

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

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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, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **October 9 — Public Hearing — Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing on Proposed new R-3A Zoning District in Municipal Code Title 21, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2017-0110: Proposal would create a new zoning district for medium density residential that allows compatible commercial, retail, services or office uses in specified areas of Anchorage. *This new zoning district proposal will be on TCC's October 5th meeting agenda.*
To view draft new R-3A Zoning District Title 21 Amendments:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Documents/R-3A%20Zoning%20District%20Proposed%20Working%20Draft/PZC%20Case%20No.%202017-0110%20Proposed%20R-3A%20District-Agency%20Review%20Packet.pdf>
- **October 10 — Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission Girdwood Retreat, Noon-5:00 p.m., Girdwood 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>
- **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 recommendations will be presented for consideration at our TCC October 5th meeting.*
Link to Proposed Regulation Changes: <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=186831>
- **October 11 — Spenard Road Construction Biweekly Public Open House, 10:00-11:00 a.m., old SkiAK building between Benson Blvd. & 30th Ave.** T23rd Ave. will be closed at Spenard Rd. for one week, beginning October 1st. 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@spawnak.com
Spenard Rd., Hillcrest Dr. to Benson Blvd. Reconstruction Project website: www.midtownroads.com
- **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 15th.
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 15 — Comment Deadline — Draft 2018-19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) & Draft 2019-22 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Criteria.** The Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan Solutions (AMATS) is currently accepting comments on these transportation-related plans. *Info. and to review draft plans:* http://mailchi.mp/0090cf48b361/draft_upwp_tipcriteria_30day?e=%5bUNIQID%5d
- **October 15 — Participation Deadline — AMATS Non-motorized Plan Data Collection.** Your help is needed to inventory Anchorage trails. Use your GPS device or cell phone to collect trail data. The information will be used to inform the development of the Anchorage Non-motorized Plan, user map updates and maintenance. *Info:* Joni Wilm, AMATS Senior Transportation Planner, WilmJC@ci.anchorage.ak.us, 343-7957
- **October 19 — West Anchorage Public Safety Town Hall & Resource Fair, 6:00-7:30 p., Kincaid Elementary School Cafeteria, 4900 Raspberry Rd.** Join Rep. Matt Claman and Rep. Jason Grenn for a conversation with the Anchorage Police Dept. and local leaders — including Mayor Ethan Berkowitz and Acting Deputy Chief Sean Case — to understand issues facing our community and how we can work together to improve safety in our neighborhoods. *Info:* Contact Rep. Claman at 269-0130
- **October Date TBA — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., location TBA.** *Info and to confirm:* TCC VP & Acting President Cathy Gleason, tccpresident@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 will be attending the TCC October 5th meeting to provide more information.** *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 14th meeting, with a projected Assembly hearing the committee's recommendations on October 10th. *TCC Land Use, Permit and License Committee recommendations will be presented for consideration at our October 5th meeting.*

NOVEMBER 2017 NOTICES:

- **November 2 — 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, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **November 6 — Public Hearing — Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing on Proposed Accessory Dwelling Units Municipal Code Title 21 Amendments, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** Case No. 2017-0095: Proposals would allow larger ADUs and on-street resident parking, and reduce lot setbacks and design standards, to expand the supply of residential rental units in Anchorage. *TCC Land Use, Permit and License Committee recommendations will be presented for consideration at our TCC October 5th meeting.* *To view draft Accessory Dwelling Units Title 21 Amendments:* <http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/planning/Status?planningId=16515>

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **2017 Traffic Calming Projects in Turnagain**
HDL Engineering Consultants is designing traffic calming devices for:
 - 33rd Ave. between Wisconsin St. and Turnagain St.
 - McKenzie Dr. between Sagan Cir. and Milky Way Dr.*An update on the projects will be provided at TCC's October 5th meeting.*

- **2040 Anchorage Land Use Plan**

After a two-year planning effort that started in 2015, the Anchorage Assembly approved the Draft 2040 Anchorage Land Use Plan, Planning & Zoning Recommended Draft, with amendments, on September 26th.

Summary of three major TCC recommendations:

- **APPROVED! Heritage Land Bank Land west of the Airport, where sections of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and Sisson Loop Trail are located** — TCC's request to designate this land "Parks or Natural Areas" WAS RECOMMENDED by the Planning & Zoning Commission, and WAS APPROVED by the Assembly (12-0)! TCC will continue to advocate for the transfer of this land to the Parks Dept. for formal parkland dedication.
- **APPROVED! Western area of Turnagain Bog adjacent to the Turnagain neighborhood** — TCC's request to ENLARGE the "Potential Open Space Alternative" overlay designation area of this important wetland WAS APPROVED by the Assembly (9-2)! While the Airport Master Plan shows potential development for this area, the Muni Planning Dept.'s upcoming effort to create an Airport Zoning District will reflect the importance of a large area of this high-value wetland to the Turnagain neighborhood.
- **APPROVED! Point Woronzof Park, where portions of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge as well as a Dena'ina archeological site are located** — TCC's request to REMOVE the "Potential Airport Expansion Alternative" overlay over this Municipal dedicated parkland WAS APPROVED (6-5)! The draft plan included this overlay to represent a potential 2nd North-South runway that would destroy the park; TCC has opposed the proposal ever since it was first proposed in 2007.

TCC thanks those Assembly members who supported TCC's and the community's support to permanently protect these important natural open space areas in Turnagain! A SPECIAL THANKS goes to ASSEMBLYMEMBER ERIC CROFT, who sponsored the latter two amendments on behalf of TCC.

Info. on Approved 2040 Land Use Plan:

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

- **Turnagain Elementary School Rehabilitation**

The Turnagain Elementary School celebrated its rededication with a ribbon-cutting event on September 27th! Originally built in 1955, the school received much-needed improvements thanks to a 2015 voter-approved school bond. **TCC thanks the school for allowing us to hold our monthly meetings at this facility for many, many years!** (Due to restricted after-school hours at elementary schools this season, TCC is now meeting at West High.)

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

The LHSB Master Plan Update has been completed.

Download the Plan at: lhdmasterplan.com

- **Turnagain Blvd. Upgrades**

Road construction has progressed significantly throughout the summer and fall; completion is set for 2018.

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

- **Fish Creek Trail Connection — Northwood Dr. to Spenard Rd.**

This project will construct a new, 1.7-mile paved trail and a pedestrian bridge over Fish Creek, connecting Spenard Rd. and Northwood Dr. JTA Construction is scheduled to begin clearing for the future trails and preparing for the bridge in early October. Project is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2018.

Info: Brook Blessing, MOA Project Administrator, 343-8387, BlessingBR@muni.org, Russell Oswald, P.E., MOA Project Manager, 343-8196, OswaldRH@muni.org.

- **Anchorage Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040**

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.

- **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.

To accommodate construction, Runway 15/33 will need to be closed to operations for two summer construction seasons in 2018 and 2019. Air traffic will be shifted to the east-west runways during construction.

Sign up for emails at: www.anc15-33.com

Send questions or comments to: info@anc15-33.com, Katherine Wood, Public Involvement Lead, 644-2153

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **CONGRATULATIONS TO TSAIA!**

As of July 2017, the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport continues to maintain the **#1 position for on time departures**, compared to other western city airports: Phoenix, Seattle, Vancouver, British Columbia, San Francisco and Los Angeles. (*AK DOT&PF Plane Talk newsletter, Fall 2017*)

- **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: morse@muni.org

- **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

- **#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.

- **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