

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC Vice President Cathy Gleason — as of October 31, 2016

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NOVEMBER 2016 NOTICES:

- **November 1 — COMMENT DEADLINE — Public Hearing Draft Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan.** The public hearing draft of the Anchorage Land Use Plan Map and Narrative — **now called the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan** — comment period on Case No. 2016-0127 has been extended to Nov. 1st. **In June, TCC submitted a lengthy comment letter on the LUPM Update Community Discussion Draft, which was ratified at our September 8th council meeting.** The TCC Land Use Plan Update Committee has continued our review of the Public Hearing Draft and provided testimony and comments to the Planning and Zoning Commission on Oct. 17th and Nov. 1st. **These comments will be presented for ratification at our November 3rd meeting.**
Info on the Plan: landuseplanmap@muni.org, 343-7921
To view the draft Plan: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Pages/Anch2040LandUsePlanPHD.aspx>
To comment on the Draft Plan: <http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=16323>
To join the TCC LUPM Committee, contact Committee Co-chairs:
Anna Brawley, annab.brawley@gmail.com, or Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **November 2 — COMMENT DEADLINE — Turnagain St. & Turnagain Blvd. Upgrade 65% Design.** The next step in finalizing upgrades to Turnagain St. & Turnagain Blvd. is review of the 65% design. Even though the official comment deadline is Nov. 2nd, TCC has been given additional time to submit comments. **A presentation will be given at our meeting November 3rd. TCC submitted input at the 35% phase — most of which was incorporated by the Planning & Zoning Commission on May 9th. TCC's project committee that will review the document to see if TCC has additional input at this stage of the project.** Upgrades to Turnagain Blvd. is TCC's highest priority CIP Roads & Drainage project, with Turnagain St. ranked third.
Info: Duane Maney, MOA Project Administrator, maneydc@muni.org, 343-8221
Project Review Comment Form:
http://www.muni.org/Departments/works/project_management/Pages/Publications.aspx
- **November 2 — Trail Watch Training, 6:30 p.m., Fairview Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room, 1121 E. 10th Ave.** Volunteers will receive safety training, agree to carry cell phones, report suspicious activity, post incident reports on the Trail Watch website, and wear distinctive arm bands. Through this highly visible presence, the goal is to discourage crime and provide a safer environment for trail users. **Please sign up prior to the meeting, if you plan to attend.**
To sign up for the training prior to the event, go to: <http://trailwatch.muni.org/Default.aspx>
- **November 3 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lake Hood Elementary Library, 3601 W. 40th Ave.** Due to construction at Turnagain Elementary School, TCC will be meeting in the Lake Hood Elementary library until further notice. **PLEASE NOTE: TCC 2017 OFFICER ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THIS MEETING.** **Contact Jonathan or any officer if you are interested in serving as an officer for the council!**
Info: TCC President Jonathan Tarrant, tccpresent@yahoo.com
- **November 4 — Public Hearing — Assembly Rules Committee-of-the-Whole on Measurement of “Shortest Practicable Pedestrian Route” between Protected Land Uses and Marijuana Establishments, 2:30-3:30 p.m., City Hall, 632 W. 6th Ave., Mayor’s Conference Rm. 830.** The Assembly Community and Economic Development Committee has drafted an AIM that proposes the criteria for measurement, to ensure no marijuana establishment will be located directly across the street from a protected land use. **This proposal will be discussed at TCC’s Nov. 3rd meeting.**
Info: TCC Land Use, Permit & License Committee Co-chairs Anna Brawley, annab.brawley@gmail.com or Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442

- **November 7 — Work Session & Deliberations — Planning & Zoning Commission on the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan Public Hearing Draft, Work Session 5:00-7:00 p.m./Reg. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2016-0127 — see above for Draft Plan info. & TCC involvement details.
- **November 8 — 2016 General Election** — ✓ *please vote!*
To find your polling location, go to: http://elections.alaska.gov/vi_w_polls.php
- **November 14 — Continued Deliberations — Planning & Zoning Commission on the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan Public Hearing Draft, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2016-0127 — see above for Draft Plan info. & TCC involvement details.
- **November 16, December 10 — APD Crime Mapping System Seminars,** The Anchorage Police Dept. is hosting learning seminars to show residents how to use APD's online crime mapping system. This is an excellent way to see what kinds of crimes are occurring in your community:
 - **Wednesday, November 16th** at the Federation of Community Councils Meeting on at 6 p.m. at 1057 W. Fireweed Lane.
 - **Saturday, December 10th**, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Eagle River High School.
 Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop, tablet or phone device, and will be able to access Wi-Fi to actively learn how to use the online crime mapping system.
To check out the online APD Crime Mapping site visit: <http://communitycrimemap.com>
Contact Information: Jennifer Castro, Public Affairs Unit, 786-8571, jcastro@muni.org
- **November 27 — DEADLINE — APD Community Policing Survey.** The Anchorage Police Dept. is conducting a survey on community policing and wants to hear from you and your neighbors about what you would like to see in your area. They have offered suggestions in the survey and are asking neighbors to rank their top three wants from APD.
To take the survey, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MRVT6T7>

DECEMBER 2016 NOTICES:

- **December 1 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lake Hood Elementary Library, 3601 W. 40th Ave.** Due to construction at Turnagain Elementary School, TCC will be meeting in the Lake Hood Elementary library until further notice.
Info: TCC President Jonathan Tarrant, tccpresent@yahoo.com
- **December 12 — PUBLIC HEARING — Planning and Zoning Commission Hearing on Airport Zoning District Proposal, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.** The MOA Planning Dept. is proposing to rezone property within the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport boundaries. **The TCC Board/Land Use Committee is reviewing the proposal, is meeting with Planning Dept. officials to discuss issues, and will provide recommendations for consideration at our Dec. 1st meeting.**
Info: Francis McLaughlin, MOA Planning Dept., McLaughlinFD@ci.anchorage.ak.us, 343-8003

JANUARY 2017 NOTICES:

January 16 — COMMENT DEADLINE — Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update. The final Draft Plan has now been released for review and comment. The primary objective of the plan update is to reassess issues, needs, and priorities, and to prepare a 20-year development plan. **TCC has approved positions and submitted comments on the first draft plan. TCC's committee will review this latest draft, to see what changes have been made since the first draft TCC provided comments on.**

Info, submit comments and join email list and receive meeting notices: www.lhdmasterplan.com.

Questions? Tom Middendorf, lhdmasterplan@dowl.com, 562-2000

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **October 24, 2016, West Anchorage Candidates Forum**

Ten of the 12 invited legislative candidates running for Senate District L, and House Districts 18, 21, 22 & 23 participated in the Forum, which was sponsored by the five west Anchorage community councils: Northstar, Sand Lake, Spenard, Taku-Campbell and Turnagain. Over 50 people attended the event, to get information on the ballot propositions and listen to, and ask questions of, the candidates.

Thank you to:

- *Anna Brawley, Cathy Gleason, Sam Moore & Dan Gleason for organizing the event, Sam for serving as Moderator, and Pat Redmond for serving as Timekeeper*
- *Gloria Manni & Dan Gleason for serving as Greeters*
- *Candidates who participated in the Forum*
- *Everyone who helped with set up and clean up*
- *Those who came to discuss Ballot Props 1 & 2*
- *All who provided refreshments — and to Papa John's on WNL for giving us a discount on the pizza*
- *Spenard Recreation Center staff & the Parks Dept. for allowing free use of its facility*
- *And everyone who attended — we appreciate your interest in finding out more about the legislative candidates and ballot propositions on the November ballot!*

- **Fish Creek Trail to Ocean Advisory Group**

Members of the FCTO working group (now called an Advisory Group) met with Josh Durand and Taylor Keegan, Parks Dept., on October 19th, to discuss how a trail project can move forward. Taylor has been assigned to the project to draft route options for consideration. Once a mutually-agreeable route with the Alaska Railroad, Great Land Trust and Muni is chosen, the project will go through a formal public process for engineering, design, funding and construction. The trail is estimated to take 2-3 years. **TCC passed resolution of general support at our Sept. 8th council meeting.**

If you are interested in participating in the advisory group, contact: Meghan Holtan, holtan.meghan@gmail.com OR ***Fill out the form linked at:*** <http://goo.gl/forms/l3Bp81JCK1>

- **Special TCC meeting on 'Sydney Shortcut' Trail**

Turnagain Community Council held a special meeting October 17th to provide an opportunity for Turnagain Heights Subdivision neighbors and property owner Mark Tabbutt to discuss the Sydney Shortcut trail issue. **TCC passed a resolution 49-Yes, 8-No that states, "TCC supports the return of a public access from Marston Dr. to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail across 2803 Marston Dr., and that TCC recommends to the Municipality of Anchorage that action be taken to compel or persuade the landowners to grant such access."**

- **Fish Creek Trail Rehabilitation Project**

On October 13th, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously voted to approve the improvements to the Fish Creek Trail, as presented to the commission (75% design completion). This mile-long trail project will include upgrades to a southern section of the Fish Creek Trail between 45th Ave. and Taft St./West Tudor Rd. intersection — and a northern section between the Kiwanis Fish Creek Park and the Barbara Street Park. Design is at 65%. Improvements include resurfacing the trail, replacement of four bridges, replacement of the lighting system, and removal of select nearby trees. Construction of the northern half is anticipated to begin fall 2017. **Cathy Gleason testified on behalf of TCC that the council generally supports the project.**

Info: www.anchoragetrailsrehab.com

- **TCC Safe Routes to Schools Committee Meeting with Anchorage Park Foundation**

The SRTS Committee met with Anchorage Park Foundation Executive Director Beth Nordund on October 12th to discuss funding possibilities for rehabilitation of the Arlington and Belmont Dr. pedestrian paths to the West/Romig campus. Beth agreed to spearhead the project and produce a project description brochure that can be used for fundraising purposes. Collaboration with the Municipal Right-of-Way and Maintenance Depts. will be needed. **The TCC SRTS Committee is now waiting to hear from Beth as to how to move the project forward.**

Info: SRTS Co-chair Barbara Bundy, bebundy@gmail.com, 230-0940

- **Coastal Trail Fish Creek Bridge & Sisson Bridge Replacement**

Construction has begun on two bridges along the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. Message signs are posted to direct trail users to suggested detour routes during construction (**see project website for maps**): an unpaved detour route for the Sisson Bridge will be available near the bridge; a detour route for the Fish Creek Bridge will be provided through adjacent neighborhoods. Construction schedule will depend on weather conditions — both bridge replacements are projected to be

done by mid-Dec. Bridges will be reopened for winter trail use after installation, with surface paving to be completed in summer 2017.

Info: www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/CoastalTrailBridges.aspx

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

▪ 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 recently completed 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

▪ #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.

▪ PEOPLE MOVER GOOGLE MAPS NOW AVAILABLE:

Two new tools are available to help plan your next trip with People Mover. Google Maps now show real-time People Mover trip info. — and an innovative application that provides estimated bus arrival times based on your stop via text message.

To find the estimated arrival time of buses at a certain stop go to: bus.codeforanchorage.org (No smart phone or data plan is required to use the texting application.)

Text the bus stop id # to: (907) 312-2060.

To plan a trip, go to: www.peoplemover.org

Access Google Maps online or through the Google Maps app on a mobile device

For more information, contact: Bart Rudolph at (907) 343-8490

▪ SIGN UP FOR 'BERKOWITZ BULLETIN':

Mayor Ethan Berkowitz has a new newsletter called *Berkowitz Bulletin*.

Sign up to receive by email at: www.muni.org, then click on 'Mayor's Corner' on the home page, then click on the newsletter graphic on the right-hand side.

▪ 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.