



FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION May 2021 Meeting Minutes

FCCA president Angela Donaldson opened the zoom meeting, reviewed the agenda, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, and introduced herself and the Board Members.

MINUTES April 2021 meeting minutes approved. (MSP)

DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT First movie night so successful a second is scheduled for Sat, May 29.

CLASS OF 2021 SENIOR CAR PARADE UPDATE – Parade begins Friday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m. Pre-parade activities begin at 8:00 a.m. at King County Fall City Park. For more information on event dates and activities, go to FallCityWA Facebook. Click on the Let's celebrate our Grads! Link.

Climate Action Collaborative – Chair Susan Miller At May's FCCA meeting, WA Sen. Reuven Carlyle, presented historic climate change bills that put WA State #1 in the nation toward meeting the Paris Climate Accord.

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BUILDING CODE UPDATES DRAFT, NICOLE SANDERS, GREEN BUILDING PLANNER KING COUNTY PERMITTING DIVISION. Updates are needed to comply with State law and its goals around climate change. While natural gas produces one-half the emissions of coal, efficiency is increased by moving to electricity. In addition, natural gas and propane in the home increase a child’s risk of asthma by 42% and lifetime asthma by 24% and escaped gas emissions release methane, which is 34 – 86 times more powerful than CO₂ as a greenhouse gas. The clean energy Transformation Act (CETA) will make WA state energy grids carbon-free by 2030, increase energy efficiency and increase sources of green energy sources.

The new code proposals apply (with the exception of one) to new (and some major remodel) multi-family homes four stories or higher and commercial buildings focusing on moving away from natural gas toward electricity and solar and installing heat pump hot water heaters for multi-unit structures. New single-family homes must include a solar-ready area on the roof unless shaded more than 70 % of the day. A two-page summary of the proposed code changes is available online. Search Proposed King County Building Code Revisions and click on Building Code Amendments – Energy Focus.

KC DEPT LOCAL SERVICES JACQUELINE REED, COMMUNITY PLANNER for all of NE King County. 502 comments came in on the community needs survey, some with multiple parts. We will be coming back into the community with this list (including which agencies are related to which comments) around the end of this year for some clarification, additional input and prioritization before we go into budget process by the end of this year. Thank you FCCA for all the work you are doing providing input to the plan.) Re: SUBAREA plan: We are looking at community profile, developing an existing condition report, and getting our internal structure in place to carry out the process with an emphasis on equity and social justice.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT, BEN LARSON, REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM. 600,000 people can be expected to come to King County in the next 20 years, but not to the rural areas. The Growth Management Planning Council wants to make sure we preserve the rural area and the businesses in Fall City. Send comments to GMPC@kingcounty.gov. Next GMPC meeting: Wednesday, June 23.

FALL CITY SEPTIC PROJECT, PETE NELSON. Good news: Last meeting we found out the Request for Proposal went out and closed. Not a done deal yet, but negotiations over a design



contract are going on with Jacobs Engineering (Office in Bellevue). I had a great meeting (at Aroma Coffee), with Brian Schuck, project manager and he put all my fears at bay. Brian has studied the downtown area and how the needs for a system than can handle restaurants and second floor apartments can be met with an affordable septic system. We still need to find the end property and the interim steps. Fall City business owners are on board with this. The County freed up the money for the design. John Taylor, Department of Local Services (DLS), noted that pivoting from the very expensive system to the more modest one, it is likely we can put in this system in at low cost to the property owners by next summer or fall.

5TH DISTRICT STATE SENATOR, MARK MULLET. Representative Lisa Callan and I are both on the capital budget committee. The \$6.5 million earmarked for the Fall City Septic System construction is Federal money. Early guidelines suggest we are in a safe spot as a revitalization project, not just an infrastructure project. We are waiting for the final guidelines. Another \$10 million is coming through Flood Plain By Designs to Fall City area.

5TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE LISA CALLAN. I am very excited at how the capital budget worked for Fall City. The session in general focused on economic recovery, racial justice and equity, climate change, etc. My areas: children, behavioral health, etc. got federal funding. School Districts: The recovery aspect following the pandemic, e.g., credit recovery for juniors/seniors, etc. Because we have fewer low-income issues than other districts, we did not get as many dollars as some others. Let me know about behavioral health issues in your community.

5TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE BILL RAMOS (Three committees -- Transportation, Natural resources and Rural development, and Public safety) The thing that is great about the 5th district is that the three of us work together.

Transportation: There is both a transportation budget (the normal budget of WA St DoT) and a transportation package that is above the normal stream of funding. We were not able to get the package done. It is easy to see the need and want, but hard to finance. I did secure \$60 million in additional funding for the Hwy 18 I-90 project now secure included in the regular budget. This fall they will seek a contract, by next summer we should start the rebuilding of that interchange, then the widening on the road down to the bridge. Other projects not funded at this time in the regular budget, are still in the package.

Natural resources/Rural development: Carbon Sinks. I work with Dept of Natural Resources and lead the charge in the carbon sequestration. Urban and Community Forest bill – DNR lends its expertise to cities and unincorporated areas to help them manage their forests to be healthy. Also



in the future of firefighting and forest health \$125 million per year go to upgrade our firefighting capability and get forests more fire resistant on both West and East side of the mountains.

Public Safety: Deals with the social and justice issues/police reform, etc. getting bills passed. We have a lot of different law enforcement agencies. We are trying to get them working together across the state to have more consistent policies, etc. We have a central training facility for the State for all new police officers.

36TH DISTRICT SENATOR REUVEN CARLYLE, CHAIR OF THE SENATE ENERGY, CLIMATE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, spoke about three historic climate change bills that put WA State #1 in the nation toward meeting the Paris Climate Accord.

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KC COUNCIL UPDATE, KATHY LAMBERT Permitting John Taylor (DLS) and I have talked about how to catch up on permitting. We want to put \$4 million dollars in to catch up on backlog. We are also looking at how to handle permitting online as much as possible.

Fireworks ban for unincorporated area to begin in 2022. Safe and Sane fireworks whose sales support local charities will no longer be available, and no enforcement plan was included, so it will be difficult to enforce.

COVID Eastside Fire and Rescue and Snoqualmie Hospital have done phenomenal work. Eligibility for the vaccine has moved from most likely to die, to any eligible person (16 +). More vaccinations mean fewer mutations.

Roads NO roads package came out. Every other county has at least 28 % and most counties 40+ % populations paying for roads in unincorporated areas. King County where only the unincorporated area residents pay for the roads has only 11% of people paying into account the lowest of any county in the state. It is important that the State recognize that and give us a tool to handle this.

Budget Senator Mark Mullet and Representative Lisa Callan, State Capital Budget Committee, requested paperwork from Councilmember Lambert resulting in Fall City getting the largest single distribution of State Dollars that came to King County.

DEPT OF LOCAL SERVICES, JOHN TAYLOR We are setting up the pre-float season meeting. There are funds in the current COVID package to pay for persons needing employment to have them come out and help with trash control on the river.

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Next Meeting. Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. viz Zoom and Facebook Live

Meeting Minutes, Highlights and Presentations can also be found at www.FallCity.org Meeting Highlights are available in the Neighbors Newsletter available on line at www.FallCity.org and in print at the Fall City Post Office, Haugies Insurance Building, Aroma Coffee, Raging River Café, The Roadhouse Inn, and other locations.