

# CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT ~ KENT MYERS

March 27, 2009

First of all, I wanted to make sure that you were aware that next Friday I have a meeting with the Mayor and City Manager of Victoria to discuss specific programs and opportunities for cooperation between our two cities. I have started to prepare an agenda for this meeting and please let me know if you have any items to add to this agenda. I plan to bring them up to date on major projects in Port Angeles and discuss ways we can improve our ability to attract visitors from Victoria. I hope to also get an update on their wastewater improvement project. I will provide a report at the next Council meeting on April 7.

I also wanted to let you know that I will be participating in a tour with other City staff members of the Bremerton waterfront improvements on Monday. The EDC Director for Bremerton will be conducting this tour and it should provide some great guidance for the future improvements planned for our waterfront.

This week, City staff members met with officials from the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe for an update on the CSO project. The meeting went very well and they are supportive of the project including placement of the lines underground through the Rayonier property. We plan on a follow up meeting to discuss the specific routing of the project with our engineer and Tribal officials in April.

This week we also had a very positive meeting with Chamber and EDC officials to discuss ways that Port Angeles could better market our community to Twilight visitors. We agreed on moving forward immediately on two major marketing priorities, the creation of a high quality brochure and the establishment of a web site. Russ Veenema from the Chamber agreed to spearhead these efforts and we hope to get these two projects completed within the next 60 days. In the meantime, I am attaching factual information on Twilight that you might enjoy reading.

This week I was finally able to meet with Cindy Kelly from the Dry Creek Water Association. The interagency agreement between the City and Dry Creek needs to be updated and we hope to have a proposed agreement for the Council to consider in the next 90 days.

As a follow up to recent concerns expressed about the trees at Lincoln Park, City staff members recently met with Port Authority staff members to discuss ways we could resolve these concerns. Attached is a letter from Jeff Robb discussing an avigation easement that the Port Authority has proposed that, if approved by FAA, would provide a long-range solution to the hazards created by the trees. An avigation easement grants aircraft the right to fly, land, or take off in unobstructed airspace above a parcel of real property. This is likely to be a future Council agenda item so I will keep you in the loop on future communications regarding this easement.

I wanted to make the Council aware that later today (Friday) we have a meeting with Terry Weed and the attorney for the Transit Authority to discuss final improvements needed for the Gateway project. We hope that this meeting will result in their engineer providing the necessary documents so that we can (1) issue a final Certificate of Occupancy for the transit building and (2) we can proceed with the repairs to the walls so that we can get the pavilion open in the very near future. Since this update is being prepared prior to this meeting, I will send you a separate report via e-mail later today.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the Spring weather.

***-Kent Myers***



## FUN FACTS

- ◆ TWILIGHT has quickly become a huge worldwide phenomenon, developing a strong core base of dedicated fans who are drawn to the story of a *Romeo & Juliet*-style romance between a mortal (Bella) and a vampire (Edward).

### Book Highlights:

- ◆ The series of 4 books has sold over 17 million copies worldwide. Translation rights have been sold in 37 countries.
- ◆ The series is a *New York Times* Best Seller and has been #1 for 47 weeks. Selected as the *New York Times* Editor's Choice.
- ◆ On *USA Today's* Best Seller list for 96 weeks (TWILIGHT spent 6 weeks at #1).
- ◆ BREAKING DAWN, the fourth book in the series and released on August 2, sold 1.3 million books in the first 24 hours.
- ◆ For seven straight weeks after BREAKING DAWN was released, all four books in the series were on *USA Today's* Top 5 Best Seller List.
- ◆ The week BREAKING DAWN was released, TWILIGHT (released in 2005) had its best week ever and sold an additional 120,000 copies.

### Online Highlights:

- ◆ Recognition of the book has generated over 350 fan sites all over the world, including TwilightLexicon.com & TwilightMoms.com.
- ◆ There were 14,314 online discussions within 123 communities about the film over the last two weeks ending in early October.
- ◆ The official film website has received over 8 million visits, more than most film sites receive over the course of their life. Over 80% of the website's registrants are between the ages of 13-24.
- ◆ TWILIGHT is the 7th most searched movie on IMDb Pro's MOVIEmeter (everything above it is already in theatres). Star Robert Pattinson is #5 on their STARMeter, ranking higher than Will Smith and Brad Pitt.
- ◆ There was so much response to the TWILIGHT casting photos when they were initially posted, MTV.com's server crashed. The response was very similar to in numbers to the likes of *Harry Potter* and *Spider-Man* franchises.
- ◆ Since its release on MySpace's Trailer Park, the first TWILIGHT teaser trailer has reached nearly four million views, comparable to *Indiana Jones: Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*.
- ◆ When EntertainmentTonight.com posted the second teaser trailer on their website, they received more views than any of their breaking news stories.
- ◆ In the first 3 days of TWILIGHT's second teaser trailer in mid-July, it was streamed 1.6 million times. Yahoo! expressed that this is one of the top 5 most popular trailers outside of any "summer movie."
- ◆ The debut of the final trailer in the TWILIGHT widget and on MySpace Trailer Park on Thursday night, 10/16, generated over 3.5 million views in the first 48 hours, and will surpass the views of both the first and second teasers.

### Publicity Highlights:

- ◆ Fan base generated thunderous applause and worldwide publicity at Comic-con International – with thousands of eager fans camping out the night before to see the cast and crew present new footage.
- ◆ The *Entertainment Weekly* TWILIGHT Saga cover was the best-selling cover of the year for them, surpassing their *Dark Knight* and *Harry Potter* covers.

- ◆ The first *EW* cover was so successful, they're putting TWILIGHT on the cover of their Holiday Movie Preview over films like *Quantum of Solace*. It is rare for *EW* to feature the same film twice on their cover.
- ◆ In late August, *Extra* aired their segment from Ashley Greene and Rachelle Lefevre's *H Magazine* photo shoot, and it was the second-highest rated show in primetime, next to *Ugly Betty*. Additionally, they posted the segment to their website and got three times the traffic they get on the Jonas Brothers.
- ◆ *Vanity Fair* will feature an entire cast spread in their December issue – one of over 50 magazine features on the film.
- ◆ Ticket sales for the Rome International Film Festival sold out in a few hours, prompting festival organizers to add another screening. In Spain, over 1,000 screaming fans tried to get into a presentation at the Sitges Film Festival, more than 3 times the maximum occupancy.

Music Highlights:

- ◆ After the soundtrack link was posted on Stephenie Meyer's site, it shot up to #3 on Amazon (#1 in soundtracks) in less than 1 day...without a track list!!! Almost 2 weeks later, the preorder is still #4 overall on Amazon.
- ◆ Paramore's single "Decode" was streamed over 2.5 million times on Stephenie Meyer's site, and has been streamed over 1.8 million times on MySpace
- ◆ The single was shipped to radio on 10/6, and is already over 2 million in audience at alternative rock
- ◆ As of Monday 10/13, "Decode" has debuted at #35 on the alternative rock charts and is #1 most-increased for the week!



# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Olympic National Park  
600 East Park Avenue  
Port Angeles, Washington 98362-6798

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MAR 26 2009  
City of Port Angeles

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
L7615 (OLYM-S)

March 25, 2009

Dear Interested Party:

The environmental analysis for the installation of a new weather station at Hurricane Ridge, in Olympic National Park has been completed and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been approved and is enclosed.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) was released on January 8, 2009 for public review and comment. The EA analyzed two alternatives: relocate Hurricane Ridge Weather Station to the existing snow stake site (management preferred alternative) and the no action alternative (alternative A). Alternative B is the selected alternative.

The purpose of the Hurricane Ridge Weather Station is to provide specialized mountain weather and avalanche forecasts to allow for safe park operation, winter travel, and recreation at the Hurricane Ridge area of Olympic National Park. Through the site at Hurricane Ridge, NWAC monitors weather, snow cover, and forecasts avalanche conditions to prevent avalanche fatalities and to minimize transportation disruptions to the greatest extent possible.

Although in its current configuration the system provides reliable and relatively representative data on wind speed and direction, precipitation and snow depth data obtained from the system is unreliable and not representative of local snow and rain received at this location. The new weather station will reduce these inaccuracies and provide vital information to emergency managers, meteorologist and avalanche forecasters as well as promote visitor and staff safety.

NWAC is administered by the U.S. Forest Service, but it is cooperatively funded by a variety of federal, state, and private agencies, including the Washington State Department of Transportation, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, National Weather Service, Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association, Friends of the Avalanche Center, the NPS, and others.

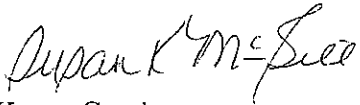
Park crews plan to install the new weather station in July or August after the snow melts. Work at the site will be completed using a backhoe or small trencher, hand tools, small concrete mixer, and a truck to deliver supplies to the site.

Both the EA and the FONSI may be reviewed online at the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website, <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

For more information, please call the park at (360) 565-3004.

Thank you for your interest in Olympic National Park.

Sincerely,



*for* Karen Gustin  
Superintendent

Enclosure

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**MAR 25 2009**  
City of Port Angeles

March 24, 2009

Mr. Kent Myers, City Manager  
City of Port Angeles  
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Port Angeles, WA 98362

Re: Lincoln Park Avigation Easement

Dear Mr. Myers:

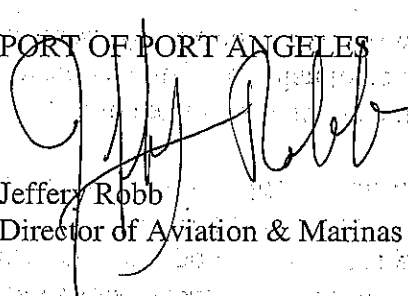
We enjoyed meeting last week with you and your staff members to discuss strategic projects involving the City and the Port. It is a benefit to have these informal meetings to more effectively communicate our mutual goals and objectives advancing our projects along efficiently. Many of our projects involve the City of Port Angeles in some capacity and, as such, we have enjoyed a strong professional relationship with your staff.

As we discussed, the Port is interested in purchasing an avigation easement over Lincoln Park and we appreciated hearing you are supportive of this action. Attached is a copy of a letter we sent to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) detailing our intentions and asking them to provide formal written approval to proceed with obtaining an easement.

Subject to receiving written confirmation from the FAA, it may be in our interest to develop a mitigation plan to be used in the public outreach that will be essential to this process. We are committed to working closely with the City to develop a long term vision of this Park for the continued public enjoyment and benefit.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey Robb  
Director of Aviation & Marinas



March 20, 2009

Carol Suomi, SEA 633  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Seattle Airports District Office  
1601 Lind Avenue S.W.  
Renton, Washington 98055-4056

RE: Avigation Easement

Dear Carol:

Thank you for taking the time to discuss William R. Fairchild International Airport at the FAA conference this week. This is a follow up to our discussion regarding the Port purchasing an avigation easement over Lincoln Park from the City of Port Angeles. As you recall we have removed trees on numerous occasions over the past ten years and it will remain an ongoing challenge to keep the airspace clear for runway 26. Most recently in 2007 we removed approximately 350 trees to protect the exiting approach surfaces. With the completion of the tree removal we checked the surface for clearance and we estimated that within 5 years additional trees would need to be removed based on a growth rate of one to two feet yearly.

The Port has discussed with the City of Port Angeles the need to purchase an avigation easement to protect our approach to runway 26 and they are receptive to this concept. Currently the approach is displaced 1350 feet to the west due to tree heights in Lincoln Park. We think it is in the interest of our community to pursue an avigation easement for the long term protection of our airport.

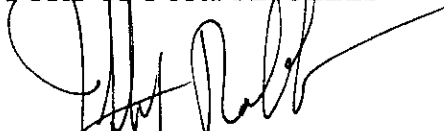
We propose an avigation easement based on a 34:1 approach to the runway end. While we considered the 40:1 departure protection surface we feel the 34:1 is the best compromise. This will provide for the long term protection of the airport and prevent the continued shifting of the runway threshold due to additional obstruction penetrations. This is the most cost effective approach to protect the airport long term. For example, we looked into the cost of constructing 1350 feet of runway surface to the west and found the cost of construction would be approximately \$22,000,000.00 in 2007 dollars. This does not include potential additional cost of impacts on private property west of the airport. Since 2007 construction cost has increased significantly and the likely cost of replacing the displaced runway length to the west would exceed \$25,000,000.00. Purchasing an avigation easement will protect the airport from the need to build additional runway length in the future and it is fiscally responsible.

The City of Port Angeles are very aware of the impacts the trees in Lincoln Park are having on our ability to operate the airport. They understand that removing trees will continue to be necessary for safe operations and are willing to work on transforming the existing park from high canopy trees to low growing natural landscape. Due to time constraints the Port is not requesting the FAA to participate in the removal of obstruction trees.

We receive a verbal confirmation from Stan Allison that the FAA would support an avigation easement but to advance our discussions further with the City we are requesting written confirmation that entitlement funding may be used for the purpose of purchasing an avigation easement as described. We appreciate the continued support of the FAA to preserve and enhance our airport for the public benefit and look forward to working with you to facilitate and implement an avigation easement.

Sincerely,

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Jeffery Robb

Director of Aviation

William R. Fairchild International Airport

CC: Stan Allison, FAA  
Mary Vargas, FAA  
John Yarnish, URS

## Kent Myers - Onward and Upward: Building a World Class "State-of-the-Art" Youth Rowing Program

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**From:** "John Halberg"  
**To:** "John Halberg", "Timothy Ochs", "Mike & Ann Nolan", "Suzanne Napiontek", "Kent Myers", "Patti Morris", "Steve Moriarty", "Deborah Moriarty", "Bruce Moorhead", "Emil Moilanen", "Keith McMinn", "Nancy McLaughlin", "Karen McCormick", "judi mcclanahan", "Charlie McClain", "Jinny McCartney", "Ruth Marcus", "Emily Marcus", "Jim Mantooth", "Christin Maks", "Dan Maguire", "Michelle Madison", "Jeff Lunt", "Bud and Vickie Lund", "Larry Little", "Chuck Lisk", "Eric Lewis", "Dave Lasorsa", "Dean Lancaster", "Jayna Lafferty", "Brad LaBrie", "Deacon Richard Labrecque", "Frances Kyle", "Brian Kuh", "Loren Kreutner", "Beth Krause", "Kathy Konopaski", "Augie Konopaski", "Mike Knowles", "John Kilzer", "Dick Kent", "Cindy Kelly", "Barb Kaune", "Cookie Kalfur", "Scott and Sherrie Jones", "Jim Jones, Jr."  
**Date:** 3/18/2009 7:09 AM  
**Subject:** Onward and Upward: Building a World Class "State-of-the-Art" Youth Rowing Program

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Hello and Good Morning Rowing Supporters

Good News.

We received \$800 on Monday and will receive at least \$1,900 next week.

We now have the funds we need to complete our needed 102 foot long "Boardwalk".

Volunteers will be needed in April.

When the "Boardwalk" is completed we will offer rowing lessons for boys and girls, men and women, age 16 and older.

Thank you very much for your generosity, encouragement, and support.

Sincerely,

John Halberg

**Here are some "vision statements" from our "Business Plan":**

**Our student-athletes will receive full-ride college scholarships and compete effectively at the regional, national and international level.**

**Our special needs kids will find a physical activity that they enjoy; some will compete effectively in Special Olympics rowing events.**

Our over-weight kids will discover a fitness tool that they enjoy using and will find the motivation to improve their body composition and their self-esteem.

Within five years we will host regattas on Port Angeles Harbor bringing students and "master's" rowing enthusiasts from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

Our finish line will be visible from City Pier.

Do you know that:

More than 1,600 Clallam County students have been introduced to the sport of "Indoor Rowing" since December 2007.

OPRA rowing ergometers are also available at the YMCA, at the Port Angeles Senior Center, and at the Sequim Boys and Girls Club.

Over 2,000 full-ride athletic scholarships are potentially available to entering freshmen by colleges and universities for their women's rowing programs.

Our indoor rowing program at schools in Port Angeles, Sequim, Forks and Joyce has resulted in positive feedback from students, PE teachers, athletic directors, school administrators, school board members and other observers.



March 25, 2009

Erin Simmons  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20006-5292.

Dear Erin:

I want to thank you for your expertise, hard work, and dedication during the Sustainable Design Assessment Team visit. We greatly appreciate the time you devoted to providing well thought out critiques and recommendations for us. The visit was extremely successful and has helped spark greater interest in making Port Angeles a better place.

Information you and the other team members gathered during your visit is invaluable to us and your recommendations are generating numerous discussions around the community. The City of Port Angeles is already identifying strategies for implementing the AIA's suggestions and hopes that in coordination with the community we can move forward to create a better, more vibrant place to live.

Thank you again for everything and we look forward to receiving and reading the final report. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have at 360-417-4751 or [nwest@cityofpa.us](mailto:nwest@cityofpa.us).

Sincerely,

Nathan A. West, AICP  
Director, Community and Economic Development

CC: Kent Myers - Port Angeles City Manager