



**President Donaldson** opened the meeting, introduced the board members, requested Board member shadows, FCCA Purpose to Communicate with community, engage with residents and advocate on behalf of our unincorporated rural town, introduced the agenda, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

**Donations** Amazon Smile - \$ 47.53. Membership

**Membership** Two new members. Current membership – 100.

**Minutes** August 2022 Meeting minutes – MSP

**New Fall City Flagpole Manager** Matt Baroch will be looking after the flag/flagpole downtown.

**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.

**Fall City Murals** – David Walega was selected for the Bronneman Building, however, has had to withdraw from the project. Alternates Krimsey and Jesse Lilleth have been selected to complete the project.

**Totem Pole Relocating Update** No committee recommendation yet. We have done research, obtained a bid from a crane company, and examined the pole to see how wet and damaged it is. There is evidence of carpenter ant infestation. There are large rocks and underneath then a steel support. The plan so far is to have a volunteer move the rocks, perhaps to Hauglie Office Building property. Glen McCarthy has worked with story poles before, has visited the site, and is willing to help us create a support to rig the pole so it doesn't collapse when taking it down. We hope to have more information and perhaps a recommendation by the next meeting. Once the pole is removed, then a post-pole plan for the garden can take place.

**Fall City Business District Septic Project** Jeff Willson, project manager, reports the second phase contract with the consultant has been signed. Septic tank/utilities locates were completed July 25-27. Topographical/archeological surveys for Bernard Park and other parcels were done Aug 25 - Sept 2. The Bernard Park transfer from Friends of Fall City Park to Fall City

Metropolitan Park District was scheduled for signing on September 6. Site inspection from the Dept of Health resulted in positive feedback and simplifying the design! We hope to have a 60% design for county review by the end of November 2022.

**Subarea Plan** *Subarea Plan FCCA Survey*. The FCCA survey was mailed out to 2210 households in the 98024 ZIP code with a due date of September 12. *Subarea Plan Focus Groups*. King County is conducting 8 focus groups, one of which is in Fall City. If interested in joining, talk to Angela at [ilovefallcity@gmail.com](mailto:ilovefallcity@gmail.com). Subarea Plan – Subarea wide event via Zoom on September 27.

**King County Dept of Local Services** *Preston Mill Park Construction, T.J. Davis, Parks Dept*. Phase I is expected to be completed by year's end, including a paved parking lot, restroom, new pathways, and a new stairway to connect the community center to the park. The community partner is also installing all stormwater and utilities. Including power, water, and septic system. Phase II, Summer 2023, will replace the mill shed with a new open-sided structure that will include a historic shingle sawmill exhibit and a new picnic shelter. The kiln structure is down at the bottom of the yard and is being reviewed by the community along with the Fall City Historical Society, who got a grant to study the historical value of the building.

**King County Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> District – Sarah Perry** *Snoqualmie River*. Councilmember Perry has met with Fall City Floating, the dive team, and sheriffs to discuss safety concerns on the river, including the possible need for a speed limit on motorized craft on the river and the dangers when the hottest temperatures occur with the coldest water. Issue raised: WSDOT's role in dealing with trash under the bridge and flood season. More info to come. *Behavioral Health Update*. 85% of all calls to 911 and 988 can be resolved on the phone. Another 13% are expected to be resolved by persons arriving on the scene. 3% will need a "place to go." Perry is working with state and federal government, health organizations, nonprofits, and school districts on this. More info coming.

**Masonic Hall Restoration**. Built in 1895 (127 years ago) the building is on the national registry. The Masonic Hall was and is a central area for people to meet, hosting many and varied events. Lodge membership is very low, and there is no money to finance the work that needs to be done on this landmark building. Work on the front includes grinding it down to wood, power line removal, repairs, etc. A member will apply for a grant, however the \$30,000 4Culture grant limit won't cover the cost. The building is safe, and it is as close as we have to a community center. Interested in working with the Historical Society on this? Email Rick Divers at [historylives@fallcityhistorical.org](mailto:historylives@fallcityhistorical.org)

**WSDOT 202 Corridor, 244<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 324<sup>th</sup> Ave SE**. This study report was expected to be available online by the end of September. Visit <https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/search-studies/sr-202-corridor-studies>. 324<sup>th</sup> Ave SE to the Presto-Fall City Road intersection is still in the ideas stage. Recommended: a complex roundabout with three pedestrian access points, including Bernard Park. Other ideas: a roundabout at 334<sup>th</sup> and 202/324<sup>th</sup>. Next big challenge: funding. In 2024 we will have an opportunity to get funding through the Safe Routes to Schools program. There is a lot of competition for the \$54 million

available in the next two years for school/bicycle projects. Another possibility: the federal infrastructure program.

**Fall City Flood Plain Restoration Project** Work on the west bank (Rainier Recycling) is wrapping up and will be planted this fall. In spots excavation allowed the river to connect with old side channels. On the other side, the current section of Neal Road will be used until next year. The new section of Neal Road SE (about 100 feet from the old) will be paved this fall but will not be in use until Summer 2023. Work will begin on the Fall City Farm bank next summer (April/May). Project contact: Andrea Mojzak, [amojzak@kingcounty.gov](mailto:amojzak@kingcounty.gov), 206-263-7934. Project website: [www.kingcounty.gov/FallCityFloodplain](http://www.kingcounty.gov/FallCityFloodplain).

**Fall City Fire Department Grants received.** A \$60K COVID relief grant to compensate for overtime during the pandemic and a \$59,474 assistance to firefighters grant for training and eight sets of bunker gear. *Aid Car.* At the last meeting the commissioners approved the purchase of an aid car, a demo unit. It will be ready for us in 6 to 8 months. *Volunteer recruit academy.* Fall City started with six volunteers, Snoqualmie with two. Three of the Fall City volunteers got hired by other departments. The remaining five are doing well. *Fall City Floating.* FD27 partnered with Fall City Floating to produce a video to help people be safe on the river. FD27 worked with FCF's Simon and Ruby to pay our staff to be on the river on red flag days. *North King County Training Consortium.* Consists of FD27, Kirkland, Bothell, Eastside Fire and Rescue, and perhaps Snoqualmie Fire. *Funding.* We will be looking at model changes for funding and funding options to cover the next 1 to 5 years. This information will be shared with the community.

**Empower Youth Network** Mentors are needed in our local schools (mentoring contributes to mental health), one hour per week. Visit <https://empoweryouthnetwork.org>.

**Snoqualmie Valley Hospital** SVH added two behavioral health specialists and a foot-care specialist. SVH is going to EPIC and MYCHART. The transition usually takes a couple of years, but we did it in 10 months.

Next FCCA Meeting: October 4, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. via Zoom, Facebook Live, and phone.