

November 10, 2021 FINAL Minutes. Amaknak Formerly Used Defense Site Restoration Advisory Board

1. Opening Remarks

- a. Rena welcomed attendees and recognized Veterans. She mentioned that the RAB has existed for about a year and that this is the 6th RAB meeting. The RAB's goal is to increase collaboration and maximize efforts in the coming year.
- b. Roll Call/Quorum
 - i. Present: Jay King, Denise Rankin, Jim Paulin, Elise Contreras, Alyssa McDonald, Patty Gregory, Kale Bruner, David Gregory, Rena Flint
 - ii. Absent: Virginia Hatfield

2. Revise/Adopt Minutes

- a. Jay moved to adopt minutes from August 13, 2021, and Jim seconded

3. Local Updates/Community Introductions/Public Comment

- a. Additional Attendees (non-RAB members): Mayor Vincent Tutiakoff, Ben Leon-Guerrero, Cas Galasso-Irish, Chris Price, George Green, Theo Greenly, Art Christianson, Mottie Roll, Thomas Roufos, Forrest Kranda, Tom Reed, Kendall Campbell
- b. Consultant Attendees (provided meeting facilitation and support): Josie Wilson, Tyler Remkus
- c. Public Comment:
 - i. Elise provided an update on the Unalaska Valley Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program (NALEMP) project. She says a debris removal action is expected in May 2022.
 - ii. Thomas Roufos commented that an update is being made to the Alaska Department of Transportation's Unalaska Airport Master Plan, and that a preferred alternative was recently published. There are several contaminated sites that are of concern for this master plan update. Several historic buildings will be removed or renovated and there is concern about potential contaminants. Rena mentioned that one of these is a FUDS—the Dutch Harbor Underground Storage Tank at the Aerology Building. There is a Planning Commission meeting on 18 Nov to discuss the building. Rena suggested that comment from the board is a good idea. David asked about the cleanup level for that site and why was the decision made not to clean up the site. Tom Reed answered that U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) decided not to remove the contamination because of the proximity to the building. Rena says a cleanup level of 10x Method Two was approved in 2003. David asked whether USACE would clean up the contamination if the building was removed. Tom said it would be technically feasible. Cas pointed out that the contamination on the site was previously over Alaska Department of

Environmental Conservation (ADEC) maximum allowable level and may have naturally attenuated some in the 19 years since the sample. ADEC considers it an open site since it was unable to be excavated. Rena moved and Jay seconded that the RAB will provide comment on the master plan update. This comment will be coordinated via email.

- iii. Chris Price commented on Building 551, which was impacted by the bombing of Dutch Harbor and is not able to be cleaned up by USACE because contamination was deemed to be due to an act of war. Chris mentioned the Brownfields program as an option to provide funding for this site. He adds that there are over 30 village sites on the island occupied by Unangan people for thousands of years. The “baby islands” and associated places are not meant to be excluded by the term Unalaska. Chris mentioned the importance of the Qawalangin Tribe having a seat at the table whenever these sites are being discussed. Cas said she can help Chris with the Brownfields program. Elise said the Tribe had been having difficulty with this and would like to connect with Cas to find a solution. Thomas asked about which building is 551? Rena says this is co-located with the Pre-WWII Tank Farm FUDS site (Bunker C). The site Chris is referring to has PCBs due to act of war. Tom says its right across from the Delta Western new warehouse and Ship Supply is warehousing in Building 551. David asked if ADEC concurs that this contamination is due to an act of war? David and Denise say Ounalashka Corporation does not concur. Elise says that there is an upcoming Tribal meeting to discuss funding options. She will invite Kendall, Cas, and David.
- iv. Chris commented that he would like to see increased water quality testing in Unalaska Valley the due to the ecological importance of the area.

4. Presentation on Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) (October 2021 – September 2022) FUDS Activities

- a. Rena reviewed the “official work plan” (annual budget) for FY22 and the funding status of each project.
 - i. Unalaska Valley, Pyramid Valley-Port Levashef, Summer Bay-Humpy Cove, Margaret Bay-Airport, Mount Ballyhoo, RAB, and Pre-WWII Tank Farm were all “penciled in” in the “draft work plan” last March and approved on official work plan in October. These projects are aligned with RAB priorities.
 - 1. Unalaska Valley is the RAB’s first priority, Summer Bay-Humpy Cove is tied with Little South America with for the RAB’s second priority.
 - 2. Unalaska Valley and Summer Bay-Humpy Cove work will be scoping for contract and landowner coordination.

- b. Josie discussed board engagement and the goal of becoming an “interdependent” group. Josie showed a list of possible board engagement opportunities. And asked members to express their ideas for additional roles and opportunities for the RAB.
- i. Elise said it would be helpful to have more outreach materials for the FUDS that are being discussed. A handout that explained all the different contaminants would be helpful.
 - ii. Denise would like to see all documents put on a website.
 - iii. Ben mentioned the importance of Geographic Information System (GIS) information for USACE projects.
 - iv. Alyssa commented via text: “it would be great to have even more training on the types of ordinances here and then an understanding of how to actually get the soil or artifacts removed. Perhaps even an overview of the actual process of removal all the way to how the soil or items will be removed from the island. Perhaps tied to GIS?”
 - v. Jay expressed interest in safety of families that live in the community. He is passionate about making sure the community has information about the meetings.
 - vi. Denise mentioned cancer rates in the community. In 10 years, she wants to be able to reflect on meaningful work done in the community.
- c. Members expressed willingness to serve the RAB in the following capacities:

NAME	ROLE	IDEAS
Denise	Admin Record, Historian, Website	User-friendly Website, Documenting our Work
Jim	Historian, Fun and Safety	Film Festival of Safety Movies, Newsletter
Elise	Outreach Materials	Educational Handouts
Alyssa/ Jay	Meeting Promotion	Reserve City Council Chambers, Informational Nixles, Post Flyers, KUCB Radio Correspondence
Patty	Community Updates, Membership Ambassador	Facilitate Community Update portion during RAB meetings, Contact more communities/ help with sustaining RAB membership
Kale	Historian, Admin Record	Partner with Denise on RAB history and maintaining records
David	GIS Coordination, Admin Record	DVD of Admin Record

- d. RAB members will be prepared to talk about this and progress these topics at next meeting.
- e. Action to follow up with Ginny to ask for her interest and ideas.

6. Next Meeting: January 19th at 6pm.
 - a. Jay plans to reserve the council chambers for the next meeting.
 - b. Alyssa will work with KUCB to get PSAs scheduled for the next meeting and will find other ways to get the meeting publicized.
7. Action Items/Next Steps:
 - a. Board members should come to next meeting with ideas for their new roles.
 - b. A RAB comment on the Unalaska Airport Master Plan will be coordinated via email.
 - c. Elise will invite Kendall, Cas, and Dave to upcoming tribal meeting to discuss funding options for the Building 551 site.
 - d. Rena to investigate and provide an answer to the RAB as to whether Range Complex No. 1 cleanup would include marine environment.
 - e. Bring Ginny into the team exercise/ RAB member initiatives conversation.
8. Other Announcements
 - a. Thomas noted the planning department has secured a consultant to do a community wide Brownfields assessment grant application. Rena recommended this as a standing/ reoccurring topic for local update during FUDS RAB.
 - b. Denise/Rena/ Jay noted the Fort Learnard FUDS MMRP Project is beginning a remedial investigation. USACE site visit is happening 15 Nov. Unalaska Police Deputy Chief Simms to assist USACE Sacramento Design Center site visit.
9. 8:07 pm Adjournment. Denise made a motion to adjourn. Alyssa seconded.