

TO: Mayor Gardner
City Council Members

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City Administrator

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SUBJ: Monthly Report for May 2017



Here is a brief list of items we've been working on since the last report.

AIRPORT

- We had a full-room meeting with DOT and PenAir on April 19th for all parties to sort out responsibilities regarding FAA recertification. Mayor Gardner and Councilmember Cumberlidge were able to attend too. Danny Seybert and I meet separately late last month to discuss a couple items following on that meeting, including exploring Sand Point as an EAS (essential air service) community to receive operational subsides, as well as the efforts to place a drug dog in the PenAir terminal at the ANC airport. Danny is in Sand Point this week to follow up on our discussions with him, and ways to move forward.

DOCK REPLACEMENT

- Things are moving along. The plan is still to advertise the project in December, award in January, and construct in one season in summer 2018, so we have no threats to the timeline.

COMP PLAN

- The planners are following up with targeted interviews with various Sand Point stakeholders and will have a draft for review later this summer.

ANNEXATION

- In accordance with the Council's direction last month, I wrote a letter to the LBC withdrawing our petition (FYI). It's not a dead issue yet, just waiting for a little life support in the future.

KELLY AVENUE OUTFALL LINE

- ANTHC will not do the project this summer, as anticipated. They needed a gravel sales agreement in place by the end of April in order to proceed with ordering materials, but no local entity was able to give them that surety in time. It looks like there is a possibility to blast rock in the community quarries later this summer, so I will coordinate with ANTHC to get our project in the queue for next year. I will aim for the spring when the tides are calm and some local labor is available and the project can be done force account.

MINING

- I met with representatives from Copper Bank to learn more about the latest drilling and exploration program over at Pyramid Mountain on the mainland. They are aiming to do a couple months of exploration this summer and next. Obviously most of their activity would affect Shumagin and Aleut Corp, but the City could have some role in their plans with staging, storage, shipping materials, etc.
- Redstar Gold completed their initial geophysics program over on Unga Island last month and will commence with their Spring 2017 Drilling and Exploration program in May.

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NEW HARBOR FLOATS

- I met with the AEB and engineers from Moffatt & Nichol to go over the plan to bring the float system up to 100% design, and with permitting, in order to make it “shovel ready.” The project will then go to the DC delegation and the Borough’s lobbyist to try and find Federal money.