendees, called the meeting to order, reviewed the agenda, led the Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence, and offered thanks for those who have served our country. He also thanked Snoqualmie Valley Alliance Church for offering its space for the meeting.

### **Overview of Growth and River Clean-up History**

Ashley provided general and historic information about Fall City, including the fact that Fall City is not a city with a budget and staff, but part of unincorporated King County. The FCCA works with other local groups and organizations and government entities. He then noted that the FCCA has had a sharp focus on the river for the last ten years and went on to describe the change in river use and the steps taken by the FCCA and others to mitigate the impact on the river, downtown and the surrounding community.

Simon Briant, owner of Fall City Floating, then reviewed its story and process, its commitment to river stewardship, the advent of the overflow parking lot and planned improvements for 2018.

For a more complete coverage of River Use History and Fall City Floating history and plans for 2018 go to [Fall City.org](http://FallCity.org) and click on the May 1 FCCA Meeting presentation.

**Questions, Comments/Suggestions Following** their presentations, the floor was opened for questions, comments and ideas from those attending. Attendees were engaged and passionate and many participated in the discussion following the presentations. Most of those participating were residents who have lived here from 3 to 30 or more years. Participants' remarks are grouped by topic below (some comments appear under more than one topic):

*Are Floaters Damaging Salmon and Other River Habitat?* Suggestion--request a study by the Department of Fisheries (they have the right to shut down the river to floating as they do to fishermen/women.)

*Controlling the Crowds/Number of People Who Float* Comments/Questions included limiting the amount of parking at FCF; additional parking does not bring additional floaters, but keeps other roads clear, allows emergency vehicles to have access to the river, etc.; require passes (something like "Discover Passes"); don't wait to figure out how to limit the numbers of floaters – the river will be "loved to death"; and, is it better to have vans leave FCF when full or in waves?

*Parking:* Comments/Questions included limit the amount of parking at FCF; additional parking does not bring additional floaters, but keeps other roads clear, and allows



emergency vehicles to have access to the river, etc.; parking has improved and is no longer an issue; do not expand downtown parking; add signage to David Powell Road; and, need parking enforcement, ticketing and towing

*Neighborhood Issues (besides parking)* Comments/Questions included chaos in neighborhoods results from drunkenness – we need more patrols; people drink on the river and then drive – our neighborhoods and the roads are not safe; Is alcohol prohibited or legal on the river?; when does FCF shut down in the evening (the formula is “subtract float time plus 1 hour from sunset and round down)? Please enforce this; and, could we hire a tow company to tow illegally parked cars?

*Law Enforcement* Comments/Questions included: Income from tickets/fines should fund more enforcement along the river and in neighborhoods; Need more enforcement of traffic, drinking, parking, littering, etc. violations with regular assigned shifts

*King County Comments* included 2 Sheriff’s officers cover Fall City, Carnation, Duval and Redmond Ridge; Marine Rescue has 4 staff who cover all King County rivers, Vashon and Maury Islands; Game Warden has 3 staff for the entire county; Attend the Town Hall meeting on June 4 regarding local services – what level of service do you want and how will you measure it?; and, The Permit FCF has is valid for one year. They must request a renewal 75 days before the current permit expires. King County reviews operations, comments and allows another public comment period. Most temporary permits get renewed, but not all.

*Other Comments/Questions from Attendees* It’s not Simon’s fault when people do bad things; I no longer float the river – it is too crowded; Having FCF has resulted in more orderliness; How do we encourage people to be more responsible?; How do I see the presentation materials again (posted on our website: [www.fallcity.org](http://www.fallcity.org))

**Next Meeting** No FCCA meetings are scheduled for June and July 2018. The next FCCA meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2018 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Fall City Fire Station.