
TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting | November 1, 2018 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
West High / Romig CTE, Student Center | 1700 Hillcrest Drive
Chaired by Cathy Gleason, TCC President

WELCOME & APPROVE AGENDA, MINUTES

- The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. About 35 people (members and guests) attended.
- The November agenda was reviewed.
 - **Motion by Sandy Rabinowitch to approve the agenda. Second by Michele Wiley.**
 - **Vote on motion: no objection. Agenda approved.**
- The October meeting minutes were available for review and approval.
 - **Motion by Sandy Rabinowitch to approve the last meeting's minutes. Second by Jon Isaacs.**
 - **Vote on motion: no objection. Minutes approved.**
- Announcements: *See Attachments flyer available as a handout in the meeting and on the TCC website.*
 - **Vote on Tuesday, November 6!:** Polling places will be open until 8 p.m., and early voting has begun. This election is not by mail: that is only for Anchorage municipal elections. Please go to your regular polling place, or to one of the early / in-person absentee voting locations.
 - **November 14:** Deadline for lease extension or renewal for a current lease at Lake Hood Seaplane Base. If you are interested in reviewing and making comments on this proposal, please see the Announcements for more information and how to access a copy.
 - **Happy Birthday, Dan Gleason!** TCC member Dan Gleason will be turning 60 tomorrow, Friday, November 2. Please wish Dan a happy birthday!

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

- Check Turnagain CC's presence on Facebook and NextDoor! Join the Facebook group "Turnagain Community Forum" or watch for posts to Turnagain North and South neighborhoods on NextDoor.
- If you have not already done so, sign up for e-mail updates from TCC and other community councils: visit www.communitycouncils.org and scroll down to "Sign Up"!
- **Executive Board Member Resignation:** Gloria Manni, TCC's Treasurer, resigned as of 10/16/18 because of her sudden poor health. The Board has discussed ways to honor her contributions to the neighborhood and will bring ideas back to the Council in the coming months.
Update: The Board learned after the meeting that Gloria Manni passed away on Friday, November 2nd. Her family has said there will not be a service. Please keep her family in your thoughts. The Board will announce this to the Council at the December 6th meeting.
- **Federation of Community Councils:** Cathy Gleason shared updates from the October meeting:
 - Dick Traini, representing the Assembly, presented the summary 2019 budget.
 - The Federation of Community Councils budget is proposed at \$85,000 for the coming year, which funds activities of all 38 community councils each year.
 - Deena Mitchell, Anchorage School Board, presented on current ASD projects: relocating the "bus barn" to a new location currently at Tudor and Elmore; considering multi-year school district bonds rather than having a vote very spring; a potential French immersion program at O'Malley Elementary; and others.
 - Mayor Ethan Berkowitz presented updates on anticipated property taxes next year (same rate), reduced summer count of homeless people in Anchorage (200 fewer than in 2017), and the Muni will be using the Airport's property as snow dump again as needed this winter.
 - Mark Butler and Beth Nordlund (Anchorage Park Foundation) presented information about how to raise money for local park projects, including challenge grants for improvements to neighborhood parks. Challenge grants require a match, in kind or monetary.
 - FCC is working on a joint resolution of all the delegates regarding the Muni providing adequate public notice and involvement on major development and park projects.

- **Dempsey Anderson Exterior Painting Update:** Lorraine shared that the exterior of Dempsey Ice Arena has been painted! The new paint is a dark color and certainly looks nicer than its previous state. Gloria Manni was also tracking this project and helped identify this maintenance project for the Muni.
- **Fall 2018 West Anchorage Legislative Forum:** This event was held Wednesday, October 24 at Spenard Recreation Center and had about 60 attendees. Five community councils sponsored: Spenard, Turnagain, North Star, Sand Lake and Taku/Campbell. We had 11 of the 13 candidates attend, and participants all seemed to find the event informative and positive. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped organize this event!
- **Lake Hood User Group October 25 Meeting:** Cathy Gleason attended this meeting on behalf of TCC. The Airport reported that they did not need to use another chemical application to control the elodea (invasive weed) situation. In 2018, the Airport finished Phase 1 of the Taxiway Victor, and Phase 2 will be done in 2019. Additionally, another construction project will require that 12 GA planes be relocated from their current tie-down locations.
Airport police were also present at the meeting and answered questions. If you would like to report an incident anywhere on Airport property or anything suspicious, please call 266-2411 to report that incident. This includes non-emergency situations.
Cathy also asked pilots for feedback on what should go at Spenard Beach Park: they liked the idea of a picnic shelter, and also suggested bear resistant trash containers, as pilots have seen bears frequenting the park and other areas over the last year.
- **TCC Comments on Proposed Marijuana Onsite Consumption:** Comments were due by 4 p.m. today on the state regulation proposing to allow onsite consumption of marijuana at licensed retail stores. TCC had submitted comments on the last iteration of the regulation in 2017, and at the September 6 meeting TCC approved the Board to slightly modify the letter to reflect the content of the new regulation (no positions on the issue were altered). Cathy reported that she submitted the revised letter earlier today in time for the deadline. The Marijuana Control Board will discuss the regulation at an upcoming meeting.
- **Officers Report** | No additional reports.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- **Rep. Matt Claman**
 - Thank you to everyone who helped organize the West Anchorage Candidates Forum! Matt and other candidates attended and appreciated the opportunity to share their views with constituents, and hear their concerns.
 - The Alaska Criminal Justice Commission released its annual report today, and has reported that the reforms enacted in 2016 (SB91), and additional changes in 2017 and 2018 to improve or tweak the laws have had the intended effects. For example, the jail population is down, admissions to prison are down, but arrests are up. To read the report, go to the Alaska Judicial Council website: <http://www.ajc.state.ak.us/alaska-criminal-justice-commission>. You can download the executive summary or the full report.
 - Please contact Rep. Claman's office with any questions or comments.
- **Sen. Mia Costello, represented by Sam Moore**
 - Patrick was present in the meeting, but did not give a presentation.
 - Please feel free to contact her office at (907) 269-0117, or senator.mia.costello@akleg.gov.
- **Rep. Harriet Drummond, represented by Patrick Fitzgerald**
 - Patrick was present in the meeting, but did not give a presentation.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Anna Brawley asked if Rep. Claman anticipates additional law changes he would like to see in the 2019 session, if as reported the major fixes to SB 91 have been made? He does not anticipate additional significant legislative changes, the original flaws in the law were corrected over the last two years. The main focus now should be increasing law enforcement resources, including troopers and other police, administrative staff, and addressing the issue of*

not offering pensions and therefore not being competitive with other police programs. The biggest issue now is law enforcement capacity.

- *Jon Isaacs asked about issues related to non-violent property crime, he sees this as a continued issue.* Rep. Claman shared that many of the changes enacted last session should take care of these issues, including giving judges more discretion regarding first-time offenders and pre-trial rules to determine risk. He noted that the changes in the most recent bill were enacted in June 2018 are in place now.
- *Danielle Bailey commented that she appreciates the focus on hiring and retaining more police officers: she noted that she saw a statistic that police staffing in 2016 was the lowest it had been in 10 years. She supports building back up the police force.* Rep. Claman agreed, and added that it has been difficult to keep up with attrition, both with retirements and with people leaving after completing training. If we do not hold police academies every year to train new officers, we cannot keep up with the loss of officers and will lose a net number over time.

ASSEMBLY REPORT | MEMBERS ERIC CROFT + AUSTIN QUINN-DAVIDSON

- **Resolution Honoring Tim Steele:** The Assembly passed a resolution honoring former West Anchorage member Tim Steele for his service on the Assembly. Thank you, Tim!
- **Stream Setback Ordinance:** The stream setback ordinance passed, most of the discussion at the Assembly level focused on rules for the Hillside area.
- **ML&P and Chugach Electric Merger:** This negotiation continues, with the goal of finishing the deal in September 2019. In the meantime, the Muni must enter into a purchase agreement by end of December 2018. There are ongoing work sessions on the sale; the next opportunity to give public testimony will be Wednesday, November 7 at the Assembly meeting.
- **APD Purchase of Former Anchorage LIO:** The Muni signed a lease agreement with the Anchorage Community Development Authority to move the Anchorage Police Department headquarters to the former downtown Anchorage LIO on 4th Avenue and H street. More police (primarily detectives) will be located downtown, and the current Tudor location will be used more for evidence and storage and other back-end functions. The increased presence of police downtown will be beneficial for public safety, will help police get to court appointments more easily, and there will be some parking spots available for walk-in activities such as paying tickets.
- **Purchase of Property Adjacent to Central Transfer Station:** The Muni recently purchased land owned by Wal-Mart next to the Central Transfer Station at Old Seward and 54th Avenue. Much of the facility is very old and needs to be updated, but upgrading the facility would require shutdown for 2 years. Instead, they will be building a new facility on this newly-acquired property, and will upgrade some of the existing facility. The Assembly also supported a solid waste master plan.
- **Re-zone of Property at Arlene and Dimond:** The Assembly unanimously approved a re-zone of a property in Sand Lake to be R-3A, on Dimond Blvd. near Arlene. This is the first re-zone of this zoning type. The actual development will take several years to complete, but will help the city meet more housing needs as well as other services such as mixed use (residential and commercial).
- **2019 Budget:** The Assembly will be taking comments on the proposed 2019 budget starting at the next meeting on November 7. The Mayor introduces a draft budget, and the Assembly can make amendments to the budget before approval. Approximately 40% of the budget goes to public safety functions; the budget proposes 3 more dispatch positions for APD, and the budget removes 2 fire apparatus (vehicles).
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Sam Moore asked about other waste diversion programs, such as glass recycling?* Eric Croft noted that there is a glass recycling program, and like other recycling programs, it is mostly supply and demand. Locally, AWWU uses recycled ground glass as a permeable, non biodegradable base for new pipe. Fairbanks North Star Borough includes at their dump a reuse area, where people can leave nicer/serviceable items for others to take. The new Central Transfer Station will include an area for this as well.

- Two members of Fire Station 5, led by Captain Jason Dolph, shared some information about the proposed fire apparatus cuts. The first is Truck 12, Homer Drive and Old Seward; this is the southernmost truck with a ladder. The second is a Water Tender (position) and water truck at Fire Station 9 at Dearmoun Road, which is in an area with no fire hydrants. He also noted that these are important for EMS calls, which is about 80% of responses that fire teams are responsible for. Their aim is to have contiguous coverage areas and a 6-minute response time, which is critical for cardiac arrest and other life-threatening conditions, so taking capacity out of the system can have negative impacts on response time. For example, fire trucks have almost all the same equipment as ambulances, they can respond and provide initial care before an ambulance can arrive and transport someone to a hospital.
- *A member asked whether removing this water truck from the system, in an area with no hydrants, will mean that the Fire Department will not respond in time to save homes? She also thanked the Fire Department for their very quick response for her and her husband carbon monoxide.* The Fire Department is still responsible for responding to fires in the service area, and will not just let a home be destroyed. The issue would be response times, this can also make a big difference in the ability to save a structure or save a life in a medical emergency.
- Matt Claman shared that the density (location and coverage areas) of fire stations are directly related to fire insurance rates, as having longer response times puts a property at greater risk and make it more difficult to effectively cover under insurance.
- *Sandy Rabinowitch asked if the neighborhoods with fire hydrants have a higher mill rate for having that additional type of fire service?* Capt. Dolph shared that he was not aware of the tax implications, but AWWU owns these facilities.
Sandy also asked regarding the sale of ML&P, could the deal include incentives for property owners who have been generating their own power, or equal rates for generating power or not, and not disincentives? It would be nice to see incentives for installing renewable energy and contributing back to the system overall. This has not been part of the discussion to date, but it is a good question to pursue. Eric shared that he is aware of other cities' programs, it may not be part of the merger itself, as they do not want to make the deal too complicated to execute, but this should be explored.
- A member commented that he is often frustrated with the designated free parking spaces downtown for police in front of the court house, and wondered if this would cause even more parking problems downtown. He commented that he does not like finding parking downtown, and does not want to see even more demand for on-street parking.
- *Merle Akers commented that in the Assembly meeting agenda, the Assembly did not allow sufficient opportunity for public comment. He is also concerned about the parking situation, and felt that the process is confusing and should have been done better.* Eric acknowledged that the Assembly's process for scheduling and moving things on the agenda can be confusing and frustrating, the intent was not to stop public comment. Austin agreed that it is confusing, including for her as a new Assembly member, and she is speaking with the Clerk's office about how to improve this process for the public, making it easier to understand and follow, and therefore easier to participate.
- *Jess Worthington commented that she and other neighbors are interested in traffic calming study and asked Assembly members 1) support traffic study during school year and 2) make this a priority for the upcoming year as a road project in the 2019 bond projects.* Eric and Austin said they will support this project, they understand that TCC will be considering a resolution tonight, and they committed to helping carry out the work of the resolution.

SAFETY REMINDERS FROM FIREFIGHTERS AT FIRE STATION 5

- This Sunday, November 4 is the end of Daylight Savings Time: change your clocks to "fall back" one hour on Saturday night, or when you wake up Sunday morning!

- Make sure you have a carbon monoxide (CO) detector in every sleeping room and on every floor, you should be protected on each floor of your house. Test it monthly, and change the batteries periodically: we recommend checking them at least once a year, such as around Daylight Savings Time. They also have expiration dates: you should replace it after ~5 years from the manufacture date on the device. Carbon monoxide mixes evenly with the air, unlike smoke it can occur near the ceiling or the floor./ Do not put a CO detector in the garage, as it will likely go off when your car is idling or recently turned off inside. The Fire Department responds to those alarms, so it cuts down on false alarms!
- You should also have fireplaces, furnaces and other heat equipment checked once a year, including checking the filter and ensuring it is working properly. This is also a carbon monoxide risk: older furnaces and heaters can start to have ventilation problems and put you at risk of CO poisoning.
- Visit your local fire station! Your local station is Fire Station 5, at Spenard Road and McRae. Firefighters are always happy to have visitors, show you around, share your concerns and questions.
- Station members will return to TCC in February 2019 for a very brief CPR training.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - Michele Wiley personally thanked the Fire Station representatives for their hard work, welcoming the community into the station, and quick response for her recent medical issue.
 - *Sandy Rabinowitch asked whether it was a problem to put a CO detector near a gas stove, would it set off a false alarm?* No, a CO detector would not go off for a gas flame, since it does not put off a lot of carbon monoxide. It would be fine to put it near a stove.

AIRPORT REPORT | JOHN JOHANSEN

- See airport updates on the handout provided at the meeting or online at: www.anchorageairport.com
- **North / South Runway Upgrades:** The runway upgrades have been completed for 2018! The upgraded runway was opened as of October 1, and will remain in operation through the winter until the new construction season in 2019. The Airport will be doing extensive outreach in 2019 before and during construction; the runway will be shut down from April to October. Most departures will be to the east over Midtown, and therefore impacting Midtown, South Anchorage and Hillside.
- **Sunglasses:** There will be a sunglasses kiosk near the Starbucks in C Concourse, opening this month.
- **Ted Stevens Commemoration:** There will be a new commemorative installation near the security exit, funded by the Ted Stevens Foundation.
- The Airport will be having a human sex trafficking awareness training, as many of these illegal activities happen in airports. This is open to the public, with free parking validation for the garage.
- The Airport saw a significant increase in air traffic over the summer, at least 50,000 to 60,000 tourists who traveled to Anchorage this summer, a 5% to 6% increase over last year.
- **Hiring:** There are several positions available, including Airport fire/police personnel, skilled mechanics and maintenance, and other positions. Please share these job opportunities widely!
- **Cargo Transfer Warehouse Proposal:** This proposal solicits bids for a vendor to build a quick-cargo facility, for planes stopping in Anchorage and storing cargo for a short time. There is a meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 9 to 11 a.m., open to the public, including a presentation about the project and asking for interest from other entities to build and operate the facility. This would not be an Airport-funded project, but privately funded and operated, with a lease from the Airport.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *A member asked about the rationale for the takeoffs to the east while the North/South runway is closed? Why not have takeoffs and landings to the west?* John explained that FAA will not allow departures and takeoffs from the same direction in most circumstances. They cannot allow landings from the east because there is no instrument landing system from that direction, unlike the west arrivals and the south runway.
 - *Another member asked if there are plans for Kulis Air National Guard Station?* Currently, Grant Aviation is renting a large hangar, and another is considering it. There is an administrative building being leased, and the former mess hall had previously been leased by Northern Air Cargo, but they ended that lease and are looking for a new one.

- *Jonathan Galin asked why the Airport is not looking at the former Kulis site for a cargo warehouse? Alaska and Hawaii have special transfer rights related to cargo, as some planes will land and unload, and another plane will take the load from there. This would allow for short-term storage of cargo, and needs to be in a convenient location. The Kulis site is large but is not convenient for the purposes of this activity.*
- *Sam Moore asked if there are any upcoming events related to the opening of the new Alaska Airlines facility? There will be a ribbon cutting when the facility opens next week.*
- *Cathy Gleason asked for clarification about the cargo warehouse lease, it states that AIDEA may also contribute funding to the project. John had stated that there would not be public funds, but private funds in the proposed facility. John clarified that no airport funds would be used, but AIDEA (another public owned corporation) could invest in this. For example, they own one of the large hangars being used by one of the major operators.*
- *Another member commented that she has heard a lot of ground noise, she is concerned about the noise from unloading and loading at the cargo facility. John clarified that the facility would not generate more noise as it would just be a warehouse, it would allow airplanes to store cargo more easily while changing planes. There is likely ground noise from when the airplane turns on the runway exposing the jets to the neighborhood briefly. Unfortunately this is the shortest turning route for the planes, it would be difficult to find a different route and either way would at some point require the jet to turn this direction.*

COMMITTEE REPORT: LAND USE, LICENSE & PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

- **Assembly Action on Stream Setback Ordinance:** (also included in Assembly report). Cathy Gleason noted that TCC submitted comments on the ordinance and supported concerns of Hillside neighbors regarding changes to their previous setbacks. The Assembly did not make changes based on TCC's comments, but did work extensively on the Hillside issues. Streams in Turnagain would not be significantly impacted by this ordinance, since most of the existing stream channels are already surrounded by development. This ordinance will mainly impact new development.
- **Scale Infill Housing in R-2 Zones:** Comments are due October 26. A handout detailing the proposed changes was available in the meeting. This proposal makes changes to the rules regarding building height, it leaves as 30 feet but removes 2.5 story. It also would require developers to build houses or buildings that do not have large blank facades, in order to fit better with existing neighborhood character and otherwise positively contribute to the visual appeal of the city. Turnagain has many R-2 zoned areas in the neighborhood. One of the overall concerns expressed is the impacts of these changes on neighborhood density, and TCC submitted similar comments on this in comments about accessory dwelling units—if more units are added to the neighborhood over time, Turnagain has many narrow streets, limited parking and no sidewalks on most streets, so this can cumulatively have an impact on the neighborhood over time.
 - **Motion by Michele Wiley to ratify the comments submitted by the Board on behalf of TCC with comments and questions about proposed changes to R-2 zone requirements. Second by Jon Isaacs.**
Discussion:
 - Jonathan Galin noted that he is also concerned about impacts on infrastructure, such as water, sewer, electrical grid and roads.
 - Cathy Gleason shared that the infrastructure concerns were shared in TCC's comments on the proposed changes to accessory dwelling units (ADUs), but in response to this comment, the planning department responded that stress on the utility infrastructure (power grid, sewers and water systems, and gas pipes) would not be an issue by adding even the maximum number of allowed structures in this ordinance. Traffic may be an infrastructure issue by adding residents on existing roads.
 - Anna Brawley added that part of those agencies' long term planning responsibilities is to project demand and update their systems to meet that demand, just as the school

district looks at population growth and the number of children each year to do its facility planning. Typically cities don't restrict development based on current utility capacity, they must respond to changes in demand for those utilities as new developments happen.

- **Vote on motion: 12 yes, 0 no. Letter is ratified; the Board will notify the Planning Department.**
Danielle Bailey noted that she abstained from voting, as she is a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

TCC EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

- The election is for the 2019 (January to December) term, for the six officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and two Members at Large.
- Dan Gleason nominated Sara Haley for Vice President. Sara declined.
- Dan Gleason nominated Sara Haley for a Member at Large position. Sara accepted.
- Anna Brawley shared that if elected, she intends to serve again as Secretary through 2019, but to not run again in 2020, she will be looking to recruit a replacement!
- Michele Wiley indicated interest in the Vice President position, when she has attended enough meetings to qualify to be an officer per the bylaws. (Officers must have attended two TCC meetings in the last 12 months, prior to the meeting of the elections).
- **Nominated Slate:**
 - President: Cathy Gleason
 - Vice President: [none nominated]
 - Secretary: Anna Brawley
 - Treasurer: Lorraine Davis
 - Members at Large: Sandy Rabinowitch, Sara Haley
- **Motion by Danielle Bailey to accept the unanimous slate as presented. Second by Kathleen Bielawski.**
- **Vote on 2019 officers: 21 yes, 0 no. Officers elected!**

SOLARIZE ANCHORAGE | KRISTEN COLLINS, ALASKA CENTER

- Kristen shared that the Alaska Center is working with neighborhoods in a joint-purchasing and installation program to purchase solar panels for their homes. By doing a group purchase through competitive bid, neighbors can access solar panels and installation at lower cost than they would individually. This is a common program in the U.S., and a pilot program in Anchorage in Airport Heights resulted in 34 homes signing a contract for residential solar. The Alaska Center is working on expanding the program in 2019, and soliciting interest from neighborhoods such as Turnagain to find homes to participate. The goal is to identify interest and select neighborhoods who have organized to participate. Applications are due Friday, November 9, which includes interested businesses for meetings and workshops, a community liaison, and at least 50 interested neighbors who are potentially interested in participating. (Signing up does not mean you are committing to purchasing solar panel, this happens later in the process).
- This is to purchase solar panels for the home, including the equipment as well as professional installation as part of the group purchase.
- The program has a tiered pricing structure, with more people signing up, the larger the discount per person. There is a federal tax credit (30%), a discount from Solarize program (10%), net metering benefits with credits for that month, and the tiered discount on the upfront costs. The benefit of the program is that many people may be interested in solar panels, and many of the complexities and questions that prevent people from getting solar now are addressed in this program, making it easier.
- After neighborhoods are selected, they will work with the program to develop a customized request for proposals (RFP) in November for panels and installation, and receive proposals by end of December.

- Danielle Bailey noted she and Brooke Dudley are the community liaisons and have gathered 61 signatures, and are working on the application, due next Friday. They are also working on an outreach plan, and asked members present to share with their neighbors, sign up if they would like a free solar assessment, and have asked elected officials to send out the information to their constituents.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *A member asked about the general cost to the owner?* The estimated costs will vary depending on the system size, from 100% coverage in the summer to partial cost for smaller systems. The general cost for Airport Heights was \$10,000 before subsidies, and about \$6,000 for the homeowner. This may or may not include battery storage for excess energy.
 - *Jonathan Galin asked about if the energy assessment is free, if a resident signs the petition? He commented that there seems to be no downside, as you do not have to commit upfront to getting the panels installed.* Yes, the assessment is free, with no obligation to continue.

HILLCREST DRIVE AND ESQUIRE DRIVE AREA TRAFFIC STUDY RESOLUTION (2018-02)

- This issue is related to Hillcrest Drive, near Forest Park and Esquire Drive. All of these intersections, and portions of the road in this area, have been the site of numerous collisions.
- Jess Worthington shared information about the traffic problems, also discussed in the previous TCC meeting. She noted that this is an ongoing, chronic problem but in the last 9 days prior to this meeting, there was a serious collision on her and neighbors' property and luckily did not cause injuries but did cause significant damage. Another recent collision happened at her neighbor's property, damaging a fence and was in the same spot where elementary school children wait for the bus. A third collision destroyed a mailbox, left a headlight on the property, and were able to figure out who the hit-and-run car was from a student's car in the West High parking lot.
- While this has been a long term issue, the problem has gotten worse and in October, neighbors asked APD to do additional patrols and traffic stops. They pulled over 6 cars during one day, and 5 of the 6 were not students but other drivers, so this is a larger issue. The neighbors would like to see a solution as soon as possible, starting with a traffic study that occurs during the school year, which is more representative of the problematic traffic than during the summer, when school is out of session.
- The process for addressing traffic calming includes:
 - A community council requests a traffic study of a specific road, to determine if there is a problem meriting traffic calming.
 - The Traffic Department creates a master list of studies, and typically do traffic counts in the summer, when the traffic count equipment (rubber hoses) is less vulnerable to ice and studded tires. Snow and ice, including snow berms on the sides of the roads, also make drivers slow down and treat the road as a lower-speed road.
 - If the study indicates traffic calming is needed, the department will look at appropriate interventions such as speed humps, flashing lights, other options.
 - Tim Myland also noted that the Fire Department does not allow speed humps on the streets anymore, but instead use speed cushions, which do not slow down emergency vehicles such as fire trucks, but will make passenger vehicles slow down.
 - Tim also noted that there used to be temporary speed humps allowed, but the Municipality does not use these anymore.
- Jess clarified that the request of the neighbors is not to determine a specific solution, but to ask for a traffic study as soon as possible in order to move forward in the process.
- **Motion by Barbara Bundy to approve Turnagain Community Council Resolution 2018-02, Request for Traffic Study of the Hillcrest and Esquire Drive Corridors, from West High up to and Including the Forest Park Intersections, for the Evaluation of Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Improvements. Second by Dan Gleason.**
Discussion:
 - Sandy Rabinowitch proposed a friendly amendment to include other nearby streets where children walk to West High and Romig Middle Schools.

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- Another member proposed including Forest Park Drive in the resolution as well.
 - Jess Worthington noted that a previous road project was opposed by neighbors on Forest Park Drive, and she would like to avoid making the study area so large as to dilute the impact.
 - Barbara Bundy preferred to keep the resolution narrow to this area, and that other streets in the neighborhood could be addressed as separate studies.
 - Another member noted that in 2007, there was a traffic study done in the West Anchorage area, but this did not include either Hillcrest or Forest Park, so the area has not been studied for many years.
 - Marnie Isaacs commented that she and other neighbors who live on Forest Park Drive for many years have worked to reduce speed and increase traffic safety on that street. She noted that they worked with the Muni to advocate for stop signs at each intersection, for a dedicated right turn lane on Northern Lights, and maintain the width and character of the road.
 - Another member noted that she did a study of individual cars, they wrote down license plates of a variety of cars cutting through the area. Forest Park Drive neighbors want the area to be safe as well, and support these efforts.
 - Marnie also noted that on Hillcrest Drive, the Safe Routes to Schools Committee advocated for larger shoulders and narrower roadway, which also helps reduce traffic.
- **Motion by Dan Gleason to call the question, second by Danielle Bailey. No objection.**
 - **Vote on motion: 27 yes, 0 no. Resolution approved.**

WEST NORTHERN LIGHTS AND WISCONSIN STREET TRAFFIC NOISE DISCUSSION

- Cathy Gleason shared that this agenda item came from a neighbor in another area of Turnagain interested in addressing noise and speed impacts on Northern Lights. There are other collector roads (Aero, Wisconsin, others) that neighbors have reported have frequent speeding and unsafe driving, these areas could be studied as well and considered for traffic calming.
- This will be discussed at a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

CLOSING

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.
- The next regular meeting will be on **Thursday, December 6, 2018.**

Minutes prepared and submitted by Secretary Anna Brawley on 11/17/18.

Minutes approved by Turnagain Community Council at its regular meeting on 12/6/18.