

Mayor's Report 6_15_2023

Containerized Ore Ordinance

I'm bringing this forward so that the ordinance can be brought back to the table at the July 6, 2023 meeting for a vote. There were some unanswered questions at the last Ports & Harbors Advisory Board meeting, so I'm hoping that questions from Assembly Members can be directed to staff so amendments can be proposed that allow the passage of this ordinance. For example, I would like to replace references to "bulk ore" with "mineral concentrates," and clearly identify what port revenues will be used for the mitigation fund.

It's imperative that the Port of Skagway have these protocols in place as soon as possible so that potential export partners understand our expectations as a community. The goal is to avoid more environmental damage caused by antiquated mineral concentrate export methods, which is something I believe the overwhelming majority of this community supports.

I've added a one-sheet to the packet that I encourage every Assembly Member to review, along with the links provided, as it likely answers some of your most pressing questions.

West Creek Subdivision Concerns

The West Creek Management Plan states, "Do not sell land for residential use; do not allow further residential development." I'm confused why this project is moving forward without addressing this crystal-clear direction from the West Creek Management Plan. If the Assembly desires to sell residential lots in West Creek, it seems prudent to first address making changes to the management plan, which would obviously require significant public input.

There are also going to be significant costs associated with this project, and I would like to fully understand those costs before moving forward with lot sales. Repairs to the levee likely need to happen regardless of a land sale, especially considering the fact the planned subdivision is situated in a floodplain. I believe this project should be put on hold until all costs associated with the project are fully understood.

I agree with Manager Ryan that it makes sense to direct staff to address issues with the levee, but I think it's premature to move forward with subdivision plans until these issues are addressed. I'm also confused how the subdivision was already named (Devil's Club River Subdivision) as I don't recall this name being vetted through Committee or Assembly.

Support for letter to The Honorable Governor Mike Dunleavy

I ask the Assembly to approve my letter to Governor Dunleavy regarding support for the state budget which includes \$1.1 million for rockslide mitigation.

- Andrew Cremata