

Manager's Update – September 7, 2023

Archaeological Assessment and Title Reports for Blocks 95 and 102: The Municipality of Skagway (MOS) has received the archaeological assessment and title reports for Blocks 95 and 102. The MOS intends to utilize the assessment and title reports as resources to inform the future development of the property.

Ore Peninsula Redevelopment Project Update: The Ore Peninsula Redevelopment Project is proceeding on schedule and Pacific Pile and Marine is mobilized on site. Over the course of the next few weeks, the following activity will occur at the project site: subcontractor will mobilize for installation of temporary fuel lines on the Broadway Dock; piles will arrive in Skagway at the end of September; temporary fencing and safety measures will be installed for ore loader demolition; abatement will begin on the ore loader; a pre-demolition dive inspection will occur at the end of the month.

Petro 49 Long-Term Lease: MOS staff plans to present bullet points to the Assembly at its September 21 meeting that outline the general terms of the long-term Petro 49 lease (as adopted by the Assembly) as well as further negotiated details of these terms. Our hope is to present information about the proposed lease that will help answer questions from the Assembly and public prior to the vote in October.

Senior Activities & Facility Coordinator / Senior Facility: The Municipality has not yet received any resumes in response to our job announcement for a Senior Activities and Facility Coordinator; we have so far posted the announcement twice for 2-week periods. Staff will repost the job announcement for another 2-week period. I met at the end of August with the owners of the property at 21st and State that we are considering leasing for a senior facility. The Municipality conducted an analysis of the building for ADA compliance and discussed it with the owners. The owners intend to move forward with the recommended upgrades to the facility. MOS staff will assist the owners in preparing paperwork for submission to the state fire marshal for an occupancy permit, and staff will prepare a draft lease for their consideration.

Rockslide Mitigation Funding: As you know, the MOS is the recipient of a \$1.1 million legislative grant for Design of a Rockslide Mitigation project, and there is tentative Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funding totaling \$5.1 million in the federal budget for a Rockslide Mitigation project. The CDS funding has not yet been adopted in the federal budget, so this is still pending. The MOS has also been notified that its \$19.9 million FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant application has been selected for advancement and final review. Skagway's sub-application for Rockslide Mitigation is one of 124 competitive projects from across the nation to advance for further review for funding by FEMA.

After final review activities have been completed, BRIC funding will be conveyed by FEMA to the State of Alaska for award to the Municipality. This process will take some time, and the Municipality will actively work with the State to expedite the process to move forward with the project as soon as possible. Staff is discussing how the \$1.1 million and \$5.1 million funds can be

used considering the BRIC funding; any activity on the proposed project prior to full award of the BRIC grant could potentially jeopardize the grant. In this light, the MOS needs to discuss the matter further and investigate how previously secured funding can be used in compliance with the federal rules governing the BRIC grant.

Clinic Interim Executive Director's Update: The clinic welcomes back Keils Kitchen, PA-C. the following week we will welcome to us Karen Lewis, NP. Keils and Karen join Bill Weiss, PA-C, to partner with you to address any healthcare needs.

We are excited about the upcoming Health Fair. This will be on Saturday September 30th.