

TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL (TCC)

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Notice of Meeting— Thursday Dec 6th, 2007, 7:00 PM

Turnagain Eeementary Library— 3500 W. Northern Lights

Agenda Overview

> **Lyn Ary Park Update**— TCC named a group of residents to develop a proposal that will be presented to the Muni as a guide for future development of Lyn Ary Park. A resolution has been developed and will be considered at this meeting. See the TCC website [link above] for the text or pages 3-5 below.

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> **Elimination of TCC term limits**—A number of your current TCC officers, including those elected @ last meeting for another year term, have held TCC positions longer than permitted by the current by-laws. The following motion will be voted upon at the January 2008 TCC meeting:

Nelson Paige moved that the Turnagain Community Council By-Laws provision (art. V, section 3.A.) concerning tenure of officers be amended so that those officers elected at the November 2007 meeting who had previously served at least three consecutive terms in that position could continue to serve in that position in 2008. Dan Gleason seconded the motion. Written notice of this proposed By-law amendment will be given to TCC members and voted on in January in order to conform to the notice provisions of the By-Laws.

> **Airport Master Plan**— On numerous occasions, we have had presentations by airport staff/consultants on the Master Planning Process for the airport. Some TCC residents have voiced concern that these meetings did not provide an effective venue for community discussion of the issue. At this meeting, we will open the floor to individuals to voice concerns/issues with planning process for the airport. Airport staff will not be involved.

Mark Your Calendar

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- **Marston / Foraker Property Redevelopment**—Dec. 13th @ 6:30PM Turnagain Elementary, Review the 65% design stage plans.

Agenda

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- 7:00PM Opening Remarks / Minutes / Announcements, *Mark Wiggin*
- 7:05 APD Report—Sergeant Denny Allen;
- 7:15 Assembly Report;
- 7:30 Legislative Report, Rep. Lindsey Holmes / Senator Hollis French [*See letter from Senator French on following page*];
- 7:45 Motion to Amend By-Laws to eliminate TCC term limits;
- 7:50 Lyn Ary Subcommittee Report / Consideration of SC Motion;
- 8:15 Airport Master Plan community discussion;
- 8:45 Lake Hood Noise Meetings Update;
- 8:55 Balto Seppala/Lloyd Steele parks boardwalk update
- 9:00 That is all. *Mark Wiggin*

TCC Aluminum Can Recycling...

is 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH— Dec 1st. Please have bagged aluminum cans at curb before 10:00 a.m. This is a fundraiser for TCC. For info, contact Jack Hartz at 248-4877.

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Letter from Senator Hollis French, Governor's Budget Survey

Dear Neighbor,

The recent passage of the oil tax bill means that Alaska will receive its fair share for oil extracted from state land. According to recent calculations, the state may realize a \$1.6 billion surplus this coming year.

There are numerous ways to invest in the future of Alaska with these funds, ranging from saving it for future use to investing in public health and safety today.

Governor Palin is asking the public how to best utilize this surplus. Her office has set up an online survey, available at

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SdLawkqxb2H6o7oAkmv2ZA_3d_3d

The survey will accept results through 5 PM on Monday, December 3rd.

Of course, I would be very interested in your thoughts on this topic as well. Whether you like the Governor's survey, or simply send me a response, make sure your voice is heard! As always, you can reach me in my Anchorage office at 269-0234 or via email at

senator_hollis_french@legis.state.ak.us

Sincerely,

Hollis French

Alaska State Senator
District M - Anchorage

If you have concerns or comments on the above resolution, please call Deborah O'leary @ 907.258.6784 or Email @ oleary@alaska.com or Mark Wiggin @ 244.2213 / TCCPresident@yahoo.com

A Resolution of Turnagain Community Council (TCC)

WHEREAS, high density housing in the areas surrounding **Lyn Ary Park** is resulting in more visitors and impact on the park;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the TCC supports maintaining the character of the Lyn Ary as a neighborhood park and not a citywide destination or Coastal Trail head. TCC requests the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) seek TCC approval before providing any amenities, upgrades or landscaping to Lyn Ary Park that would change the character of the park or attract more visitors. Lyn Ary Park should remain a small neighborhood park;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the TCC provides for the MOA, Division of Parks and Recreation the following guidance on Turnagain Community goals for Lyn Ary Park:

- 1. USE:** TCC supports maintaining the current multiple use areas of Lyn Ary Park, including:
 - Open space and times for neighborhood games and free play
 - Children's equipment and play area
 - Summer tennis courts/Winter Ice-skating rink
 - Designated baseball below the bluff for the Anchorage West Little League's seasonal use

Because of safety concerns arising from over-scheduling of Lyn Ary Park, both in terms of frequency and size of events, the TCC does not support increasing the number or size of permitted users scheduled during the 2007.

For the safety of Lyn Ary Park users, TCC requests that the MOA notify schools and the general public of the MOA requirement that large groups wishing to use the park for special outings or festivities must obtain a permit.

TCC supports posting park rules in the parking lot.

- 2. NATURAL BUFFERS:** The existing natural boundaries of Lyn Ary Park provide wonderful creative play areas for children using the park and a buffer for neighbors to the park. The TCC supports maintaining the existing trees and natural growth at Lyn Ary Park. TCC requests the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) seek TCC approval

before providing any amenities, upgrades or landscaping changes to Lyn Ary Park that would change the character of the park.

3. **LIGHTING:** Because most activities at Lyn Ary Park occur in the summertime and the park is surrounded by private homes, no increase in lighting is needed.
4. **FENCING:** Although some permanent fencing currently exists in Lyn Ary Park to support baseball, no additional permanent fencing is needed. Any additional fencing should be safe, temporary, and moveable on a seasonal basis.
5. **CONCESSIONS:** Concessions at Lyn Ary Park should not be permitted due to increased garbage and traffic that could be created by these activities.
6. **PARKING:** Lyn Ary Park is situated in the middle of a neighborhood and is not an appropriate park for increased vehicular traffic. People arriving by vehicle should be encouraged to use the parking lot. TCC supports posting a sign along Illiamna Street, directing users to the Lyn Ary Park parking lot. The parking lot should always be accessible year round during those hours that the park is open.
7. **ACCESS:** Lyn Ary Park has poor vehicular and pedestrian designated access. The result is safety hazards, foliage degradation, and trespass. TCC supports designating specific vehicular and pedestrian entrances to the park with appropriate and aesthetically pleasing landscape. TCC also supports modifying pedestrian entrances for handicap access.
8. **MAINTENANCE:** Lyn Ary is an important neighborhood park given its access to the Coastal Trail and ability to host open space and little league activities. Therefore, TCC believes that the MOA has an obligation to support and maintain the park. Maintenance includes:
 - a. Regular and scheduled garbage removal
 - b. Regular and scheduled mowing
 - c. Regular and scheduled maintenance of tennis courts, including tree trimming and root removal too close to courts
 - d. Regular cleaning of porta potties
 - e. Removal of dead, diseased trees
 - f. Sustaining existing tree and shrub ecosystems
 - g. Repair of existing playground equipment
9. **SIGNAGE:** TCC supports minimal signage to maintain the neighborhood character of the park. Unofficial signs should not be permitted.
10. **SAFETY:** Illegal, after hour, and unsafe activities have occurred at Lyn Ary Park. Illegal activities include speeding, vandalism, drugs, fires, and general disturbances. TCC supports that the MOA provide frequent police patrols both within and around the park, particularly in spring and fall when the level of illegal activity increases.

11. RID IMPACTS: TCC is concerned for safety of park users during the 2008-2009 RID construction west of Lyn Ary Park. The project will significantly increase traffic in close proximity to pedestrian entrances to the park. TCC recommends MOA oversight, including adequate signage and patrolling during construction to protect the park, its users, and the neighborhood.

TCC is adamant that the final design of the Foraker intersection, Lyn Ary Park parking lot, and expansion of Marston Street are safe and enhance natural boundaries and landscaping. Because of the potential impact the RID could have on the park and park users, including loss of parking spots, usable park land, and pedestrian access, TCC requests that the RID project engineer consult with, consider, and incorporate suggestions from the Lyn Ary Park Subcommittee on how to best design those portions of the RID that will affect Lyn Ary Park.

To the extent that new hard surfaces are created by extension of Foraker, the turn onto Marston, and expansion of the parking lot, TCC strongly opposes using these spaces for snow storage, which is unsafe, filthy, and limits use of the park.

12. STORAGE BUILDINGS: Lyn Ary Park is a small park. Temporary storage facilities should not be encouraged. TCC strongly recommends that the MOA reassume maintenance and storage responsibilities offsite.

13. PARK FOUNDATION FUNDS: The TCC recommends that Park Foundation funds be leveraged for matching funds, and be used to develop a Master Plan for Lyn Ary Park that includes landscaped entrances, recognition of the park's historical significance, and upgrade of playground equipment.

14. RETAINING RESOLUTION: TCC adopted the foregoing resolution on **December, 6, 2007** at a regularly noticed Turnagain Community Council Meeting. The TCC asks that the MOA keep this resolution on file and, until it is superseded by a more recent resolution, refer to it as a guide when issues regarding Lyn Ary Park arise. If issues not covered in this resolution arise, the TCC requests that the MOA notify the TCC so that it may provide input on any decisions that will affect Lyn Ary Park.