

## Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates for June 5, 2014, Meeting

Compiled by TCC Board Member Cathy Gleason

### JUNE 2014 MEETING NOTICES:

- **June 2 — Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing on Proposed Community Council Boundary Change**, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.  
*Info:* Jon Cecil, 343-7915, [CecilJP@muni.org](mailto:CecilJP@muni.org).  
**NOTE:** Spenard Community Council voted to change its boundaries to include Spenard Beach Park, which is currently in TCC's boundaries. TCC voted to retain its current boundaries and keep the park in Turnagain.  
**MOA Planning Dept. Staff Recommendation to P&ZC is for Spenard Beach Park to remain within the TCC boundary.**
- **June 5 — TCC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION: Our Lady of Guadalupe, 3900 Wisconsin St.** — Turnagain Elementary School will be CLOSED and unavailable for our June meeting.  
 TCC President Bill Wortman, [turnagainpres2014@yahoo.com](mailto:turnagainpres2014@yahoo.com), 245-1634
- **June 7 — Didlika Park Clean Up/Work Party, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Polynesian Association of Alaska has adopted the park and is sponsoring this event.  
*Info:* Lucy Hansen, 250-4142, [lucythansen@gci.net](mailto:lucythansen@gci.net).
- **June 19 — TCC Board Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Village Inn, 4403 Spenard Rd.**  
*Info:* TCC President Bill Wortman, [turnagainpres2014@yahoo.com](mailto:turnagainpres2014@yahoo.com), 245-1634
- **June 22 —Anchorage Coastal Cleanup, 10:00 a.m.-Noon, Meet at Lyn Ary Park, lower level, along Coastal Trail.** Bring your own trash bags & work gloves, if possible. Kids and friendly dogs welcome. Sponsored by Ocean Conservancy & supported by Alaska Ocean Observing System.  
*Info:* <http://www.aos.org/lend-a-hand-during-anchorage-coastal-cleanup-june-22/>
- **June 24 — Continued Assembly Public Hearing on Anchorage Wetlands Management Plan Revision**, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.  
*Info:* Thede Tobish, 343-7918, [tobishtg@muni.org](mailto:tobishtg@muni.org)  
**NOTE:** *TCC has submitted comments and testified on this item.*

**Please note that TCC will not meet in July or August —  
Our next regular meeting will be held on September 4<sup>th</sup>.**

***Have a great summer!***

## JULY 2014 MEETING NOTICES:

- July 10 — TCC Safe Routes to Schools Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., BP Building**  
*Info:* Committee Co-chairs Barbara Bundy, 230-0940, [bebundy@gmail.com](mailto:bebundy@gmail.com) or Dan Gleason, 980-1958, [dan.gleason@hotmail.com](mailto:dan.gleason@hotmail.com).  
**NOTE:** Door-to-door West/Romig TCC neighborhood outreach will take place sometime in June by committee members.
- Point Woronzof Park 20<sup>th</sup> Celebration Event this summer!**  
 TCC and Alaska Center for the Environment will be co-sponsoring a Point Woronzof Park 20<sup>th</sup> Celebration Event sometime this summer to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of the park. A date has not been set, but it may be sometime in July.  
***Please let us know if you would like to help plan the event!***  
*Info:* Cathy Gleason, 248-0442, [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com)

## AUGUST 2014 MEETING NOTICES:

- August 16<sup>th</sup> — Balto Seppala Park Ribbon Cutting & Fix-It Volunteer Day, 9:00 a.m.-Noon** Lots of summer improvements are planned for this popular Turnagain neighborhood park, including new playground equipment! Please join the MOA Parks Dept. and help with tree planting, bollard painting and possible light trail work at the park on Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>!  
*Info:* Joshua Durand, 343-4427, [DurandJA@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:DurandJA@ci.anchorage.ak.us)

## SEPTEMBER 2014 MEETING NOTICES:

- September 4 — TCC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Turnagain Elementary School Library, 3500 W. Northern Lights Blvd.**  
 TCC President Bill Wortman, [turnagainpres2014@yahoo.com](mailto:turnagainpres2014@yahoo.com), 245-1634

## PROJECT UPDATES:

- West Northern Lights Blvd. Pedestrian Pathway Construction Project**  
 Project work has started the week of May 26<sup>th</sup>, with July as the projected completion date. Right lane closures will occur during the major excavation and rock retaining wall installation portion of the project (approximately two weeks).  
*Info:* Brooke Blessing, MOA Project Manager, 343-8387, [blessingbr@muni.org](mailto:blessingbr@muni.org).

- Land Trade Task Force**

TCC rep. Cathy Gleason and alternate Bill Wortman participated in the Municipality's West Anchorage Land Trade Task Force for the last several months. The last meeting was held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Dept. will now draft recommendations based on Task Force discussions and input, which will then be distributed to the Task Force members for review and comment. A package will then be provided to the Mayor for consideration.

It is likely the recommendations will include 1) preliminary engineering studies be conducted on a second North-South runway and the sewage treatment plant expansion/secondary/tertiary treatment; and 2) some form of a "comprehensive land trade" that includes trading away to the

Airport some of the AWWU sewage treatment reserve land, Pt. Woronzof Park, and Municipal Heritage Land Bank land that serves as a Coastal Trail buffer.

What the Municipality will get in return will be based on appraisals of the above Muni-owned land and Airport parcels that include the snow dump used by the Muni, areas being used as parkland, areas where the Coastal Trail runs through, buffer areas along Raspberry Road, and Turnagain Bog).

TCC has long held the positions of opposing trading away Pt. Woronzof Park to the Airport, development of another North-South Runway through parkland and the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge as well as advocating for the HLB land to be transferred to Parks as dedicated parkland — all of which runs counter to the above potential land trade scenario.

Task Force members requested that the group not be dissolved, but instead be allowed to meet at “strategic moments,” if a land trade proposal goes through the numerous public process steps. The Planning Dept. will forward this request to Mayor Sullivan for consideration.

*Info:* Thede Tobish, 343-7918, [tobishtq@muni.org](mailto:tobishtq@muni.org)

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

The Airport held a project kick-off meeting May 15<sup>th</sup> to receive early input on its update to the 2006 Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan. Several TCC members were in attendance and took the opportunity to provide topics for consideration in the plan update. During the summer months, technical work that includes an operations forecast and inventory of existing facilities will take place. Plans also includes development of a project website. Public participation will start in earnest this fall and continue into winter and spring of 2014-2015.

*Info:* Teri Lindseth, TSAIA Planning Manager, 266-2544, [teri.lindseth@alaska.gov](mailto:teri.lindseth@alaska.gov)

- **Repeal of “Severe Alcohol Dependency Housing” from Title 21**

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the Anchorage Assembly voted to amend Municipal Code, Title 21, by repealing “Severe Alcohol Dependency Housing” in the Group Living Use section. TCC had voted to oppose this action, without additional amendments to address appropriate Municipal over-site and formal public input on “supportive” housing facilities, such as the proposed project to convert the Long House Alaskan Hotel into a 54-unit housing facility for severely mentally ill tenants.

*Info:* Erika McConnell, 343-7917, [McconnellEB@muni.org](mailto:McconnellEB@muni.org).

- **Lyn Ary Park Memorial Garden Spring Work Party & Celebration**

A little rain didn’t dampen the spirits of those who volunteered their time and energy to enhance the memorial garden on May 28<sup>th</sup>. TCC — with support from the Parks Dept., TREErific Anchorage and the Anchorage Park Foundation — organized the event, which included repairing moose fencing, pruning existing trees and shrubs, cleaning up planting beds, planting geraniums in the front planter, and spreading fresh bark chips on pathways. Workers were rewarded for their efforts with free pizza and other refreshments, courtesy of the Parks Dept. and TCC.

To help celebrate the judge’s recent ruling in a multi-year legal land dispute — which favored the Municipality and ensures the retention of the garden as part of Lyn Ary Park — a tree donated by Dan and Cathy Gleason was planted in the garden area.

**MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN  
TCC’S NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT TO  
ENHANCE THIS BEAUTIFUL PUBLIC AREA IN TURNAGAIN!**