

# Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC Vice President & Acting President Cathy Gleason — as of December 5, 2017

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## DECEMBER 2017 NOTICES:

- **December 5 — Public Hearing — Assembly Public Hearing on Proposal to Reduce the Notice Time for Public Nuisance Abatement (Homeless Camps), 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Ordinance No. 2017-130(S): The proposal would amend Muni Code to reduce the notice time for abatement from 15 days to 10 days, and provide a sunset date of July 2021.  
*To view draft Accessory Dwelling Units Title 21 Amendments:*  
<http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/planning/Status?planningId=16515>
- **December 6 — Public Hearing — MOA Housing and Community Development Consolidation Plan and Action Plans Amendments, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Municipality Department of Health and Human Services, 825 L St., Room 423.** The Action Plans outline programming and budget priorities for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership, and Emergency Shelter Grant HUD programs. **COMMENTS DUE December 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.**  
*Draft Action Plans available at:* <http://www.muni.org/Departments/health/PHIP/CSD/Pages?Default.aspx>  
*2017 Action Plan available at:*  
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/health/PHIP/Documents/2017APDraftAmend1.pdf>.
- **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](mailto:tccpresent@yahoo.com), [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), 248-0442
- **December 12 — Public Hearing — Proposed Title 17 TSAIA Aircraft Tiedown Permits Regulation Changes, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Coast International Inn, 3450 Aviation Dr., Susitna Room.** The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is proposing to adopt changes in Title 17 of the Alaska Administrative Code for aircraft tiedown permits at the Anchorage airport. **COMMENTS DUE January 19, 4:00 p.m.**  
*To receive a copy of the proposed regulations, go to:*  
<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=187638>  
*Submit comments to:* Alex Moss, AIAS Planning Manager, P.O. Box 196960, Anchorage, AK 99519-6960 or [alex.moss@alaska.gov](mailto:alex.moss@alaska.gov)
- **December Date TBA — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., location TBA.**  
*Info and to confirm:* TCC VP & Acting President Cathy Gleason, [tccpresident@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresident@yahoo.com), 248-0442

*Happy New Year!*

## JANUARY 2018 NOTICES:

- **January 10 — Rep. Matt Claman Pre-Session Constituent Meeting, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center, 2020 W. 48<sup>th</sup> St.**  
*Info:* [Representative.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov), 465-4919

- **January 11 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., — *PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL BE MEETING THE SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FOR THIS MEETING ONLY* — 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

## PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Proposed Accessory Dwelling Units Municipal Code Title 21 Amendments**  
 On December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Planning & Zoning Commission voted to support the proposals to allow larger and detached 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. Their recommendation will now go before the Assembly for final consideration. *At our October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, TCC approved comments that expressed concerns regarding the proposed amendments, which were sent to the P&ZC and the Assembly (see TCC website for comment letter).*  
*To view draft Accessory Dwelling Units Title 21 Amendments:*  
<http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/planning/Status?planningId=16515>
- **Draft Environmental Assessment on Airport Field Maintenance Storage Yard Expansion in Turnagain Bog**  
 Project No. CFAPT001013: Project would fill 7.7 acres of high value wetlands and disturb/remove approximately 16 acres of important vegetated buffer between the GA area and international airport operations. *TCC Board scheduled to meet with project personnel Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> — an update will be provided at the TCC Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.*  
*To view draft EA:* <http://dot.alaska.gov/creg/aia-storage-yard-expansion/>
- **Proposed State Regulation Changes to Allow Retail Marijuana Licensees to Apply for Onsite Consumption**  
 On Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, the Assembly made several recommendations to the State's proposed regulations that would allow marijuana onsite consumption at retail locations. In Nov., the Marijuana Control Board postponed discussion of the proposal until April 2018. *TCC approved comments at our October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, which expressed concerns with the proposal; four TCC members also testified against the onsite consumption regulations at the Assembly hearing on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. TCC sent our comments to the Marijuana Control Board as well.*
- **Chester Creek Flooding Final Design Report Now Available**  
 This final design report includes information about the project area's flooding issues and creek data, and presents solutions, including the preferred alternative (box culvert at Arctic Blvd.).  
*For Info. and final report, go to:* <http://chestercreekflooding.daaalaska.com>
- **Alaska Railroad Rescinds Rule Regarding Residential Right-of-Way Policy**  
 On Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, the Alaska Railroad Corp. Board voted to drop a contentious policy that levied fines and fees on homeowners with lawns, sheds and other property within 100 feet of railroad tracks. The railroad will refund homeowners who paid for permits. Rescinding the policy doesn't affect ownership or access of the right-of-way.
- **2017-18 Traffic Calming Projects in Turnagain**  
 HDL Engineering Consultants presented an update at TCC's Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. *Traffic calming "speed cushions" are now slated to be installed spring 2018 at:*
  - 33<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- **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>

- **Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update**  
The LHSB Master Plan Update has been completed.  
*Download the Plan at:* [lhdmasterplan.com](http://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](http://www.turnagainstreet.com), [comments@crweng.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.anc15-33.com)  
*Send questions or comments to:* [info@anc15-33.com](mailto:info@anc15-33.com), Katherine Wood, Public Involvement Lead, 644-2153

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### ▪ **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 TCC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS!**

At the TCC November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the following were elected to serve one-year terms on the TCC Executive Board:

- *President — Cathy Gleason*
- *Vice President — vacant*
- *Secretary — Anna Brawley*
- *Treasurer — Gloria Manni*
- *Board Member at Large (1) — Sandy Rabinowitch*
- *Board Member at Large (2) — Lorraine Davis*

### ▪ **#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](http://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.

### ▪ **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](http://www.anchorageairport.com), News and Highlights section