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FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION November 2021 Meeting Minutes

President Angela Donaldson opened the meeting, reviewed the agenda, introduced seven new members, and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Donations: One each from the Blackbaud Grant for \$450 and the Network for Good for \$60. We also receive donations through Amazon Smile. Go to <https://Smile.Amazon.com> then select your non-profit organization, e.g., Fall City Community Association, and the FCCA will receive a small percentage of your purchase(s).

Minutes Review and Approval of October Meeting minutes -- MSP as written

Banner Pole Usage Policy – Draft (Request a copy from Anji)

Mural Submissions We have requested two \$5000 grants (deadline January 3, 2022) from Taylor Development for two outdoor murals that portray Fall City’s rural and historic character in an artistic, welcoming manner. Two potential locations – Gas Station on Fall City - Preston Rd for a Hometown welcoming concept and a more historical bent for the Bronneman building.

Nominating Committee for 2022: Each of our current officers are willing to be nominated and are open to job sharing, etc. The committee reviewed the membership list for 2022 and beyond and will be reaching out to people.

Fall City Holiday Activities – Saturday, December 4

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. *Holiday Market* – Chief Kanim Middle School

3 – 6 p.m. *Give Gray’s Way* Fundraiser Ornaments to decorate the Totem Garden trees will be for sale at different denominations. In addition, a raffle with wonderful prizes. Aroma coffee will have cocoa, coffee and treats; the Relay for Life team is providing Mac n Cheese, Chili and Hotdogs; Five Hooks Seafood is bringing their food truck; Banner Balloon Co is bringing a 25 ft inflatable Blow up Santa for a great photo background; and the Fall City Arts Chorus will be there. Location: Totem Pole Garden, Fall City Art Park and Aroma Coffee. Give Grays Way will distribute 50% of the proceeds for research for a rare pediatric brain cancer (DIPG) and 50% to a local family with a CKMS student battling DIPG.

4 p.m. *FCES Holiday Concert* at Fall City Elementary Play Shed; and 5 p.m. Tree Lighting – Fall City Art Park (Fall City Fire Dept and (likely) Bubbles will be there as well.

Sno Valley Kiwanis Giving Tree This collaborative community effort of some 16 organizations and 45 local businesses has been a great activity for close to 20 years. Eligible families sign up beginning November 4 at the Sno Valley Food Bank. Gift Drop-Off Locations in Fall City (open



between November 21 and December 12) include the Kevin Hauglie Agency (Farmers Insurance), the Library, Aroma Coffee, RiverVue Dental and Studio 202. Families can sign up for shopping time at the Christmas Store at the Snoqualmie Casino between December 14 and 16.

Fall City Fire Dept Chief Brian Culp The union's *Operation Santa* begins with a Giving Tree at Farmhouse Market. The back-up engine decorated with lights will deliver the gifts in December. *Valley Flooding* Carnation and Duvall do a lot of prep for flooding. Should the dam break, we would be affected as well. *FIREWISE – A program to protect communities from wildfires.* Chief Culp and Susan Miller, Climate Committee Chair, are researching FIREWISE and will talk with Lake Alice people about their FIREWISE program to see if we can expand it to the larger community. Clean-up days with a chipper or thinning crews are another possibility. *COVID (Discovery Health) and flu shot (Snoqualmie Valley Hospital) clinic* at the fire station with a second clinic to include the 5 to 11 year-old age group. *Community Fire Department Survey* We are inviting community members to let us know what they see as our strengths and weaknesses. To date 17 – 18 community members have filled it out.

Fall City Metro Park District – Now takes responsibility for the lights on the cherry trees for holiday and the pruning of the trees. *Westside trail* -- FCMPD has submitted for a \$500K grant for the completion of the trail. The group wanting to do the septic system for the downtown core wants to use the *Bernard Park area* – we will make sure we can still use it as a park. The 202 open space, *Homestead Field*, is open to the public. Cherry trees: 14 trees left to prune, then the lights will be put up. Park District minutes are available at the website.

Fall City Business Support Grants:

Fall City LOSS (Local Onsite Septic System) Project Manager Introduction –Fall City resident Jeff Wilson will manage the system. He is working on the design and getting permits submitted, juggling all the interagency connections and processes required to fund it, get approval, and get contracts signed, etc. Contact info: jefwillson@kingcounty.gov.

Hiring Help Grant – Eastside Job Fair November 4 at the Snoqualmie Casino. Angela will be there. Email her if you have openings. The two-hour hiring workshop happens November 10.

Tax Assistance – Schedule your FREE 30-minute Pandemic Recovery Tax Consultation NOW. Larry Brown will be giving the two-hour Executive Tax seminar on November 24. (The grant pays for it.)

Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition – Coordinated Awareness Project. We have prepared flyers, website content, etc. Fall City has been an awesome partner. You can find the SVT Transportation Options on fallcity.org under Visit Fall City link. Fall City is the hub of the Valley. We are advocating for greater East/West connection.



Fall City Climate Committee Climate Committee Chair Susan Miller and Chief Culp are partnering on Firewise which includes plant/tree selection and placement around homes. Susan's goal is to find aesthetic options that meet the requirements. Sue Holbink has helped us get a Climate Committee presence on fallcity.org under the About Fall City tab where you can find recommended readings and helpful websites.

Fall City Library Job hunting? Daily from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. you can go online to ask for help on how to write a resume, handle an interview, etc. The annual plant sale raised \$1000.

No King County or State Legislators here tonight because of Elections.

Sno Valley Hospital District Update –The hospital is in great shape. There is now an urgent care clinic on Snoqualmie Ridge. The hospital staff, including the CEO, will be at the vaccination clinic at the Fall City Fire Station.

Sno Valley Senior Center - Veteran's Day Breakfast – Kevin will be flipping pancakes. It is a great fundraiser for Rotary Club and Senior Center. \$5 for family, \$3 for Children, Veteran's eat for free! Nov 16 – A preparedness for natural hazards event.

Empower Youth Network – November is Kindness Month in the Snoqualmie Valley. You will see banners in every town – BE KIND. Stand in front of banner and get your picture taken. All schools will have proclamations. It started as part of the anti-bullying program which grew into a community event. November 13 is world kindness day. Dec. 4 Job Fair at Snoqualmie Casino in ballroom for youth. A great partnership with Casino and Tribe. Our Heart of the Valley GALA is December 7 this year. We are looking for mentors – Fall City's CKMS needs mentors. We are truly a partner of yours.

CarePoint Clinic and Sno Valley Local Advocacy Team A free clinic in Snoqualmie Valley – We have a space on the campus of Snoqualmie Valley Alliance Church where we provide free primary health care to those who need it. The Saturday Clinic will reopen on Saturday, December 11. The clinic is volunteer run – medical and other staff. We will have a hygienist with the Dental Van on December 3.

Snoqualmie Valley Local Advocacy Team The need for human services in the valley is great and impacts community members from the young (Encompass has a long wait list) to the elderly (Sno Valley and Mt Si Senior Centers) and those in between (Snoqualmie Valley Shelter).

Subarea Planning Stewards – Save the Date for Dec 7th Community Meeting. The Subarea Planning Stewards will share what we've learned about planning, land use, zoning, permitting and roads; then will open it up for community discussion. (This is an FCCA meeting but not the usual format.)

Next FCCA Meeting: December 7, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. via Zoom, Facebook Live, and phone.