

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC Vice President Cathy Gleason — as of March 2, 2017

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Check for updates on our webpage: www.communitycouncils.org

MARCH 2017 NOTICES:

- **March 2 — APD Public Safety Townhall Event, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center, 2020 W. 48th Ave.** This is an opportunity to get to know APD officers, ask questions, and learn more about the APD.
Info: MOA Community Liaison Jared James, JamesJS@muni.org, 343-7150
- **March 2 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lake Hood Elementary Library, 3601 W. 40th Ave.** Due to construction at Turnagain Elementary School, TCC will be meeting in the Lake Hood Elementary library until further notice.
Info: TCC Acting President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **March 4 — Constituent Meeting w/ Sen. Berta Gardner, Rep. Harriet Drummond & Rep. Andy Josephson, 10:00 a.m.-Noon, Anchorage Legislative Information Office, 1500 W. Benson Blvd., 2nd Floor.**
Info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/225983224474741/>
- **March 4 — Constituent Meeting w/ Rep. Chuck Kopp, 2:00 p.m., Anchorage Legislative Information Office, 1500 W. Benson Blvd., 2nd Floor.** Rep. Kopp is sponsor of HB 93 — legislation dealing with Alaska Railroad Right-of-Way and adjacent private property owner access and use. *Rep. Kopp will be calling in from Juneau to provide information on the legislation at TCC's March 2nd meeting.*
- **March 5 — Last Day to Register to Vote in Municipality of Anchorage April 4th Regular Election**
Info: www.muni.org/elections, 243-VOTE (8683)
- **March 8, 9 & 10 — Car Seat and Booster Seat Check-Up Events, Anchorage Fire Department Station #1, 100 E. 5th Ave, 3:00-5:00 p.m.** No appointment necessary and certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will inspect your car seat or booster seat for proper installation and answer questions. No pets in vehicles; bring the kids!
Info: www.carseatak.org, 907-212-3194
- **March 9 — AMATS Technical Advisory Committee Meeting — Consideration of Draft Anchorage Freight Mobility Study, 2:30-4:30 p.m., PM&E Building, 4700 Elmore Rd.** The draft Freight Mobility Study includes projects to improve freight truck access from the Airport's North Airpark to Minnesota Dr. along W. Northern Lights. Once the TAC has provided its recommendations, the FMS will go before the AMATS Policy Committee for final approval. *TCC has long been concerned about the impacts of freight truck traffic traveling down WNL and through the Turnagain neighborhood. Information on the FMS was provided at our February 2nd meeting — a TCC resolution on the Pt. Woronzof Dr./WNL project upgrades included in the FMS will be on our March 2nd agenda. To view the draft FMS Plan, go to:*
http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPC/Planning/AMATS/Documents/Freight_Mobility/Study_2016/Draft_FMS.pdf
- **March 13 & 22 — Continued Deliberations — Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan Public Hearing Draft, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2016-0127. *The TCC Land Use Committee has submitted input on the latest proposed changes provided by the Planning Dept. staff on land use designations in and around the Airport and will continue following development of the LUP.*
Info on the Plan: landuseplanmap@muni.org, 343-7921
TCC LUPM Committee Co-chairs:
Anna Brawley, annab.brawley@gmail.com, or Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442

- **March 19th — Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) Program Employment Application Deadline for YEP Crew Members & YEP Crew Members — teens ages 16-19.** The Anchorage Park Foundation is partnering with the Parks & Recreation Dept. on the YEP program, which provides a great opportunity for youth in our community.
Info and to apply: <http://anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/youth-employment-parks/yep-jobs/>
- **March 20 — Early and Absentee Voting Begins at City Hall & Loussac Library**
Info: www.muni.org/elections, 243-VOTE (8683)
- **March 22, April 5, April 11, April 25 & May 9 — From Here to the Future: Transforming Anchorage/Mat-Su Transportation.** Alaska Common Ground is presenting a series of events featuring speakers from Calgary and City of Madison, WI who will share their experience and ideas, followed by a series of panels of local experts and citizens.
Info: akcommonground.org, info@akcommonground.org
- **March 23 — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., location TBA**
Info. and to confirm: TCC VP & Acting President Cathy Gleason, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **March 28 — Last Day to Request Ballot by Mail for April 4th Municipality of Anchorage Election**
Info: www.muni.org/elections, 243-VOTE (8683)

APRIL 2017 NOTICES:

- **April 4 — PLEASE VOTE! — Municipality of Anchorage Regular Election, Polling Places Open 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.**
Info: www.muni.org/elections, 243-VOTE (8683)
- **April 6 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lake Hood Elementary Library, 3601 W. 40th Ave.** Due to construction at Turnagain Elementary School, TCC will be meeting in the Lake Hood Elementary library until further notice.
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- **April 11 — Comment Deadline — 2017 Draft HLB Work Program & Five-Year management Plan**
For many years, TCC reviews and provides comments on these annually released documents, as there is Heritage Land Bank land located within our council boundaries. *The TCC Land Use Committee will review this year's document and provide comments/recommendations for consideration at our April 6th meeting.*
Info: Tawny Klebesadel, KlebesadeITM@muni.org, 343-7534
To view Draft Plans:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/hlb/2014%20Docs/2017%20DRAFT%20HLB%20Work%20Plan%20with%20Appendices.pdf>
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- **April 13 — Heritage Land Bank Commission Public Hearing on the 2017 Draft HLB Work Program & Five-Year management Plan, 11:30 a.m., Permit & Development Center, 4700 Elmore Rd., Conference Room 170**
Info: Tawny Klebesadel, KlebesadeITM@muni.org, 343-7534
To view Draft Plan:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/hlb/2014%20Docs/2017%20DRAFT%20HLB%20Work%20Plan%20with%20Appendices.pdf>
- **April 20 — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., location TBA**
Info. and to confirm: TCC VP & Acting President Cathy Gleason, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 248-0442

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **[BIG NEWS! LEGAL BATTLE OVER LYN ARY PARK MEMORIAL GARDEN IS FINALLY OVER!](#)**
 On February 16, 2017, the Alaska Supreme Court issued two orders that DENIED the private property owners' request for reconsideration and hearing of their previous ruling in favor of the Municipality of Anchorage. On September 26, 2016, the Appellants filed for a Petition for Rehearing; and on October 17, 2016, a Reconsideration or for Relief from Judgment was filed. According to Assistant Municipal Robert Owens, "The Lyn Ary Community Garden case is finally over!" *[Many, many thanks to Bob and others from the MOA Legal Dept. for diligently working on this legal battle for 10+ years!](#)*
- **[Parks & Recreation Commission Resolution on Proposed Point Woronzof Park Overlay on the 2040 Land Use Plan Public Hearing Draft Map](#)**
 On February 9th, the Parks and Recreation Commission passed a resolution on the 2040 Land Use Plan Public Hearing Draft. *Based on testimony provided by TCC Acting President Cathy Gleason, which reflected TCC's position regarding the proposed "Potential Airport Growth Alternative" overlay on Point Woronzof Park, the commission included an amendment to the resolution that recommends REMOVAL OF THE OVERLAY ON THE LUP MAP — this is a big win for TCC!* The P&RC's resolution will be presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Assembly for consideration.
- **[Parks & Recreation Commission Resolution on Mile 2.2 Tony Knowles Coastal Trail Bench Project](#)**
 On February 9th, the Parks and Recreation Commission passed a resolution approving the proposed bench project at Mile 2.2 of the Coastal Trail. This bench — with built-in bike racks and plenty of seating — will replace the current benches, which are in disrepair. *TCC Acting President Cathy Gleason provided testimony, which reflected TCC's position in support of the bench project.*
- **[Parks & Recreation Commission Resolution on the Audubon Wayfinding Project Along the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail](#)**
 On February 9th, the Parks and Recreation Commission passed a resolution approving the proposed wayfinding project between the Alaska Railroad overpass and the Fish Creek Estuary along the Coastal Trail. This new area will replace a smaller, existing pull-off area — and provide a larger viewing area with benches, bike racks and a trash receptacle. *TCC Acting President Cathy Gleason provided testimony, which reflected TCC's position in support of the Audubon-sponsored project.*
- **[Turnagain Blvd. Upgrade](#)**
 The final design has been released for review. *While the comment deadline was March 1, the TCC Board will review the plan and provide any final comments, based on TCC's previous positions and input.* PROJECT CONSTRUCTION FUNDING IS INCLUDED IN THE MOA ROADS & DRAINAGE BOND ON THE APRIL 4th BALLOT. *Upgrades to Turnagain Blvd. is TCC's highest priority CIP Roads & Drainage project, with Turnagain St. ranked third.*
Info. and to review project materials, Open House graphics and comments: CRW Engineering Group, LLC, www.turnagainstreet.com, comments@crweng.com, 562-3252

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

▪ **APRIL 4TH MUNICIPAL ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED**

The Anchorage Municipal Clerk's Office is seeking workers for the 2017 Regular Municipal Election April 4th. Hours needed throughout the entire Municipality from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Position pays \$9.50 per hours for worked on both Training and Election Day.

For information, go to: www.muni.org/elections, 243-VOTE, or email elections@muni.org

Contact: Amanda K. Moser, Deputy Clerk-Elections, MoserAK@muni.org, 343-4314

▪ **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE APRIL 4TH 2017 BOND PACKAGES**

The Municipality is proposing a \$46M bond package for the April 4th ballot, which would cost \$11.38 per \$100,000 of assessed property value for debt service. The city is retiring \$36M in general purpose bonds. The Roads & Drainage bond includes construction upgrade funding for Turnagain Blvd.

Also on the April 4th ballot will be a \$58M Anchorage School District bond, which includes funding for West High heating and ventilation replacement as well as \$6.8M for West High and Romig Middle library and counseling improvements. The school bond would cost \$11.67 in annual property taxes per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

For ASD Facility Sustainment Needs info., go to: www.asdk12.org/capitalplanning

For All Municipal Voting Information: Call 243-VOTE (8683) or e-mail us at elections@muni.org.

▪ **TED STEVENS ANCHORAGE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT 2017 SUMMER CONSTRUCTIONS PROJECTS**

The Airport has released information on construction projects slated for development this summer.

To view the 2017 Construction Projects Map and associated descriptions, go to: anchorageairport.com

▪ **ALASKA AIRPORTS AND AVIATION 2016 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE**

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities has released the above report. It includes: Message from Deputy Commissioner Binder, Major Airport Projects, Alaska Aviations System Plan Accomplishments and the Alaska International Airport System Business Report. **In 2016, passenger enplanements were up about 1.1% and cargo enplanements down about 3.1%.**

To view the report, go to: http://dot.alaska.gov/documents/aviation/2016Annual_Report.pdf

▪ **PETE NO. 1 CLEAR PLASTIC CONTAINERS/BEVERAGE CUPS NOW ACCEPTED IN BOTH MOA SOLID WASTE SERVICES & ALASKA WASTE CURBSIDE RECYCLE BINS!!**

Look for the recycle symbol "PETE 1" on the clear plastic. Included in this category are 'clamshell' style food containers or other clear plastic containers, and clear plastic beverage cups. **PLEASE NOTE: Drop-off recycling locations still won't accept these types of containers/cups.** Another reason to sign up for curbside recycling!

▪ **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE STREET MAINTENANCE INFO.**

Want to find out when your street will be plowed? **The Municipality Street Maintenance provides this and other maintenance information at:**

http://www.muni.org/Departments/finance/property_appraisal/Pages/Default.aspx

▪ **CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES UNDERGROUNDING PLAN**

Chugach Electric has released its 2017-2021 electrical line undergrounding project list. Wisconsin St., from W. Northern Lights Blvd. to W. 44th Ave., undergrounding on the west side is scheduled for 2021 — at a projected cost of \$2M.

To view the Plan, go to:

http://www.chugachelectric.com/system/files/regulatory_affairs/2017-2021_undergrounding_plan_small.pdf

▪ **INFORMATION ON SB 91, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM BILL THAT PASSED IN 2016**

Thank you to Victims for Justice Executive Director Robin Langlie, who spoke at the December 21st Federation of Community Councils Delegate meeting. As requested by numerous delegates, Robin has provided a site **for more information from the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission to better understand SB 91:**

http://www.ajc.state.ak.us/sites/default/files/imported/acjc/ak_practitioner_guide_2016-11-21.pdf

▪ **#ANCWORKS PROVIDES NEW WAY TO REPORT NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS & ISSUES:**

On June 22, 2016, the Municipality of Anchorage launched #ANCWorks!, an online tool for residents to report neighborhood problems and issues. **Featured with an icon on muni.org**, #ANCWorks! provides an online, mobile friendly platform for residents to report an issue, from potholes to a burnt-out streetlight, and track progress to a resolution. Users can visit **www.muni.org/ancworks** on their desktop, tablet, or mobile phone to fill out a short form and report a problem or pass on a compliment or concern to the Municipality. With a one extra click, #ANCWorks! also allows users to attach files and photos to their request and every request will receive a case number, allowing users to track the progress of their issue at any time online.

For more information, contact: Myer Hutchinson at 343-7133.

▪ **PEOPLE MOVER GOOGLE MAPS NOW AVAILABLE:**

Two new tools are available to help plan your next trip with People Mover. Google Maps now show real-time People Mover trip info. — and an innovative application that provides estimated bus arrival times based on your stop via text message.

To find the estimated arrival time of buses at a certain stop go to: bus.codeforanchorage.org (No smart phone or data plan is required to use the texting application.)

Text the bus stop id # to: (907) 312-2060.

To plan a trip, go to: www.peoplemover.org

Access Google Maps online or through the Google Maps app on a mobile device

For more information, contact: Bart Rudolph at (907) 343-8490

- **MAYOR BERKOWITZ INVITES INNOVATION, SOLUTIONS WITH “ANCHORGE INNOVATES”:**
Mayor Ethan Berkowitz has announced “Anchorage Innovates” — a new place for the Mayor to receive feedback, comments, questions, and concerns.

A link to “Anchorage Innovates” can be found on www.muni.org and on the Mayor’s page at: www.muni.org/departments/mayor/pages/default.aspx.

Comments, questions and concerns can also be submitted through emailing: mayor@muni.org, calling 343-7100, or if you are feeling nostalgic, mailing a letter to: P.O. Box 196650 Anchorage, Alaska 99519.

For more information, contact: Myer Hutchinson at (907) 343-7133.

- **AIRPORT COMMUNITY FLIGHT TRACKER:**

The Airport is now providing an online application that enables the community to track aircraft flight patterns over their residences. This is one of the measures identified and approved by the FAA in the recently completed FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study. It will enable residents of Anchorage to determine, in many cases, what aircraft are flying over them 24 hours a day in ‘near real time,’ including info. on airline, aircraft type, the flight path, the altitude and the origin and destination communities.

For application and User’s Guide, go to: www.anchorageairport.com, News and Highlights section