

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC Vice President & Acting President Cathy Gleason — as of October 30, 2017

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NOVEMBER 2017 NOTICES:

- **November 2 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., — PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING LOCATION — West High, CTE Wing, first floor, Room C152**
Info: TCC Vice President & Acting President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **Open Through November 3 — Anchorage Community Plan to End Homelessness Survey.**
A survey has been developed to understand the community's impressions of homelessness and to gauge willingness of those surveyed to tackle the issue. Survey takes about 10 minutes. All information will remain confidential.
To take survey, go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/plantoendhomelessness>
- **November 4, 6 & 7 — 2040 Anchorage Metropolitan Transportation Plan Alternatives Public Workshops, Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center, 600 W. 7th Ave.** Stop by anytime or attend a breakout session. Light refreshments provided.
Meeting Dates:
 - Saturday, November 4th, 10:00 a.m.-4:40 p.m.
 - Monday, November 6th, 1:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, November 7th, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.*Full event details, to sign up for follow-up survey & info:* www.mtp2040.com, amatsinfo@muni.org
- **November 6 — Public Hearing — Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing on Proposed Accessory Dwelling Units Municipal Code Title 21 Amendments, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2017-0095: Proposals would allow larger ADUs on residential lots, including single-family lots, allow on-street resident parking, and reduce lot setbacks and design standards, to expand the supply of residential rental units in Anchorage. *At our October 5th meeting, TCC approved comments that expressed concerns regarding the proposed amendments (see TCC website for comment letter).*
To view draft Accessory Dwelling Units Title 21 Amendments:
<http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/planning/Status?planningId=16515>
- **November 6 — Public Hearing (continued from Oct. 9th) — Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing on Proposed new R-3A Zoning District in Municipal Code Title 21, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2017-0110: Proposal would create a new zoning district for medium density residential that allows compatible commercial, retail, services or office uses in specified areas of Anchorage.
To view draft new R-3A Zoning District Title 21 Amendments:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPC/Planning/Documents/R-3A%20Zoning%20District%20Proposed%20Working%20Draft/PZC%20Case%20No.%202017-0110%20Proposed%20R-3A%20District-Agency%20Review%20Packet.pdf>
- **November 13 — Comments Due — Draft Environmental Assessment on Airport Field Maintenance Storage Yard Expansion in Turnagain Bog.** Project No. CFAPT001013: Project would fill 7.7 acres of Class A/preservation wetlands and disturb/remove approximately 16 acres of important vegetated buffer between the GA area and international airport operations. *A brief overview of the project/EA will be presented at the TCC Nov. 2nd meeting as well as consideration of TCC comments.*
To view draft EA: <http://dot.alaska.gov/creg/aia-storage-yard-expansion/>

- **November 13 — Public Hearing — Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing on Proposed Rooftop Greenhouse Municipal Code Title 21 Amendments, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2017-0129: Proposal would allow buildings with rooftop greenhouses to exceed the maximum allowable height by no more than 10 feet in select zoning districts. *To view draft Rooftop Greenhouse Title 21 Amendments:*
<http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/planning/Status?planningId=16569>
- **November 17 — Comments Due — Short Plat Proposal to Subdivide One (1) Lot Into Two (2) Lots at 3700 W. 27th Ave/3715 W. Northern Lights Blvd.** Case No. S12385: Application requests a subdivision of the lot, creating a separate lot that would only have ingress/egress via WNL. *A brief overview of the application will be presented at the TCC Nov. 2nd meeting.*
Info: MOA Planning Dept., Current Planning Division, 343-7900
- **November Date TBA — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., location TBA.**
Info and to confirm: TCC VP & Acting President Cathy Gleason, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 248-0442

DECEMBER 2017 NOTICES:

- **December 7 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., West High, CTE Wing, Room C152**
Info: TCC Vice President & Acting President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **New People Mover Bus System Began October 23rd.** As part of the effort to better serve riders in higher ridership areas, routes have been reconfigured, with more frequent pick ups at bus stops, and increased operation hours. **PLEASE NOTE: these changes resulted in the Turnagain neighborhood losing its bus service, as of October 23rd (Route 36 was eliminated).**
For Info. on Maps & Schedules, Bus Stop Numbers, Bus Tracker, go to:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/PeopleMover/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Proposed State Regulation Changes to Allow Retail Marijuana Licensees to Apply for Onsite Consumption**
On Oct. 10th, the Assembly made several recommendations to the State's proposed regulations that would allow marijuana onsite consumption at retail locations. *TCC approved comments at our October 5th meeting, which expressed concerns with the proposal; four TCC members also testified against the onsite consumption regulations at the Assembly hearing on Oct. 10th. TCC sent our comments to the Marijuana Control Board as well.*
- **2017 Traffic Calming Projects in Turnagain**
HDL Engineering Consultants presented an update at TCC's Oct. 5th meeting. ***Traffic calming "speed cushions" are now slated to be installed next spring at:***
 - 33rd Ave. between Wisconsin St. and Turnagain St.
 - McKenzie Dr. between Sagan Cir. and Milky Way Dr.

These traffic calming speed cushions will be longer, with flat tops, and provide gaps to allow emergency vehicle wheels to travel through them. AFD opposed the proposed traditional speed humps, as they reduce emergency response time, can damage vehicle suspensions, and put firefighters at a safety risk as they drive over them.
- **2040 Anchorage Land Use Plan**
After a two-year planning effort that started in 2015, the Anchorage Assembly approved the Draft 2040 Anchorage Land Use Plan, Planning & Zoning Recommended Draft, with amendments, on September 26th.

Summary of three major TCC recommendations:

- **APPROVED! Heritage Land Bank Land west of the Airport, where sections of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and Sisson Loop Trail are located — TCC's request to designate this land "Parks or Natural Areas" WAS RECOMMENDED by the Planning & Zoning Commission, and WAS APPROVED by the Assembly (12-0)! TCC will continue to advocate for the transfer of this land to the Parks Dept. for formal parkland dedication.**

- **APPROVED! Western area of Turnagain Bog adjacent to the Turnagain neighborhood — TCC's request to ENLARGE the "Potential Open Space Alternative" overlay designation area of this important wetland WAS APPROVED by the Assembly (9-2)! While the Airport Master Plan shows potential development for this area, the Muni Planning Dept.'s upcoming effort to create an Airport Zoning District will reflect the importance of a large area of this high-value wetland to the Turnagain neighborhood.**
- **APPROVED! Point Woronzof Park, where portions of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge as well as a Dena'ina archeological site are located — TCC's request to REMOVE the "Potential Airport Expansion Alternative" overlay over this Municipal dedicated parkland WAS APPROVED (6-5)! The draft plan included this overlay to represent a potential 2nd North-South runway that would destroy the park; TCC has opposed the proposal ever since it was first proposed in 2007.**

TCC thanks those Assembly members who supported TCC's and the community's support to permanently protect these important natural open space areas in Turnagain! A SPECIAL THANKS goes to ASSEMBLYMEMBER ERIC CROFT, who sponsored the latter two amendments on behalf of TCC.

Info. on Approved 2040 Land Use Plan:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPC/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/default.aspx>

- **Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update**

The LHSB Master Plan Update has been completed.

Download the Plan at: lhdmasterplan.com

- **Turnagain Blvd. Upgrades**

Road construction has progressed significantly throughout the summer and fall; completion is set for 2018.

Info. and to review project materials. Open House graphics and comments: CRW Engineering Group, LLC, www.turnagainstreet.com, comments@crweng.com, 562-3252

- **Fish Creek Trail Connection — Northwood Dr. to Spenard Rd.**

This project will construct a new, 1.7-mile paved trail and a pedestrian bridge over Fish Creek, connecting Spenard Rd. and Northwood Dr. JTA Construction is scheduled to begin clearing for the future trails and preparing for the bridge in early October. Project is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2018.

Info: Brook Blessing, MOA Project Administrator, 343-8387, [Blessing BR@muni.org](mailto:BlessingBR@muni.org), Russell Oswald, P.E., MOA Project Manager, 343-8196, OswaldRH@muni.org.

- **ANC Runway 15/33 (North-South Runway) Rehabilitation**

The Environmental Assessment has been finalized. *Among other items TCC requested to be considered in the EA was concerns about potential impacts of the runway extension shifting heavy cargo takeoff/landings to the north and impacting on Pt. Woronzof bluff erosion.* These concerns were dismissed in the EA.

To accommodate construction, Runway 15/33 will need to be closed to operations for two summer construction seasons in 2018 and 2019. Air traffic will be shifted to the east-west runways during construction.

Sign up for emails at: www.anc15-33.com

Send questions or comments to: info@anc15-33.com, Katherine Wood, Public Involvement Lead, 644-2153

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **#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.

- **MAYOR BERKOWITZ INVITES INNOVATION, SOLUTIONS WITH "ANCHORAGE 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 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