



## To the Community, City Council and City Staff

September 5, 2016

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

You may have noticed that I did not issue a report at the beginning of August. Normally, I would have sent this out on August 1, just two days after the shooting in Mukilteo that took three beautiful young lives. I couldn't think of the right way to communicate about the activities of July, in a new environment that felt completely changed. It certainly doesn't feel like we're back to normal, but I do feel like it's important to get back to reporting to you on what's going on in Mukilteo.



## IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY

- Discussed updates on current public works capital projects and operations with the Public Works Director, Assistant City Engineer and Superintendent.
- Attended SCCIT meeting, and listened to a presentation on a High Capacity Corridor Study looking to relieve congestion at 128th Street and 164th Street, as our County looks to prepare the area for light rail and bus rapid transit.



Mayor Gregerson joined Mukilteo Schools Superintendent Marci Larsen and Board Director Judy Schwab in lighting three candles in memory of shooting victims Anna Bui, Jordan Ebner and Jake Long, at the first Kamiak football game of the year. The event was an emotional opportunity to bring the Kamiak and Mukilteo community together.

## SUPPORT A HEALTHY ECONOMY

- Attended the Chamber after-hours at Marriott Towneplace Suites
- Attended the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County summer event at the Future of Flight. It was a valuable opportunity to meet with regional and Mukilteo business owners and other elected officials.
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce Executive Board meeting and shared city updates, including the status of the property known as "Sector

- 3" near Staybridge Suites. The owners of the Staybridge have purchased the neighboring Sector 3 property and have no current plans to develop it. It will likely continue to remain vacant for some time. We also discussed business growth in Mukilteo, city updates, and the upcoming Lighthouse Festival!
- Met with the wonderful owners Advantaclean to discuss the status of their business and what they had experienced since we did their ribbon cutting two years ago!
- Helped Proper Picnics open their business with an official ribbon cutting ceremony.
- Met with John Theisen of Orion Works, new owner of Diversified Industries in Mukilteo.



The Summer Academy scholars visited Mukilteo's Fire Station for a fun and educational tour. Our crews did a great job welcoming them and teaching them about their work.

## FINANCIALLY HEALTHY CITY

- Reviewed proposals for equipment and vehicles for next year's budget. We are in the midst of building the 2017 budget.
- Attended the Council's Finance and IT Committee. We discussed the 2017 Budget process and six-year IT improvement plan and current security features. The Committee was impressed with the presentation from IT

## AEROSPACE & PAINE FIELD

- Attended the Paine Field Airport Committee meeting and discussed next steps as Propeller pursues county permits.
- Met with Joe Kunzler to talk about aviation and public transit, his two passions.



Mayor Gregerson joined a powerful panel of speakers sharing insights about grief and recovery, at an event at Rosehill on August 11.

## MUKILTEO STRONG

- With city staff, met with Tara of the City of Marysville to discuss their efforts following their tragedy.
- Moderated a community forum on recovering from tragedy and managing grief and loss.
- Attended another wildly successful National Night Out. This year's event took place a week after the shooting. I felt a renewed sense of warmth and community spirit, as kids and families came together in a fun and positive way.

## SUSTAINABLE CITY

- Met with representatives from UMC and Washington State Enterprise Services to discuss energy performance contracting. UMC is working with Public Works to conduct an energy audit and estimate the value of implementing energy improvements. This follows my 2016 action agenda goal to

look at our energy usage and implement actions that save money and make us a good example in the community.

- Coordinated with staff on the launch of our EnergyStar boot camp participation. All of the City buildings are enrolled in a nationwide competition to spend 90 days focused on reducing energy and water use. The City's Green Team will be ambassadors of small adjustments that each employee can make as part of this program, like trying daylighting (turning off office lights) or using task lights instead of higher energy-using overhead lighting.
- Attended the Mayor's Innovation Project conference. My main takeaways: a) connect health to existing activities, and demonstrate to our residents which activities can promote health; b) when people see work being performed, they value it more (I need to continue to share images of our wonderful Public Works crews at work!); c) learning more about new concepts for parking management, including premium and value zones, using data successfully and how to price garage parking versus on-street parking.



Excellent Police volunteer Kohta Hansen demonstrates the power of the Edmonds K9 unit at National Night Out!

## WATERFRONT

- Attended waterfront coordination meeting. WSF is starting their constructability plan, which should take about three months. This will establish the construction plan and will lead towards the transportation plan during the construction phase in 2018-19. They will need to meet all hearing examiner conditions. They plan to advertise for a contractor in late spring 2017 at the earliest. They may advertise and award a bid for the vehicular transfer span (the bridge) in January, 2017. That means that the bridge would be constructed in an offsite contractor yard, and wait until it can be delivered later in the project. WSF has a gap of less than \$10m in funding. They are considering removing items such as the net zero energy features, gray water collection on the passenger building, and other areas. NOAA has decided to move forward with current property as the site for their future building, rather than swapping property with the City. Moving forward, we will continue to advocate for full federal funding for their property.
- Visited with Don Saul and Sally Morrison of the Mukilteo Historical Society to answer questions and hear their concerns that I am able to transfer to the correct city staff for resolution.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Action Agenda Initiative to provide young women an opportunity to explore aerospace careers, Cool Girls in Aerospace, rolled out and was incredibly successful! 10 young Mukilteo-area girls spent one week with
- amazing women mentors and staff at the Washington Aerospace Training Resource Center. We are thankful to sponsors who supported these efforts: United Way, IAM 751, Economic Alliance of Snohomish County,
- Met new Mayor for a Day Mohuwa Wahid who will be honored during the Lighthouse Festival
- Visited Hilltop HOA meeting, shared an update on the City and answered their questions.
- Met with residents to discuss their concerns about their neighborhood and proposed private residential projects.
- Honored to moderate a Sno-Isle Library Issues that Matter Forum on Teen Suicide.
- Attended the Mukilteo Historical Society meeting.
- Along with my sister, won the first ever Mukilteo Amazing Race sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and NextGen Mukilteo!
- Welcomed the Edmonds-area Summer Academy students to City Hall, the Fire Station and Lighthouse Park.
- Presented a city update to the South Everett Mukilteo Rotary.
- Visited the Matiko HOA event on the evening of National Night Out. These homeowners welcomed my husband and I to their block party, where we



Summer movies at Rosehill brought out the crowds- one evening for Minions, and one for Star Wars!

had great conversation and delicious food!

- Was honored to present and share my thoughts about the 2016 Citizen of the Year, Deb Bordsen. I know Deb as the development director at Domestic Violence Services, where she does excellent work helping to fund the mission of DVS, aiding women, children, men and families in need after experiencing violence, preventing future violence.
- Met with Brian Wilson, a resident who grew up in Mukilteo, and is a realtor interested in Mukilteo.



Cool Girls in Aerospace was a wonderful week-long opportunity for ten Mukilteo-area girls to learn about the aerospace industry and construct an awesome project using actual equipment and tools.

## REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Prepared for a presentation at the Edge of Amazing conference, an important event that is part of the Live Healthy 2020 initiative. I was recently appointed to the Board for Live Healthy and am excited to continue my participation in this important initiative.
- Attended the Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board meeting and presented the story of our purchase of

Japanese Gulch, and the status of our efforts to ensure the gulch is preserved and available for recreation.

- Attended a seminar focused on support of Women in Government. It was inspiring to see so many women executives in state government, gathered in one room and sharing support and ideas.
- Participated on a hearing as a member of the State Shoreline Hearings Board. Participating on this board helps keep me educated and grows my understanding of land use regulations around the state.



Kiwanis members gather to honor the 2016 Citizen of the Year, Deb Bordsen. Deb is a wonderful member of the Snohomish County Domestic Violence Services team, and a lifelong resident of Mukilteo.

## A GREAT TEAM

- City staff participated in their 7th Annual Golf Tournament. The group raised several hundred dollars for charity. Executive staff, led by Management Services Director Chris Philips and his son, as well as Councilmember Whelpley and Council President Champion, took the championship cup from the Police Department!
- Held a quarterly all-staff city meeting, and reported on department accomplishment and presented the Employee of the Quarter and Supervisor of the Quarter Awards.
- Participated in negotiations for four of our five unions. It's

important to me to represent the City administration as we negotiate with our employees.

- Conducted interviews for several students for our Youth Advisory Commission. We have an energetic and motivated group that will tackle several service projects, and hopefully also provide some policy feedback to me and the Council this year.



Police Chief Chuck Macklin joined our Chief for a Day Lev Morgan at the ceremony honoring him and other Chief's at the Criminal Justice Training Commission.