



FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES September 2021 Virtual Meeting

President Donaldson reviewed the agenda, introduced the board members, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence and a thank you to veterans and first responders.

Minutes Review and Approval of July Meeting minutes. (MSP)

Nominating Committee Needed: Three-five people to be on the annual nominating committee – to talk to possible candidates. All current officers are willing to serve, but interested regular members are encouraged to run for office.

NWHC Apple Festival Sunday, September 12, NWHC Apple Festival and Fundraiser for NWHC Family Fund for military families and summer camp for kids. Family focused activities and events - apple crushing, live music, horse-back ride, apple pie contest for adults and youth, and a hard cider contest (adults) sanctioned by the American Home Brewer Association.

Aroma Coffee Co Anniversary and Fall City Fest, Saturday, September 11, caps off a week of giving back to the community with a beer garden, live music, and yard games. Because we are founded on building community, 10% of the week's proceeds will go to the Fall City Community Association.

Passing of past-board member, Christine Johnson, Creative Business Advantage. Christine was a long-time member of the FCCA and volunteer at the Fall City Community Food Pantry.

Community Based Organization Grant Update – We are waiting on the \$25,000. We hope King County can help us move that process along.

Tolt Dam Inundation Update: In Carnation dam failure drills have been conducted for school children, but no one else. The false alarm brought to light Carnation residents did not know what to do or where to evacuate. We will work with our Fire Dept and the Dept of Emergency Management to discuss how Fall City would be impacted by the collapse of the Tolt Dam. Not likely downtown, but roads in and out can be impacted.

Taylor Development Discussions Taylor Development has reached out to the Fall City community to see what our needs are. We have cluster housing with shared sanitation facilities. Several properties involved on 332nd and 324th, also looking at 44th. If we were a city, it would require compensation for parks, the arts, community center, etc. Please put your ideas about what you would like to see the developers provide to the town.

Subarea Planning Committee Update The current focus is on housing. What do you envision housing to look like? Please submit photos to ilovefallcity@gmail.com. One level, two level, apartments, business district vs non-business district housing.

Banner Pole Update – The new timber poles that will allow banners to be hung across Highway 202 in town are located next to El Caporal. A guide going across from one to the other will allow low impact ways of hanging the banners announcing community events.

Climate Committee Update October Neighbors Newsletter will have an article on Electric vehicles and the Garden Corner will have a list of nurseries where you can get climate carbon sequestering trees and drought tolerant plants, etc. Leading Climate Crisis writer Bill McKibbin is retiring, but is developing an online website inviting, urging people 60 and over to together to use their skills developed over a lifetime to become climate activists. If you are 60+ visit thirdact.org for more information. *Thirdact.org promotes leaving our kids and grandkids a planet that works; furthering progress on race and civil rights; and protecting voting access and democracy.*

Business District Large On-Site Septic Project Update Fall City's business district includes 62 parcels. Funds are available to make two designs alternatives. Plan considerations include gathering information on how much water is being used now, what the future density of downtown is expected to be, e.g., if apartments are allowed above businesses, etc. The business community supports the project, and their HOA is forming. The Department of Local Services is onboard. The project is on a path to start next year, and once construction is started it will take only a few months to complete. The FCCA has been asked to be the initial/interim permitting applicant and permit applicant status shall be transferred to property ownership entity prior to construction starting. The FCCA membership approved the FCCA becoming the initial permitting applicant for the Fall City Business District Large On-Site Septic (LOSS) project. Ultimately the property owners will have to own the system themselves, however they have the option to farm out the maintenance and billing.

Business District Motion: Move to allow the FCCA to be the initial permitting applicant for the Fall City Business District Large On-Site Septic (LOSS) project. **(MSP)**

Fall City Library -- Open 5 days/week. **October 2, Library Plant Sale, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Fall City Metropolitan Park District

Homestead Field, the former Driscoll property where houses were lost in the flood of 2008/2009 across from the flower stand on 202 just outside Fall City usable by community. (See page 13.)

Westside Trail – We are moving forward to 90% design stage so that when a round of grants come up, we are ready to apply. Shoutout to Sean Weatherbee, who has been taking care of a portion of the future Westside Trail between the Fall City Elementary School fence and Highway 202.

Fall City Fire Department – Survey Chief Culp hopes to have a survey out in a short time to plan out the future of the fire department. We are looking for suggestions on how to make us better. I know the community supports the Fire Department and we want them involved in our strategic planning along with the commissioners and membership. *Volunteers*. In addition, we will be taking applications for volunteers – we would like to look at just an EMT side or a fire core of people to help us out for big events. For more information go to king27fire.com.

Snoqualmie Valley Hospital District 2021-2023 strategic plan is almost ready for roll out to the public. COVID: We partner with the King County incident command. As of September 2, in King County approximately 80% have been vaccinated. In Fall City, 74% of 12 and over have had 1st dose; 68.7% have had 2nd dose. However, in the 12 -19 age group only 55.9 % have first dose and 53.2% have completed the series. Timing for a possible third dose is still under discussion. We are looking for qualified volunteers to assist with COVID.

Empower Youth Network TRACE TEAM is unique to Snoqualmie Valley – we come alongside human service organizations, school districts, and other groups to assist them in getting the resources you need. Links to pay attention to: Empower Youth Network – Mentor program <http://empoweryouthnetwork.org/youth-success-mentoring>

Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition A network that covers all modes of transportation in the Snoqualmie Valley -- providers, trail systems, cycling, etc. We advocate for improved and expanded services. Fall City does not have anyone on this group yet. If you are interested, contact Salwa Raphael, SVMC coordinator. Go to sraphael@hopelink.org or 425-466-3442.

State Delegation Updates – Repr Lisa Callan and Senator Mullet’s recent Town Hall included a lot of comments on floating – trash, inebriation, bad behavior, concern for environment, numbers, etc. We are continuing to have conversations on bringing resources to floating. Popular topics: Plastic Trash/Recycling, Foster care, long term care insurance and Using credit scores for insurance coverage. We still expect Hwy 18/I90 interchange to be moving forward and will be looking at the bids coming in. In addition, on September 21 initial redistricting for legislative districts proposals will be coming out, to be followed congressional redistricting proposals.

Dept of Local Services Director John Taylor: Floaters This last weekend was last weekend of a significant number of floaters. We lost fish and wildlife officers toward the end of the season. **Fish hatchery bridge** is now permanently closed, because the bridge is gone. **Septic Project** FCCA membership approving the FCCA to be the permit applicator for the business district on-site septic project has helped to move the project forward. I will drive this project as hard and as fast as I can. **COVID Funds** The first round of COVID assistance saw the dollars move out very quickly and some errors were made. This second round we are being more careful. **Sub Area Plan** has had soft launch. We will gear up in the fall for the Snoqualmie Valley. **Vaccine mandate** All King County employees are required to be vaccinated by October 18.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 5, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom and Facebook Live.