



**President Donaldson** opened the meeting, introduced the board members, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence, and thanked veterans and first responders.

**Membership** Two new members. Brian Mankinen and Deb Peat

**Minutes** September 2022 Meeting minutes approved as written. MSP

**FCCA Board Nominating Committee** - Three Board Members will not be seeking re-election. Nominations are sought for all five positions. Asking for 3 members to volunteer to serve on the Nominating Committee.

**RALPH BENOLIEL** Ralph Benoliel, a community member, and local business owner active in the FCCA/BPA for many years, passed away in July. He was instrumental in getting the original Fall City cherry trees in 1972. Twenty years later, the more disease-resistant replacement trees and 4000 daffodil bulbs funded by the FCCA “adopt a tree campaign” were purchased at wholesale cost from Ralph’s Raging River Nursery. Ralph helped maintain those trees for many years. Plans are under way to have a daffodil planting along the river bank this winter and a memorial in the spring.

**FALL CITY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS** *CKMS*: Principal Michelle Trifunovic begins the year with major turnover of office staff and minimal teacher turnover, all of us trying to find our new normal—a balance of in-person and Zoom. We are grateful for the community’s support. We have more support for students now: Two counselors, a social worker, a mental health counselor, and a success coordinator. *CKMS/MSHS Connection*: In the spring, CKMS eighth graders will be visiting the high school to see first-hand the various programs (culinary, welding, barn and animals, TV, etc.), learn about options for getting college credit in high school, and more. *Mt Si High School*: Incoming principal Deb Hay comes to MSHS with 25 years as an educator. In addition, the new CTE director, Michelle Cheny, works to connect students with college/career opportunities and create internships for students.

**5TH DISTRICT REP BILL RAMOS.** *I-90/Hwy 18 Construction Project*: Following the groundbreaking ceremony, preliminary work has started; however, no major construction begins until spring. This is a total rebuild of the interchange, followed by a 4-lane divided highway headed west to the first big bridge. The next piece, from the bridge to the Issaquah/Hobart Road, now has secured funding. It will take roughly 5 years to complete the entire project providing 4 lanes from one end to the other, including improving streams/fish habitat and providing wildlife crossings, at a cost close to \$1 billion. Between now and the Jan. 2023 session, which is expected to be live, not Zoom, Rep. Ramos is focusing on transportation, including improving transportation by ferries, along with public safety, affordable housing, and environmental issues.

**5TH DISTRICT REP LISA CALLAN.** *Capital budget.* Let Rep. Callan know if you have local community projects with capital budget requests. How can we continue to support our schools as we recover from the pandemic? A focus is on current levels of service, discovering where the “deserts” are, and how to integrate into the 988 program. Rep. Callan is pleased to hear the Snoqualmie Police Dept. was able to hire a behavioral health specialist. Infrastructure support is also a high priority. *Fall City Septic Association.* Callan says to stay in touch—we want to maximize the dollars that come your way and minimize the impact of inflation.

**KC COUNCIL UPDATE.** *Osman Salahuddin.* The Council’s current focus is budget – issues and priorities include environment, public safety, housing, homelessness, etc. The 3<sup>rd</sup> District survey on roads, homelessness, housing authority pulls this all together.

**DEPT OF LOCAL SERVICES UPDATE, JOHN TAYLOR.** *King County budget.* The Executive’s biennial budget has been released to the Council. The County budget process is a rocket ride—a 6-week process to make decisions about several billion dollars. Budget questions go back and forth. This is the first budget for which the County will use the community needs list from unincorporated King County. There are public comment opportunities. Be in contact with your council members. You can watch it all live on KCTV. The Fall City Septic Project is headed toward a spring 2023 start. DLS staff are in Fall City Library every Tuesday: Mark Rowe, deputy director, Construction and Land Use Permitting (1:00–3:00 p.m.); John Taylor, DLS director (3:00–5:00 p.m.). No appointment needed.

**FCCA SUBAREA PLAN SURVEY RESULTS.** Almost half of the 485 responses came from within the rural town boundaries of 98024. Subarea long-term planning (effective in 2023): 70% of respondents supported rural design standards, and 82% supported R-4 zoning changes for a minimum 1/4-acre lot size. Regarding the responsibilities of the developer, 81% support connections to adjacent neighborhoods, and 91% support mitigation fees directed to improving the rural town. (Any mitigation fees currently assessed go into the general fund, rather than coming back into Fall City.) The community supported safer walking routes (59%), expanded bike lanes on SR 202 and SR 203, and improving trail and path access. Less than 50% support a community center and public restrooms. 61% support improving access to mental and behavioral health services, 73% support more Sheriff department funding, and 69% support the idea of a Sheriff department substation in Fall City. Full survey results, including comments, can be viewed at [FallCity.org](http://FallCity.org).

**SUBAREA PLAN.** King County held eight focus meetings (one with Fall City) in August and September. The County’s online survey, as well as the Fall City survey and other input, will determine what will be included in the scope of work. A public review draft will be made available in early January 2023 with at least a 45-day comment period. King County will take that input, consider changes, and prepare the plan to transmit to council by the end of June. The Council does their own review (and may add amendments), holds a public hearing, and votes by end of 2023. The subarea plan needs to be consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan and not redundant with it.

**FALL CITY SEPTIC PROJECT.** Oct. 5 start for property-owner signing. The archeological/cultural resources research survey confirmed nothing of significance on the site. The State Dept. of Health soils analysis allows us to proceed at reduced cost and expand more

than originally thought. Permitting for drain field and treatment area continues. Leases and agreements are being secured.

**NEW: FALL CITY EVENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE.** Goal: Through shared resources and collaboration, create a quarterly community events calendar available in print and online versions.

**FALL CITY ROADS COMMITTEE UPDATE.** Three years ago, we had 600 responses to a survey on road safety, and the current survey indicates pedestrian safety is still an important concern of Fall City residents. We have highlighted nine of the most oft-remarked intersections/stretches of roads where safety is an issue and radar signs would be most effective. To be the most effective we are pushing for a radar speed trailer to allow signs to be moved based on weather/floating season/etc. *Issues:* Where funding could come from, where to store it, how to maintain it, etc. We are also collaborating on a bridge project for pedestrian connectivity.

**TOTEM POLE RELOCATION.** Committee member Glen McCarthy noted several issues impacting the pole removal and relocation: It is quite rotten, which may require a structure support that he says as a welder he can create and donate to the cause. The base, a steel tube stuck in concrete with the pole that has a steel rod stuck in it, creates a challenge. Other issues include timing, permitting and liability questions. To avoid interfering with Totem Garden use during the holiday season the tentative target date for removal is January 15 or later. Monthly updates to come.

Next FCCA Meeting: November 1, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., via Zoom, Facebook Live, and phone.