

FALL CITY RIVER FLOAT TASK FORCE
FALL CITY, WASHINGTON
February 15, 2011

A meeting between various local agencies and citizens within King County, Washington, was held February 15, 2011, at the Fall City Library located at 33415 SE 42nd PI SE, Fall City, Washington, at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Lee Moderow, President and Commissioner of Fall City Metropolitan Park District (FCMPD), and Sharlet Driggs, PRKC and Fall City Arts called the meeting to order. Terri Campbell, Office Administrator of FCMPD will be taking the meeting minutes.

2. Introductions

Del Moore – FCCA, Public Works Department
Nancy Moore – FCCA
Lee Moderow – FCMPD President and Commissioner
Sharlet Driggs - PRKC and Fall City Arts
Terri Campbell – FCMPD Office Administrator
Jane Krein – FCCA, Public Works Department
Nancy Myhre – Citizen
Wade Holden – Former and Executive Director of Friends of the Trail
Paul Wiemerslage – WWU Grad Student studying river safety on No. Washington rivers
Todd Brown - Citizen
Andree Hurley – Citizen
John Meyer - Citizen
Perry Wilkins – FCMPD Commissioner

3. Discuss and Decide: Topics for this meeting

- A. River Task Force Video – This is a safety/educational video
- a. Find a spokesperson to narrate the video – Kaleb Williams (?)
 - i. Find someone from age 18-25 so viewers can relate
 - b. The Snoqualmie River is a dangerous, constantly changing river system. Serious hazards must be navigated. Proper equipment and personal safety gear is required for everyone. Enter at your own risk.
 - c. The Snoqualmie River is closed at the base of the Falls. The first available access point is Plum #1 at the South end of 372nd off Highway 202. There are parking restrictions in this area. Recreational parking permits required for most parking in this area. Permits can be purchased anywhere fishing licenses are sold. Cash only “Pay to Park” private lots may be available on select weekends, at property owner’s discretion. Improperly parked cars will be towed at owner’s expense.
 - d. Santi-cans and garbage receptacles are located at the Plum #1 access point. Other restroom facilities and garbage disposal is available in Fall City at most exit points. Please contain your trash and dispose of it properly in the designated areas. Do not sink your empties. Do not throw trash in bushes. Litter fines will be enforced.
 - e. This river is part of the unincorporated King County; there are no personnel or funds for removing trash from this natural area. You are asked to respect this area, to preserve its natural beauty, and protect the habitat for the wildlife. Remove your trash. Leave no trace. Please be safe.
 - f. Need a visual map from King County for ease of downloading.
 - g. Parking – where to park legally

- i. Permit required areas
 - ii. Possible pay parking areas
 - h. Trash – Reminder to respect, where to dispose of trash properly
 - i. Unincorporated King County, and what that means
 - ii. Show river litter fine sign
 - 1. Show litter collected previously
 - 2. Reminder/don't sink garbage
 - i. Safety – Lifevests are advised for everyone – People drown here
 - i. Loaners – location for use and return
 - ii. Hazards exist, use proper equipment
 - 1. Paddles are needed
 - 2. Obstacles
 - 3. Where to exit river/return to parking at King County park
- B. PRKC Partnership for Rural King County
 - a. Submitted a Letter of Intent from the Russell Family for a \$10,000 Grant
- C. Establish Route
 - a. Water/Boats
 - b. People
 - c. Cars/Parking
 - d. Mark it "Patron Parking Only" on the business side of the road
- D. Locations/Services
 - a. Santi-Cans
 - b. Garbage
 - i. Need to obtain golf course approval to place trash/recycle receptacles (Perry Wilkins will consult with the Groshell's)
 - c. Recycle
- E. River Safety
 - a. Lifevests
 - b. Patrols/Sheriff
- F. Horse and Buggy Shuttle Service
 - a. It's "green" and all natural
- G. Consult the Boy Scouts
 - a. Strong "leave no trace" philosophy
- H. Supply 5 locations for trash disposal
 - i. Plum #1 – Crib only, no dumpster
 - ii. Plum #2 – Crib
 - iii. Mid-river (potential golf course location) – Crib on a sled
 - iv. Campground boat launch (easement to King County) - Crib
 - v. Exit point West of the bridge (in town) - Dumpster
 - vi. Exit point Northwest of the bridge at the King County parking lot across the river – Dumpster
- I. King County has agreed to pay for additional/larger dumpsters in various areas
 - a. King County DOT has small bags they can supply for free.
- J. Santi-Cans
 - a. Put (4) four at the Fall City Park at the new take-out area
 - b. Plum #1
 - c. Plum #2
 - d. Campground boat launch (easement to King County)

4. **Discuss and Decide: Action Items**

- A. Contact a narrator/speaker for the video – Jane Krien
- B. Locate footage from *Leave No Trace* to contribute to the video – Andree Hurley
- C. Contact the golf course – Perry Wilkins

- D. 36" x 42" larger color aerial map of just the river and shoreline – Lee Moderow
- E. Contact Boy Scouts – Todd Brown
- F. Contact Washington Water Trails – Andree Hurley
- G. Contact Snoqualmie Tribe – Shar Driggs
- H. Contact Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Access Manager (Millcreek, WA) – Lee Moderow
- I. Contact Boat US for lifevest program for 2011 – John Meyer
- J. Contact property owners to make sure private parking continues – Perry Wilkins
- K. Contact the Bernard Family related to exiting the river before and after the bridge – Perry Wilkins
- L. Friends of the Trail can arrange to empty trash (no recyclables) – Wade Holden
- M. Arrange for more and larger dumpsters – Dinah Day, King County Solid Waste
- N. Develop a budget for expenses related to Santi-Can rental – John Meyer
- O. Build cribs/storage units for trash – Todd Brown or an Eagle Scout
 - a. Contact Glen Gordon, Gordon Construction in Fall City
- P. Develop directional signage – Lee Moderow
- Q. Contact the King County Sheriff's Office – Jane Krein
- R. Contact the American Canoe Association – Andree Hurley
- S. Contact REI for mesh bags for containing trash while floating – Nancy Myhre
- T. Littering Signage - Dinah Day
 - a. Offered signs as long as they are installed on public property

5. Discuss and Decide: When Does River Floating Happen

- A. July and August
 - a. Actual dates are temperature driven

6. Adjourn

After discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm