

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC Vice President Cathy Gleason — as of February 1, 2017

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FEBRUARY 2017 NOTICES:

- **February 1 — Platting Board Public Hearing on Subdivision of Simonson Estates Lots, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. S12308. This is a proposal to subdivide six lots and one remnant parcel into six lots, located north of W. Marston Dr., west of Foraker Dr. and east of Pete's Place. **Applicants presented at the TCC November 3rd, 2016, meeting; no position was taken by the council.**
Info: David Whitfield, MOA Senior Planner, WhitfieldDR@ci.anchorage.ak.us, 343-8329
- **February 2 — Spenard Corridor Plan Advisory Committee Meeting, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Cook Inlet Housing Authority, 2nd Floor Training Rm, 3510 Spenard Rd.**
Info: Joni Wilm, AMATS/Transportation Planning Division, WilmJC@muni.org, 343-7957 or Thede Tobish, Long-Range Planning Division, TobishTG@muni.org, 343-7918
- **February 2 — 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 Vice President & Acting President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **February 6 — Continued Deliberations — Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 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. **The TCC Land Use Committee has submitted input on the latest proposed changes provided by the Planning Dept. staff on land use designations in and around the Airport. TCC will discuss the Fish Creek Trail to Ocean proposal as an addition on the map at our February 2nd meeting.**
Info on the Plan: landuseplanmap@muni.org, 343-7921
TCC LUPM Committee Co-chairs:
Anna Brawley, annab.brawley@gmail.com, or Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **Starting February 7 & Every Tuesday in February — Anchorage School District “Visit Our Schools Month” Tours, 9:30 a.m., All ASD Schools.** Evening tour at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 28th only. Tours open to parents and the community. The tours are coordinated by the school principals to ensure student safety and limit classroom disruptions.
Info: www.asdk12.org/visit
- **February 9 — AMATS Technical Advisory Committee Meeting — Consideration of Draft Anchorage Freight Mobility Study, 2:30-4:30 p.m., PM&E Building, 4700 Elmore Rd.** The draft Freight Mobility Study includes projects to improve freight truck access from the Airport's North Airpark to Minnesota Dr. along W. Northern Lights. Once the TAC has provided its recommendations, the FMS will go before the AMATS Policy Committee for final approval. **TCC has long been concerned about the impacts of freight truck traffic traveling down WNL and through the Turnagain neighborhood. More information will be provided at our February 2nd meeting agenda.**
To view the draft FMS Plan, go to:
http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Documents/Freight_Mobility/Study_2016/Draft_FMS.pdf
- **February 9 — Finalization by Parks & Recreation Commission on Recommendations to the 2040 Land Use Plan Public Hearing Draft, 6:00 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room, 2020 W. 48th Ave.** An initial presentation to the commission is scheduled for January 12th.
To view the draft Plan: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Pages/Anch2040LandUsePlanPHD.aspx>
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

- **February 9 — Final Presentation of Fish Creek Park and Coastal Trail Bench Projects to Parks & Recreation Commission, 6:00 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room, 2020 W. 48th Ave.** A final project package will be presented at the P&RC's February 9th meeting. Final bench designs and approval resolutions will be presented at TCC's February 2nd meeting.
Info: Chad Taylor, chad@intrinsiclandscapes.com
- **February 9 — Tentative — Final Presentation of Audubon Wayfinding Project Along Coastal Trail to Parks & Recreation Commission, 6:00 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room, 2020 W. 48th Ave.** At TCC's January 12th meeting, the council approved a resolution in support of the wayfinding project, which will include benches, a bike rack and a trash receptacle at our January 12th meeting.
Info: Dwayne Adams, Earthscape Landscape Architect, wdadams@earthscapealaska.com, 279-2688
- **February 13-March 19th — Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) Program Employment Application Deadlines.** The Anchorage Park Foundation is once again partnering with the Parks & Recreation Dept. on the YEP program. This is a great opportunity for youth in our community — and for those talented people who work with youth. For 10 weeks, teens work outside to construct and rehab soft surface trails, restore stream banks/habitat, and beautify parks. Application positions and deadlines:
 - **Feb. 13th** — YEP Field Educator
 - **Feb. 20th** — YEP Project Crew Leaders
 - **March 19th** — YEP Crew Members & YEP Crew Members — teens ages 16-19*Info and to apply:* <http://anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/youth-employment-parks/yep-jobs/>
- **February 15 — Anchorage Transportation Fair, 3:00-7:00 p.m., Alaska Airlines Center Auxiliary, University of Alaska Anchorage, 3550 Providence Dr. (free parking)** This event is a “super open house,” providing information on a number of transportation projects, planning efforts or existing plans concerning walking, biking, and driving within the Municipality of Anchorage.
Info: Anne Brooks, anna.brooksalaska@gmail.com, 272-1877, <http://anchoragetranspofair.blogspot.com/>
- **February 16 — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., location TBA**
Info. and to confirm: TCC VP & Acting President Cathy Gleason, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **February 22 — Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant Workshop, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Lidia Selkregg Chalet at Russian Jack Springs Park.** Anchorage Park Foundation will be awarding a total of \$200,000 to community projects, thanks to generous funding from the Rasmuson Foundation. For every \$1 you raise through cash, volunteer time, donations, grants or in-kind services, the APF will match \$1 for your project. Attend the workshop to learn more about the program. Applications are due March 10th.
Info: Anchorage Park Foundation, www.anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/challenge-grants, 274-1003
- **February 28 — Deadline — AEDC Public Survey.** The Anchorage Economic Development Corporation is conducting a public survey to collect community feedback on developing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for our city. This is the first-ever effort to engage residents and public and private partners within the MOA to inform and guide the Municipality's economic future. *By taking the survey, you will be entered to win two round-trip Delta tickets!*
To take the survey, go to: surveymonkey.com/r/ANCHCEDS

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Turnagain Blvd. Upgrade**

On January 17th, a Project Open House was held to provide neighbors the opportunity to give input on the Turnagain Blvd. Upgrade 65% design. The Urban Design Commission approved the 65% design at its December 14th. The TCC project committee reviewed the 65% design and provided input; an on-site meeting with TCC and project planners was held December 15th to further discuss landscaping elements; and a discussion with project planners is scheduled for Feb. 1st, to finalize specific landscaping/tree species. PROJECT CONSTRUCTION FUNDING IS INCLUDED IN THE MOA ROADS & DRAINAGE BOND ON THE APRIL 4th BALLOT. Upgrades to Turnagain Blvd. is TCC's highest priority CIP Roads & Drainage project, with Turnagain St. ranked third.

Info. and to review project materials, Open House graphics and comments: CRW Engineering Group, LLC, www.turnagainstreet.com, comments@crweng.com, 562-3252

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

The primary objective of the plan update is to reassess issues, needs, and priorities, and to prepare a 20-year development plan. **TCC submitted input on the Lake Hood Master Plan Update Final Draft Plan by the January 16th comment deadline, based on previously approved TCC positions taken during the development of the plan update. Ratification of the letter is on TCC's Feb. 2nd meeting agenda.**

Info. and to join email list: www.lhdmasterplan.com.

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

- **2017 Traffic Calming Project Update**

The Municipal Traffic Department has released its 2017 updated list of streets that have qualified for traffic calming assistance.

Turnagain QUALIFIED STREETS:

- Loussac Dr. — Lord Baranof Dr. to Iliamna Ave.
- McKenzie Dr. — Aldren Cir. to Milky Way Dr. (*problem to be addressed by 2017 Speed Hump Project*)
- McKenzie Dr. — Andree Dr. to Aldren Cir. (*problem to be addressed by 2017 Speed Hump Project*)
- W. 33rd Ave. — Turnagain St. to Wisconsin St. (*problem to be addressed by 2017 Speed Hump Project*)

Info: Tim Myland, Traffic Calming Coordinator, MylandTD@ci.anchorage.ak.us, 343-8470

- **Thank You to the FCC and the Municipality of Anchorage for Council Maps!**

Many thanks to the Federation of Community Councils for coordinating with the Municipality graphics division on providing each community council of a large map of its council area, showing individual streets. Councils can have them mounted and laminated. **TCC now has our map — check it out at our February 2nd meeting!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you to Turnagain resident Michael Hovanec, who posted the following great neighborhood advice on Nextdoor.com/Turnagain South on January 28th:

“As we all know, crime has taken an upswing in all parts of Anchorage. For our little world over here by Lake Hood Elementary, we must pay attention to the goings on around us. Do not hesitate to call the police at 786-8900 if you feel something is off about things happening around you. Numerous incidents have occurred in our area recently. Let’s be diligent and stay alert, and help ourselves and the neighbors around us.”

- **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE 2017 PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS**

The Municipality is required by state law to make an independent estimate of property value each year, and to visit each property at least once every six years. Public information regarding assessed values and other assessment data is available to ‘walk-in’ customers at the front counter the 3rd floor of City Hall and through the below website:

To view your property assessment, go to:

http://www.muni.org/Departments/finance/property_appraisal/Pages/Default.aspx

- **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE APRIL 4TH 2017 BOND PACKAGE**

The Municipality is proposing a \$46M bond package for the April 4th ballot, which would cost \$11.38 per \$100,000 of assessed property value for debt service. The city is retiring \$36M in general purpose bonds. The Roads & Drainage bond includes construction upgrade funding for Turnagain Blvd.

Also on the April 4th ballot will be a \$58M Anchorage School District bond, which includes funding for West High heating and ventilation replacement as well as \$6.8M for West High and Romig Middle library and counseling improvements. The school bond would cost \$11.67 in annual property taxes per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

For All Municipal Voting Information: Call 243-VOTE (8683) or e-mail us at elections@muni.org.

- **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE STREET MAINTENANCE INFO.**

Want to find out when your street will be plowed? **The Municipality Street Maintenance provides this and other maintenance information at:**

http://www.muni.org/Departments/finance/property_appraisal/Pages/Default.aspx

- **CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES UNDERGROUNDING PLAN**

Chugach Electric has released its 2017-2021 electrical line undergrounding project list. Wisconsin St., from W. Northern Lights Blvd. to W. 44th Ave., undergrounding on the west side is scheduled for 2021 — at a projected cost of \$2M.

To view the Plan, go to:

http://www.chugachelectric.com/system/files/regulatory_affairs/2017-2021_undergrounding_plan_small.pdf

- **INFORMATION ON SB 91, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM BILL THAT PASSED IN 2016**

Thank you to Victims for Justice Executive Director Robin Langlie, who spoke at the December 21st Federation of Community Councils Delegate meeting. As requested by numerous delegates, Robin has provided a site **for more information from the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission to better understand SB 91:**

http://www.ajc.state.ak.us/sites/default/files/imported/acjc/ak_practitioner_guide_2016-11-21.pdf

- **#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.peoplesmover.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

- **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.

- **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