
TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

c/o Federation of Community Councils
1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

This letter was approved by Turnagain Community Council at its meeting on October 3, 2019.

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Re: Turnagain Social Club

To whom it may concern:

Turnagain Community Council (TCC) is taking this opportunity to express our support and appreciation for Turnagain Social Club, an adult day care facility located in our neighborhood at 3201 Turnagain St.; it has been a positive addition to our neighborhood. The owners have consistently demonstrated that they are a good neighbor who goes out of their way to ensure they avoid or mitigate any potential negative impacts from their facility. They have proved to be an exemplary business owner and community council member.

Throughout their facility planning and development process, Turnagain Social Club's owners and initial developers were proactive and responsive in communicating with TCC, including attending multiple council meetings, presenting their plans, and continuing to attend meetings as a member, so that they can respond to any questions from the neighborhood. The organization attended the following TCC meetings over the last few years:

- September 4, 2014: To present the plan for the new facility in the former Unitarian Universalist Church at 3201 Turnagain St. and answer questions.
- December 4, 2014: To answer some follow-up questions from initial presentation.
- June 3, 2016: To share that the facility would open on August 1, 2016.
- September 8, 2016: To share updates on site improvements, traffic circulation, and to invite neighborhood members to stop in for an open house at any time. A few members expressed concerns about potential traffic impacts of people dropping off or picking up clients, which they took note of and described how their site plan would mitigate traffic problems.

Since the facility opened in 2016, TCC has heard no complaints or concerns from neighbors about how the organization operates or of any impacts from their activities or traffic in the immediate area. Additionally, we have found Turnagain Social Club to be an active and welcoming addition to the neighborhood: not only have they offered in the past to host our monthly council meetings, they have served as venue for other community events, such as a constituent event hosted by Sen. Mia Costello earlier this year. We regularly see Turnagain Social Club's vans throughout the neighborhood and across the city, indicating their presence and reach as a community resource. TCC also noted during our September 7, 2017, meeting that Turnagain Social Club had received commendation from the Alaska Legislature for their excellent work.

While TCC is taking no formal position on Turnagain Social Club's proposed adult care facility on International Airport Rd., as it is out of our council boundaries, TCC wishes this organization well in its efforts to provide much-needed services in our community.

Sincerely,



Cathy L. Gleason, President
Turnagain Community Council
