

**FALL CITY RIVER COMMITTEE
FALL CITY, WASHINGTON
NOVEMBER 8, 2010**

A meeting between various local agencies within King County, Washington, was held November 8, 2010, at the Fall City Fire District Station located at 4301 334th Pl SE, Fall City, Washington, at 7:00 p.m.

Also present were Fire District Chief Chris Connor, King County Sheriff Sergeant Don Ellis, King County Sheriff Sergeant Jim Knauss, Cori Huskison, Del Moore, Nancy Moore, Jane Krein, Charlie Kellogg, Allen Minner, Alan Sinsel, Karen Crittenden, Shanon Smith, Laurie Hauglie, Bill and Mari-Ann Cleaver, Sharlet Driggs, Perry Wilkins, John Meyer, Terri Campbell, and Andree Hurley.

1. Call to Order

Lee Moderow, Commissioner of Fall City Metropolitan Park District, called the meeting to order. Terri Campbell, Office Administrator of the Fall City Metropolitan Park District will be taking the meeting minutes.

2. Discuss and Decide Issues and Correspondence

Lee Moderow – FCMPD Commissioner
Sharlet Driggs - PRKC and Fall City Arts
Perry Wilkins – FCMPD Commissioner and floater
Cori Huskinson – floater
Don Ellis - King County Sheriff's Office
Jim Knauss - King County Sheriff's Office
Charlie Kellogg - fisherman and floater
Allen Minner – floater and used his jet boat to clean up the river
Shannon Smith – citizen concerned about the river
Karen Crittenden – citizen, local business owner
Terri Campbell – FCMPD Office Administrator
Laurie Hauglie – FCCA, Public Works Department
Del Moore – FCCA, Public Works Department
Nancy Moore – FCCA, concerned about crime, taggers
Jane Krein – FCCA, Public Works Department
Chris Connor – Chief of Fire District #27

- A. The King County Sheriff's Office has a four-person Marine/Dive/Rescue Unit <http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/sheriff/Enforcement/Specialized/MarinePatrol.aspx> and is responsible for the Snoqualmie River, as well as 185 miles of rivers and lakes. Sergeant Knauss explained that with the closure of Flaming Geyser this year, there was an increase of visitors to Fall City. Flaming Geyser will be open in 2011.
- B. Lee Moderow and Shar Driggs created categories on the whiteboard to include – Sanitation and Garbage, Safety and Education, Traffic and Parking, Business Impact, Crowd Control and Vandalism, Funding and Cost, and Sign Pollution. The attendees wrote their concerns on note cards and those were classified into categories, with a break-out session to discuss.
- C. Group Results:
- A) Crowd Control/Vandalism Group – Tagging is year-round and continual enforcement is needed. Provide a fee-based shuttle. Provide barricades.
- B) Traffic and Parking – Divert parking to the King County Park across the river off Hwy 203 just north of bridge. Post this on the Internet, display signs and hand-out flyers. Talk to private property owners about parking on their land on Fish Hatchery Road. According to the King County Sheriff's

Office, there were a lot of impounds (15 in one day) taken from the Fish Hatchery Road area. Signs have now been posted allowing parking on one side of the street.

- C) Sanitation and Garbage – Increase the size of the dumpster during the summer. King County has offered assistance with the cost and PRKC will provide contact information. Add garbage bins along the river by Spring Glenn, the gravel bank near the golf course, and by the campground with “targets” on them where river floaters can dispose of their trash. Perhaps garbage containers can be placed at the Plum #1 (“put-in”) portion of the river. Free mesh bags could be provided to contain the garbage as they float in lieu of cardboard containers getting wet and ending up in the river. Santi-cans could be provided just west of the bridge. There are two Santi-cans/Outhouses at the Plum #1 location; however they lack cleanliness. Plum #2 is the boat launch.
- D) Education and Safety – The State of Washington does not require life vests on any floatation device i.e. raft or inner tube. Work with local politicians to mandate life vests on all individuals. Del Moore will look into forming a police auxiliary group with senior citizens to help police the area. If a life vest is required, and they are not wearing one, then law enforcement has the opportunity to contact an individual to determine if they are at risk or intoxicated.
- E) Business Impact – Area businesses like the hot summer days, people spend money on drinks, ice-cream, coffee, gas and lunch. The downside is people come in to use the bathroom; however some do spend money when doing so. Limited parking, garbage brought into a business, and difficult access, is a concern. In general, businesses look forward to a hot summer day.

D. Action Items

- A) Monitor the social networking sites. Announcements were put out to come out to Fall City and float the river. Fall City members have joined the sites and now know when the activities are going to happen.
- B) Investigate the life vest requirement laws
- C) “It’s too easy” to come to Fall City when everything is free. Perhaps start charging for parking during the summer.
- D) Pull notes together and form committees to keep the momentum going.
- E) The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2011 at 7pm at the Fall City Library. We have 8 months to prepare, so the plan is to have 4 meetings - January, April, May and June.
- F) Decide who is going to spear-head these meetings? Fall City Metropolitan Park District will act as the liaison and include the FCCA, FCMPD, Fall City Arts, King County Parks, American Canoe Association, American Whitewater Association, Washington Kayak Club, Paddle Trails Canoe Club, Friends of the Trail, King County Sheriff’s Office, King County Fire District #27, Snoqualmie Valley School District, Eyes in the Woods, Fish and Wildlife, Fishermen and Guides, Mountain to Sound Greenway, Snoqualmie Tribe, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and PRKC.
- G) Try to reserve the Fall City Library to eliminate the \$30 room rental fees. Eventually we’ll need to develop a plan to cover postage, administrative services, and funding.
- H) Publicity – Yahoo Groups, Fall City Neighbors

3. Adjourn

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