

FALL CITY RIVER FLOAT TASK FORCE
FALL CITY, WASHINGTON
January 10, 2011

A meeting between various local agencies within King County, Washington, was held January 10, 2011, at the Fall City Library located at 33415 SE42nd 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

Bill Dickson - Citizen
Bob Moore – Citizen, his family has lived on the river since 1872
Dinah Day – King County Solid Waste Division
Alan Sinsel – King County Parks
Bill Dixon – Lives on the David Powell Road
Lee Moderow – FCMPD President and Commissioner
Sharlet Driggs - PRKC and Fall City Arts
Grace Reamer – Representative for Kathy Lambert’s Office, King County Councilmember
Allen Minner – floater and boater
Barb Crum - Citizen
Terri Campbell – FCMPD Office Administrator
Del Moore – FCCA, Public Works Department
Nancy Moore – FCCA
Jane Krein – FCCA, Public Works Department
Sgt. Jim Knauss - King County Sheriff’s Office, Marine Rescue Unit
Andree Hurley – Citizen
John Meyer - Citizen

3. Recap of November 8th meeting

Five categories resulted from our last meeting:

a. Crowd Control/Signage Group

- Groups moving between the automobiles and boats
- People stepping out into the highway
- Possibly hang a sign on the bridge with arrow pointing to the right so floaters exit on the King County Park side of the river.
- Del Moore has volunteered to contact all the local groups to clean up the “sign clutter” along the river, to include Plum #1 and Plum #2 (entry points on the river)
- Post unlawful littering signs and get those enforced
- Publicize on the social network; advertise on sites and monitor.
- Provide directional signage, traffic barriers/tape.
- Need to convey rules of conduct, directions and location services. Add the possibility of concessions for fundraising and an info tent.

b. Sanitation and Garbage

- Existing santi-cans, do they get replaced and where do they go
- FC Arts to design a sign saying "Respect the river and pack out your trash" hanging from the bridge or existing wire over the river. Concerns that the sign could fall into the river or trash would be already disposed of prior seeing the sign.
- REI could provide a "garbage raft" on the river with their slogan on it. Concerns on who would empty or clean off the trash collected on this raft.
- Community "treasure hunt". Bury a glass ball or glass salmon and provide trash bags to everyone participating to pick up trash while they look for the hidden prize.
- Encourage private property owners to post "no littering" signs on their property. Perhaps King County Solid Waste could provide the graphics for a property owner to have a sign made at their expense.
- Develop a "Float Plan" and post on YouTube a plan showing where the lifevests are, dumpsters, santi-cans, access points, etc. Tim O'Leary, a King County videographer, could work with Grace Reamer with a script to post on YouTube.
- Wade Holden, of Friends of the Trail, could possibly pick up trash on a weekly basis, provided they are at a pickup area.
- Install co-mingling recycling containers at the exit points.
- Deliver extra dumpsters to the King County park area.
- Mesh bags at the access point to collect the garbage from visitors, with bins at the exit points.
- There is a group called "Leave No Trace" that we could partner up with.
- Jane Krein will be the point-person for the Float Plan and Garbage.

c. Traffic and Parking

- Disembarkment on the other side of the river at the King County Park
- Charge for parking in town
- Provide sandwich boards to direct visitors to King County Park across the river
- Is the King County Park trail accessible, partner with Snoqualmie Tribe?
- Charge a fee at King County Park?
- Consistency in signage and messaging
- Parking in town by permit only for residents?

d. River Safety

- Continue with the life vest loaner program through Children's Hospital to provide children's vests with donations.
- The large log near Plum Creek that overhangs the river was permitted to be removed by the Sheriff's Department without removal success. This still poses a huge danger to boaters and floaters.
- Underage drinking on the river. It takes 2.5 hours per group of rafters to enforce, trying to figure out how to process more quickly.

e. Business Impact

- Should we combine Business Impact and Traffic/Crowd Control?

- Provide parking spaces in front of businesses. Encourage parking across the river or at the elementary school lot. Enforce a 2 hour parking limit in front of the businesses.
- Nuisance purchases or request for the restroom without being customers. This challenges the septic system. Provide santi-cans at the FC Park and West of the bridge parking lot. Build a community public restroom.
- Locals tend to stay away from the businesses due to crowds and rude behavior.
- Increase businesses to capitalize on sales resulting in river floating i.e. caps, sunscreen, high quality rafts, life vests, etc.
- Provide the sale of a parking permit to park at the access points.
- Provide coupons to local businesses on the back of handouts

4. Discuss and Decide: Committees

Discuss approach to organizing into Committees to address individual challenges/solutions

- a. Finalize Committees – recombine Committees that have too much or too little work/people
- b. Finalize Committee members
- c. Finalize Committee deliverables

5. Discuss and Decide: Break out Committees

Break out into Committees and complete forms provided which detail:

- a. The Committee members names and contact information
- b. The Committee head(s)
- c. The Committee task focus
- d. The challenges specific to this Committee
- e. The solutions to be implemented giving specifics of what, who, what means, processes for alerts and communications, costs and means of funding.
- f. Identify “owners” of each step of implementing the solution

6. Discuss and Decide: Presentation

Have Committee lead “present” their plan to the group for feedback.

7. Discuss and Decide: Resources

Discuss resources including funding and potential supporters that need to be raised or recruited.

8. Discuss and Decide: Map Timeline

Next meeting will be at the Fall City Library on April 11, 2011, at 7pm.

9. Action Items

- a. Jane Krein will be the point-person for Garbage.
- b. Designate a leader for each Committee.

10. Adjourn

After discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm