

Mayor's Monthly Report

August 2025

Xunaa Borough: In mid-July the Court issued a due date of August 13 for the filing of our appeal brief. The attorneys for the four communities began work in earnest at that time. There is a provision in the rules that allows for a routine extension of 30 days, and on July 24th that request was made; our new due date is September 12th. This allows more time for the communities to review and comment on the brief and for the attorneys to fulfill prior travel plans. As we already have a stay of the election, this routine extension poses no problems for us.

Staff Meeting: No staff meeting in July.

Staff Evaluations: We continue to work on completing staff evaluations. These take a surprising amount of time; we expect to complete all evaluations by the end of the year; then we can establish a schedule for regular annual reviews.

This and that:

- Attended Senator Kiehl's Town Hall at the GCC and his office hours at the Fireweed Coffee Shop the next day. His presentation was very informative and well attended, and I enjoyed visiting with him on a casual basis with other locals.
- Met with several community members, either in person or by phone.
- Went on a field trip with our Marine Facilities Coordinator to observe at the dock. I was short on time so I will go again another afternoon soon. I observed very respectful and friendly interactions between all who were on the dock that afternoon; thanks, Kenn!
- Attended the Department of the Interior's Strengthening Coordination with NPS Gateway Communities Webinar. This thirty-minute session was an introduction to Order #3434 establishing the Dept of the Interior policy to enhance coordination and strengthen partnerships with gateway communities. Quarterly meetings are to begin in the fall of 2025. More information will be shared by the City Administrator.
- Assisted with updating the Fire Chief position description.
- Worked with Clerk Liesl on several code amendments and resolutions, revising and editing, and revising again. I greatly appreciate Liesl's assistance and enjoy the cooperation and humor she brings to these tasks!

It's been a quiet month, and I am enjoying the extra time for working in and harvesting my garden and to pick berries and other wild edibles. I'm grateful for wildflowers that brighten our world, and for the bounty of the meadows, forests, fields and ocean.

Sally McLaughlin, Mayor