



FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Minutes of the November 2019 Meeting

President Ashley Glennon welcomed attendees, called the meeting to order, reviewed the agenda, led the Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence, thanked first responders and all those who have served our country and introduced the FCCA officers along with Scott Thomas from King County Parks; Ashley invited the more than 35 people in attendance to introduce themselves.

Minutes: The October 2019 minutes were approved.

Love Snoqualmie Valley. So much accomplished by so many: book cleaning at the library, post-office fence decorating, cookie delivery, river park cleanup, graffiti removal, Art Park cleanup, alley cleanup by CKMS/ Valley Christian Assembly, and more.

UAC News. Want to keep up with what is happening? Subscribe to King County's "Unincorporated Area Community News" at www.kingcounty.gov/depts/local-services/unincorporated-area-news.aspx.

Drone Proposal for the Piano Ranch. Scott Thomas, King County Parks, and Mark Kenworthy, founder of FPV Racing Seattle presented their proposal for drone racing at Piano Ranch. Scott reminded the group of King County Parks' mission and vision: "Steward, enhance, and acquire parks to inspire healthy community. Parks, trails, and natural lands for all, sustained with the cooperative efforts of our community." He also shared that working with a partner such as FPV Racing allows more entrepreneurial projects as well as much quicker timelines. The County purchased the 8-acre "Piano Ranch" for river-flow reduction purposes and to provide space for dog walking, horse riding, and other activities not requiring permits. It is a costly property for the County to maintain, and the barn on the property has attracted campers and other illegal uses; the County often receives calls about old RVs and other vehicles being parked on the property. Mark shared that drone racing is a new, very popular, and quickly growing sport. Racing drones is considered a STEM sport, and the group works with pilots of all ages and all walks of life. Drones used in racing include a camera that gives the pilot a first-person view, as if they were in the drone (hence, "FPV"). The group plans to hold one race per month; up to six drones are involved in each 2-minute race, and races are run every 7 minutes. FPV Racing began four years ago and is insured through and follows the rules and regulations of the Academy of Model Aeronautics Club (AMAC). The County and FPV Racing are considering a "one-year trial period" contract that would specify adherence to AMAC rules, maintenance of setbacks, and yard mowing. The group will maintain 75-foot setbacks, clean and open up the barn (making it unattractive to people who want privacy), mow and maintain the property, and ensure that current legal uses (walking, horseback riding) are maintained. The primary time for members to practice will be evenings and weekends—the drones cannot fly after dark or when it is raining. Learn more at www.king5.com/video/entertainment/television/programs/evening/droneracing-



takes-off-in-popularity/281-2635195. Questions from those attending the meeting were answered. The group will contact nearby property owners (drones only will fly above the Piano Ranch property and are quiet). Ashley requested that the group provide an update at the July or August FCCA meeting.

Community Survey Introduction Due to time constraints, this agenda item was moved to the December meeting.

New President and Recording Secretary Search Ashley encouraged the group to identify others or volunteer themselves for the two open positions. A search committee of 3 persons was proposed (by-laws will be reviewed before the December meeting).

How might we improve Town Hall meetings in the future? Ashley encouraged the group to think about (and discuss in December) whether the FCCA should continue to offer Town Hall meetings (one held before the Fire Department Merger/Remain Independent vote; and one held before the November 6 local elections – both at Chief Kanim). Should notice about such meetings be changed? Should different times or locations be considered?

King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert

Comprehensive Plan The Comprehensive Plan for Fall City will be completed in 2022 and it should be in the format we find most useful. Skyway's comp plan is currently being completed and Councilmember Lambert suggested that Fall City residents review the Skyway report and offer feedback about the outline of the report.

County Landlord Policies. Councilmember Lambert urged landlords to follow the county policies and be aware of the new rules being proposed, some of which she views as onerous, noting that landlords can give input.

Adult/Teen Suicide. Kathy is working to ensure that doctors who know of youth suicide attempts report the information to public health/schools to ensure that all support possible is provided. She encouraged all residents to become familiar with warning signs and steps they can take.

Next Meeting: December 3, 2019