



To the Community, City Council and City Staff

February 1, 2016

My monthly report on my activities, ensuring that I remain accountable and connected to our community.

2016 Action Agenda

Fire Prevention

Community engagement in fire prevention and health safety helps keep our community safer. Our new Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal will create a program of education and communication.

Green Team: Energy Use

We will comprehensively survey energy use at all our City facilities to help us measure our baseline. We can take action to reduce energy use and save money in our city operations.

Partnerships for Seniors

I believe we should take a deeper look at combining a Senior Center space with the new Boys and Girls Club, consider the benefits, hear from the public, and give this proposal more consideration. By partnering with the Club, we can provide enhanced service to both seniors and kids, at a much lower cost than building a stand-alone facility.

Aerospace Workforce

Aerospace career pathways aren't being fully explored by all of our young residents. I will be hosting a Cool Girls in Aerospace seminar this year, to encourage some of our bright young women in Mukilteo to really consider careers in aerospace and other STEM fields. I want them to get some hands-on experiences, meet some brilliant women and be inspired to dream big dreams.

Supporting our Youth

We must face a sad reality that substance abuse and mental health pose great risks to our young residents and our families. We will continue an outreach and education program to hopefully prevent other tragedies.

Park Stewardship

We own hundreds of acres of forestland and gulches. A successful community-based park stewardship program will help preserve these gulches

School Partnerships

Expanding recreational opportunities will encourage physical activity and give our younger residents healthy outlets. Our staff will search for opportunities to partner with the Mukilteo School District to create expanded recreational opportunities for our kids.

IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY

- Attended a lunch with employees who chose alternative commute options last year during a focus month. It was a fun reward and a good chance to talk with some great city employees.
- Attended the Community Transit board reorganization meeting and was honored to be elected to the board for the next two years. I am so excited to be a part of CT, to represent mid-sized cities and bring Mukilteo's perspective to the table.
- Attended and observed the Wise Investments in Transportation Taskforce. It was great to hear their thoughts and discussion about bike and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Attended the monthly Snohomish County Committee to Improve Transportation. This is key group that brings together government, businesses and other agencies to seek consensus on transportation priorities for our county. Not many people pay attention to it, but it's a big deal in the regional conversation about transportation planning. We discussed consensus about timing of Connecting Washington projects. Mukilteo is satisfied with our timing, which will allow us to design the Harbour Reach Extension Road this year and begin construction next year.

SUPPORT A HEALTHY ECONOMY

- Attended the Chamber of Commerce Executive Board meeting. They discussed their 2016 events and budget. I'm excited for the February 28 Health and Wellness fair that is

- a joint event with the City and the Seniors Association.
- Met with Meghan McKee of UniEnergy Technology. We talked about a number of things, including updates about UET and their growing business.



Officer Colt Davis, Public Works Maintenance Worker Sarah Stich and Captain Dan Harbeck attended the Silvertips Local Heroes game, selling raffle tickets in support of our Officer Lance Smith, who continues his recovery from a stroke last November.

A HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITY

- Attended the Live Healthy 2020 physical activity work group. We had a great discussion about ways to add new initiatives to the Live Healthy program. It inspired me to add our fire prevention efforts and Japanese Gulch stewardship program.
- Attended the Domestic Violence Services board meeting.

WATERFRONT

- Participated, along with City Planning and Public Works staff, in a meeting with Sound Transit and WSF staff to discuss the waterfront terminals, including public access, surface water and other concerns. It was a big group in a small room, and an important opportunity to get on the same page regarding these issues. I pushed the group to

- understand Mukilteo's perspective: that the walking and biking access in a loop around the entire site is a critical need.
- Met with representatives of Infralign, an organization interested in public-minded projects to help support their community goals. We discussed our parking facility feasibility study and options for private providers of parking facilities.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Attended a Council Finance Committee meeting. We discussed ideas for a successful 2017 budget process this year, and the best way to incorporate council priorities and discussion into that process.



Snohomish County Councilmember Brian Sullivan presented a check for \$12,000 for senior programming at the Mukilteo Seniors Association lunch. Mayor Gregerson is joined by Council President Bob Champion, Seniors board members Darlene Conkle, Carolyn (Dode) Carlson, Gerry Friend, and Councilmember Chris Cook.

A GROWING COMMUNITY

- Discussed priorities for the coming University of Washington students who are studying the midtown neighborhood near 84th Street. I'm looking forward to their synthesis of prior work.
- Attended the Puget Sound Regional Council's Growth Management Advisory Board meeting. We discussed comprehensive plan updates and regional growth strategies.

- Met with residents of our urban growth area to discuss an appeal of a proposed rezone on Lincoln Way. City staff had submitted comments in opposition to the rezone application, and we continue to have the same concerns about density and neighborhood character with these proposed changes.



Mayor Gregerson was elected Chair of the Snohomish County Charter Review Commission, which will review the county's charter over the next six months. The charter is like the constitution of the county.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Attended the Mukilteo Seniors Association lunch. County Councilmember Brian Sullivan was their speaker, and presented a check for \$12,000 for the association to provide new programs. The City will work with the seniors to enhance programming using this funding.
- Presented my goals and plans for 2016 to the One Clubhouse Lane Homeowners Association. I was pleased to answer questions from the group about current issues, as well.
- Attended a public meeting about the development agreement for the proposed Pacific Seafood project. I heard from concerned residents and appreciated the opportunity to hear them share those concerns with the manager and staff of Pacific Seafood.
- Continued to meet and understand concerns and ideas about the Sector 3 development

Mayor Gregerson presented the State of the City address to the community this month. If you missed it, you can view it on the web here: http://mukilteo-wa.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=4&clip_id=460 and read the speech here: <http://mukilteowa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016-State-of-the-City-Address.pdf>

proposal. The developers have been adjusting and modifying their proposal in response to issues raised.

- Met with a representative from Soundview School, a private school offering international baccalaureate instruction to students in K-8th grades. They are examining their plans for the coming decade, and looking at different locations, and different ways to serve students.
 - Participated in the Thurston County Homeless Census. I believe everyone should do this at least once. I was truly honored to meet Daalon, Tyler and Woodie, three people who struggle with homelessness other challenges. I interviewed them for the census and took time to hear their stories and understand their situations.
 - Participated in an interview with a researcher studying decision-making processes used by elected officials. It was an interesting conversation! I enjoyed the opportunity to spend some time thinking about complicated decisions that have been a part of my experience as Mayor.
- organizations that I serve on. I met with State Representatives June Robinson, Derek Stanford, Strom Peterson, Luis Moscoso, Senator Jeannie Darnielle's staff, and Senator Marko Liias.
- Met with representatives from Waste Management to discuss the service they currently provide in the County.
 - Attended the monthly south county Mayor's meeting. We discussed regional organizations that we all participate in and our priorities and concerns. It helps to get on the same page with other Mayors about the numerous organizations that serve our communities, including our 911 dispatch, emergency radio system, and transit agencies.
 - Attended my first two Snohomish County Charter Review Commission meetings. I was honored to be elected Chair of the Commission. Our work will be quick- we have to deliver recommendations to the County Council by late June. We will be reviewing the County Charter, basically the constitution of the county. It's been a very unique experience so far, and I'm looking forward to being part of this historic process.
 - Participated in an Economic Alliance Snohomish County-

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Visited Olympia and met with a number of legislators to share Mukilteo priorities and other important projects and

hosted meeting with the Snohomish County state legislative delegation. We discussed county priorities for the coming session, and heard from each Senator and Representative on their thoughts.

- Attended the monthly Snohomish County Cities and Towns meeting. We elected various representatives to regional boards and commissions. I look forward to continuing to participate on the Snohomish County Law and Justice Council.



Mayor Gregerson joined Senator Marko Liias and his staff, Lucas Simonds and Sara Kate Develle, to participate in the Thurston County Homelessness Census. It was a moving and rewarding experience.

LEADERSHIP

- Attended the final meeting with our Women in Leadership Taskforce before we began a series of focus groups to understand leadership for women and men in Snohomish County. I'm looking forward to the results and an enhanced understanding of these issues.

A GREAT TEAM

- Interviewed candidates for the Civil Service Commission and the Parks and Arts Commission. I'm pleased with the residents who volunteered their time, and I think we have great new candidates for these important commissions.
- Discussed the results of an all-staff survey we conducted with department directors. I believe it's important to always seek to do better in leading and managing our team. This second annual survey helps us get a picture of challenges and opportunities in each department.
- Attended and observed the annual City Council Retreat.



Mayor Gregerson was pleased to have this member of the audience at her State of the City, nephew Westley.