

# Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC Vice President & Acting President Cathy Gleason — as of September 6, 2017

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## SEPTEMBER 2017 NOTICES:

- **September 7 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., — PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION — West High, CTE Wing, Room C252**  
*Info:* TCC Vice President & Acting President Cathy Gleason, [tccpresent@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresent@yahoo.com), [cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com), 248-0442
- **September 9 — Fish Creek Clean Up, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Barbara Street Park, 3109 Barbara St.**  
Bring your rubber boots and help clean up Fish Creek before the winter season! Maps, cleaning supplies and instructions will be provided. This event is part of the Fish Creek Festival (see below). *TCC will form a Clean Up Team for the Event! If you are interested, please call TCC Acting President Cathy Gleason at 248-0442.*  
*Info:* <https://www.facebook.com/events/1936384056639972/>
- **September 9 — Fish Creek Festival 2017, 3:00-9:00 p.m., 3508 Iowa St.** Attend this family friendly event to celebrate Fish Creek! Live music, food trucks, art, duct tape and tarp parade! Please consider biking or walking to this Spenard neighborhood event.  
*Info:* <https://www.facebook.com/events/109045973102645/>
- **September 13 — Spenard Road Construction Biweekly Public Open House, 10:00-11:00 a.m., old SkiAK building between Benson Blvd. & 30<sup>th</sup> Ave.** Typical construction schedule: 7 days a week, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Hours may vary depending on weather and specific work taking place.  
*Info:* [Spawn Ideas, SpenardRoad@spawna.com](mailto:SpawnIdeas@spawna.com)  
*Spenard Rd., Hillcrest Dr. to Benson Blvd. Reconstruction Project website:* [www.midtownroads.com](http://www.midtownroads.com)
- **September 14 — Assembly Community & Economic Development Committee Mtg. to Discuss Proposed State Regulation Changes to Allow Retail Marijuana Licensees to Apply for Onsite Consumption, 9:00 a.m., Permit Center, 4700 Elmore Rd., Conf. Rm. 170.** Changes would be to 3 AAC 306 of the Alaska Administrative Code. The Assembly Community & Economic Development Committee will be discussing the Marijuana Control Board's proposal at their September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, with **a projected Assembly hearing on the committee's recommendations on October 10th.** *TCC Land Use, Permit and License Committee will be meeting in September to review the proposal; committee recommendations will be presented at our TCC October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.*  
*Link to Proposed Marijuana Onsite Consumption Regulation:*  
<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=186831>
- **September 15 — Comment Deadline — ANC Taxiway S Rehabilitation.** The Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport is proposing improvements to Taxiway S, including repaving, new lighting, and improved drainage at the east end of the taxiway. *A brief overview of the project will be provided at the TCC Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> mtg. Send comments to:* Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, DOT&PF Preliminary Design & Environmental, P.O. Box 196900, Anchorage, AK 99519-6900
- **September 21 — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., location TBA.**  
*Info and to confirm:* TCC VP & Acting President Cathy Gleason, [tccpresident@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresident@yahoo.com), 248-0442
- **September 26 — Public Hearing — Assembly Public Hearing on the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan (Planning & Zoning Commission Recommended Draft), 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St. AO 2017-116.** The P&ZC wrapped up their review and recommendations in June. *The Assembly will hold two work sessions (Sept. 8 & Sept. 22) to discuss the recommendations, before their hearing on the 26<sup>th</sup>. TCC has provided input during this two-year process,*

including two important recommendations for the LUP Map: **Removal** of “Potential Airport Expansion Alternative” overlay on Point Woronzof Park, and **Inclusion** of an overlay on a larger portion of Turnagain Bog for potential protection. PLEASE CONSIDER TESTIFYING AT THE ASSEMBLY — OR SUBMITTING WRITTEN COMMENTS — IN SUPPORT OF TCC’S PROPOSALS!

Info on the Plan: landuseplanmap@muni.org, 343-7921,

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/default.aspx>

Info on TCC Proposals: Please contact TCC LUPM Committee Co-chairs:

Anna Brawley, annab.brawley@gmail.com, or Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442

Send comments to: Anchorage Assembly, c/o Barbara A. Jones, Municipal Clerk, P.O. Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 99519-6650, Fax 343-4313, or wwmas@muni.org

### **Month of September — Aviation Appreciation Month**

Gov. Walker issued a proclamation August 29<sup>th</sup> declaring September 2017 Aviation Appreciation Month, which recognizes the importance of aviation in the State of Alaska. Gov. Walker stated, “Aviation is the primary statewide means of access and connection for 82 percent of Alaska’s communities not connected to the contiguous road system. Alaska is home to 749 registered airports and seaplane bases, supporting 9,346 registered aircraft utilized by 7,853 active pilots.”

### **OCTOBER 2017 NOTICES:**

- **October 5 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., — PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION — West High, CTE Wing, Room C252**  
Info: TCC Vice President & Acting President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com,
- **October 10 — Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission Girdwood Retreat, Noon-5:00 p.m., Gridwood Library & Committee Center, 250 Egloff Dr.** Based on recommendations from the HLB Advisory Committee, the Assembly voted to postpone indefinitely approval of the 2017 Work Program & Five-Year Management Plan. Instead, at the October retreat, the HLBAC will discuss TCC and Rabbit Creek CC’s amendments previously submitted, for inclusion into the 2018/5-Yr. Plan. **TCC’s amendments included a request for the HLB parcels west of the Airport to be transferred to the Parks & Recreation Department for parkland dedication. The Coastal Trail and portions of the Sisson Loop Trail are located in these parcels.**  
To view Draft Plans:  
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/hlb/2014%20Docs/2017%20DRAFT%20HLB%20Work%20Plan%20with%20Appendices.pdf>  
TCC LUPM Committee Co-chairs:  
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- **October 10 — Public Hearing — Assembly Public Hearing on Proposed State Regulation Changes to Allow Retail Marijuana Licensees to Apply for Onsite Consumption, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Changes would be to 3 AAC 306 of the Alaska Administrative Code. **TCC Land Use, Permit and License Committee will be meeting in September to review the proposal; committee recommendations will be presented at our TCC October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.**  
Link to Proposed Regulation Changes: <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=186831>
- **October 15 — Public Hearing Request Deadline — Rustic Goat Liquor License Renewal (5234).** This is for a 2018/2019 renewal. TCC may request an Assembly public hearing, if a resolution is adopted and submitted by October 15<sup>th</sup>.  
If you would like TCC to request a hearing on this matter, please contact: TCC Vice President & Acting President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **October 23 — New People Mover Bus System Begins.** As part of the effort to better serve riders in higher ridership areas, routes have been reconfigured, with more frequent pick ups at bus stops, and increased operation hours. **PLEASE NOTE: these changes will result in the Turnagain neighborhood losing its bus service, as of October 23rd (Route 36 will be eliminated). A People Mover representative is scheduled to attend the TCC October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.**  
For Info. on Maps & Schedules, Bus Stop Numbers, Bus Tracker, go to:  
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/PeopleMover/Pages/default.aspx>

- **October 27 — Comment Deadline — Proposed State Regulation Changes to Allow Retail Marijuana Licensees to Apply for Onsite Consumption.** Changes would be to 3 AAC 306 of the Alaska Administrative Code. The Assembly Community & Economic Development Committee will be discussing the Marijuana Control Board's proposal at their September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, with a projected Assembly hearing the committee's recommendations on October 10th. *TCC Land Use, Permit and License Committee will be meeting in September to review the proposal; committee recommendations will be presented at our October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

## PROJECT UPDATES:

- **2017 SPEED HUMPS CONSTRUCTION/TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY IN TURNAGAIN**  
Speed hump installation proposed for this summer for the below Turnagain locations are pending, dependent on the Anchorage Fire Department's acceptance of "speed cushions" in these locations, which are modified humps with grooves for fire trucks to drive through.
  - 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. between Wisconsin St. and Turnagain St. — 2 Speed Humps
  - McKenzie Dr. between Sagan Cir. and Milky Way Dr. — 2 Speed Humps*TCC passed a resolution requesting traffic calming for Galactica Dr./Bridle Ln. at our June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.* A study was done this summer; results will be available later this year.  
*For more info., contact:* Nick Oliveira, P.E., Project Manager, HDL Engineering Consultants, nolveira@hdlalaska.com, 564-2136 OR Tim Myland, P.E., Traffic Calming Coordinator, MOA, mylandtd@ci.anchorage.ak.us, 343-8470
- **Anchorage Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040**  
A public meeting was held in June. A Comment Response Summary for Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures is now posted online. *TCC will continue to follow the review and input plan development process. For project info. and to sign up to receive project updates, go to:* [www.MTP2040.com](http://www.MTP2040.com).
- **Turnagain Blvd. Upgrades**  
Project work has been taking place throughout the summer, with completion set for 2018.  
*Info. and to review project materials, Open House graphics and comments:* CRW Engineering Group, LLC, [www.turnagainstreet.com](http://www.turnagainstreet.com), [comments@crweng.com](mailto:comments@crweng.com), 562-3252
- **ANC Runway 15/33 (North-South Runway) Rehabilitation**  
The Environmental Assessment has been finalized. *Among other items TCC requested to be considered in the EA was concerns about potential impacts of the runway extension shifting heavy cargo takeoff/landings to the north and impacting on Pt. Woronzof bluff erosion.* These concerns were dismissed in the EA.  
*Sign up for emails at:* [www.anc15-33.com](http://www.anc15-33.com)  
*Send questions or comments to:* [info@anc15-33.com](mailto:info@anc15-33.com), Katherine Wood, Public Involvement Lead, 644-2153
- **Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update**  
Final report is being wrapped up this fall. Final documents will be posted on the website and public notice provided. *TCC participated in the LHSBMP Update Advisory Committee and provided comments on the draft. Send comments, questions and to receive modifications/updates:* [lhdmasterplan.com](http://lhdmasterplan.com)
- **Anchorage Freight Mobility Study**  
The AMATS Policy Committee voted to approve the Draft FMS at it's June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. *The commission did not remove the Pt. Woronzof Dr./WNL project upgrades, or to recommend use of Lake Hood Dr. as an alternative freight truck route, as TCC had requested.* They indicated the more appropriate time for consideration is during the update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- **Balto Seppala Park Little Free Library**  
After significant vandalism occurred earlier this summer, volunteers have stepped up to repair the damage and the library is up and running again. *Many thanks to those who donated materials and made the repairs! And Thank you to Girl Scout Troop #410 for managing this popular neighborhood asset!*  
*If you have books to donate and would like them picked up, please contact:* Karen Quintieri at 230-6185
- **Mile 2.2 Tony Knowles Coastal Trail Bench Project**  
This beautiful bench, installed this summer, features lots more seating space as well as provide bike racks at this scenic location along the Coastal Trail. *Many thanks to Chad Taylor, designer, who collaborated with TCC on*

*design elements, and the Anchorage Park Foundation for providing Challenge Grant funding for the project!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **TURNAGAIN SOCIAL CLUB RECEIVES LEGISLATIVE CITATION**

*Congratulations to the Turnagain Social Club for recently receiving a Legislative Citation (House Bill 108) in recognition for their accomplishments!* Rep. Matt Claman presented the citation to this licensed adult day care facility that provides critical social and therapeutic services for Anchorage's senior population. The Turnagain Social Club opened in 2016 and is located at 3201 Turnagain St.

- **APD CREATES NEW UNIT FOCUSED ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

In August, the Anchorage Police Department announced the creation of a new team called the **Community Relations Unit**. "Whether it's the media, an Anchorage resident, a business, or a community organization, this new team's main mission is to ensure APD remains connected to the community it protects and keeps safe," stated Chief Justin Doll.

**Contact:** MJ Thim: mthim@muni.org, Renee Oistad: roistad@muni.org, Nora Morse: morsee@muni.org

- **PETE NO. 1 CLEAR PLASTIC CONTAINERS/BEVERAGE CUPS NOW ACCEPTED IN BOTH MOA SOLID WASTE SERVICES & ALASKA WASTE CURBSIDE RECYCLE BINS!!**

Look for the recycle symbol "PETE 1" on the clear plastic. Included in this category are 'clamshell' style food containers or other clear plastic containers, and clear plastic beverage cups. **PLEASE NOTE: Drop-off recycling locations still won't accept these types of containers/cups.** Another reason to sign up for curbside recycling!

- **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. 44<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.chugachelectric.com/system/files/regulatory_affairs/2017-2021_undergrounding_plan_small.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](http://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.

- **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](http://www.muni.org) and on the Mayor's page at:**

[www.muni.org/departments/mayor/pages/default.aspx](http://www.muni.org/departments/mayor/pages/default.aspx).

**Comments, questions and concerns can also be submitted through emailing:** [mayor@muni.org](mailto: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](http://www.anchorageairport.com), News and Highlights section