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# TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting | September 6, 2018 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
West High / Romig CTE, Student Center | 1700 Hillcrest Drive  
Chaired by Cathy Gleason, TCC President

## WELCOME & APPROVE AGENDA, MINUTES

- The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. About 35 people (members and guests) attended.
- The September agenda was reviewed.
  - **Motion by Pat Redmond to approve the agenda. Second by Dan Gleason.**
  - **Vote on motion: no objection. Agenda approved.**
- The June meeting minutes were available for review and approval.
  - **Motion by Sandy Rabinowitch to approve the last meeting's minutes. Second by Gloria Manni.**
  - **Vote on motion: no objection. Minutes approved.**
- Announcements: *See Attachments flyer available as a handout in the meeting and on the TCC website.*
  - **Fish Creek Festival:** Saturday, September 8, organized by Spenard Community Council and others. The festival will begin with a cleanup in the morning at Kiwanis Fish Creek Park,
  - Alaska Airlines Boardroom lounge liquor license application is out for public comment; comments are due Tuesday, September 11. Please submit your comments to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC Board).
  - **Turnagain Community Council Land Use Committee:** the committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, at the FCC office (1057 West Fireweed, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).
  - Dick Mandsager, working with Rasmuson Foundation and the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness, introduced himself and shared that he is part of a planning process to produce Anchored Home, a Strategic Action Plan to end homelessness. There will be a public meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Wilda Marston Theatre at Loussac Library, to share the draft plan and solicit public comments. The plan includes the community's goals and strategies to address homelessness in the community, with a focus on short- to medium-term actions. There are three main areas: Housing and Supports, Public Safety, and Funding + Advocacy. He and his partners, Nancy Burke with the Muni and Jasmine Khan with the Coalition, are sharing this information with community councils and other community groups this month. Please join them for this event on Tuesday 9/18!
  - Cathy Gleason shared that Nancy Burke, the Muni's Housing Coordinator, will be on TCC's October agenda to discuss the new facility proposed at the current Clitheroe Center location at the airport, at West End Road.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

- Check Turnagain CC's presence on Facebook and NextDoor! Join the Facebook group "Turnagain Community Forum" or watch for posts to Turnagain North and South neighborhoods on NextDoor.
- If you have not already done so, sign up for e-mail updates from TCC and other community councils: visit [www.communitycouncils.org](http://www.communitycouncils.org) and scroll down to "Sign Up"!
- **Federation of Community Councils:** FCC did not meet over the summer, but Gloria Manni attended the summer barbeque on July 19:
  - The event was well-attended, had great weather, and was generally a great opportunity to socialize with neighbors across the city.
  - Assembly member John Weddleton is working on improvements to public notice signage, and solicited public input on the design. Contact him if you are interested in learning more.
- **Best Wishes to Tim Steele:** Eric Croft shared that he is neighbors with Tim, but does not have a specific update. Another member shared that he spoke with Tim recently, and Tim is still recovering but in good spirits.

- **Fall 2018 West Anchorage Legislative Forum:** TCC and neighboring councils typically host a candidates' forum before local elections, including legislative districts. This fall, before the November 2018 election, the Executive Board proposed co-hosting this event again this year. Cathy Gleason attended Spenard CC's meeting last night and asked for interest in this event, and got support as well as a few volunteers to help plan. She asked the group if the council supports co-hosting this event again: the group generally agreed, and Cathy shared a sign-in sheet for volunteers of the organizing committee.
  - Eric Croft suggested including gubernatorial and U.S. House candidates as well.
  - Cathy Gleason noted that typically the number of candidates, and local nature of West Anchorage issues, mean that there is only room for legislative, Assembly and Mayor candidates, but will pose this to the committee.
- **Reminder for November 2018 Elections:** TCC officers serve one year terms, January through December. Elections for 2019 will take place at the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, and nominations will be taken for all positions starting at the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Draft AMATS 2019-2022 TIP List:** Over the summer, the TCC Board reviewed the draft AMATS 3-year Transportation Improvement Project list, which includes the Fish Creek to the Ocean project for \$4 million. Cathy Gleason noted that TCC has supported the concept of this trail in the past, and have requested input on the route before it is finalized.
  - Anna Brawley noted that
  - Gloria Manni shared that she attended the meeting with the Parks Department earlier in the day about the Fish Creek to Ocean project, and suggested that TCC could amend the letter to reflect updated information they received about the project.

**Motion by Kathleen Bielawski to ratify the TCC comment letter on the AMATS 2019-2022 TIP, sent to the Assembly on August 14, 2018, with an amendment to reflect the most current information about the Fish Creek to the Ocean Trail Project, and allow the TCC Board to insert this as an addendum to the letter. Second by Dan Gleason.**

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote: 16 yes, 0 opposed. Motion passes. Letter is ratified; the Board will make the changes as noted, reflecting new information about the Fish Creek to the Ocean project.**
- **Lyn Ary Park Memorial Garden Tree Replacement Donation:** Cathy Gleason shared an update on her and Dan's previous donation: the Gleasons donated several trees at the Lyn Ary Park Memorial Garden, including 2 Canada cherry trees, with support from Parks Department and TCC. These two trees have since died, and the Gleasons would like to replace them. Two evergreens on the property (already existing trees) have also died and were removed. The Gleasons propose a donation of four trees total, two to replace the dead evergreens and two to replace their original donations. The members present thanked the Gleasons for this generous donation!
- **Stream Setback Ordinance:** The Assembly will have a public hearing on the draft ordinance on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Cathy Gleason shared that TCC's Land Use Committee reviewed this ordinance earlier this year, and prepared comments that were approved by TCC and submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission before their public hearings. Cathy Gleason followed changes to this item over recent months, and noted that some of the comments in the letter did no longer apply due to amendments made during the P&ZC hearings. She amended TCC's letter to reflect the most current version of the ordinance, and has brought the revised letter back for ratification. Cathy already provided testimony on behalf of TCC at an earlier public hearing, so she will not testify again, but encourages anyone else who would like to testify on this draft ordinance to attend the next public hearing on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion by Sam Cason to ratify the TCC comment letter on the stream setback ordinance, sent to the Assembly on August 14, 2018. Second by Joan McKinnon.**

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote: 16 yes, 0 opposed. Motion passes, the letter is ratified.**
- **Officers Report** | No additional reports.

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- **Sen. Mia Costello**
  - No one was present at the meeting.
  - Please feel free to contact her office at (907) 269-0117, or [senator.mia.costello@akleg.gov](mailto:senator.mia.costello@akleg.gov).
- **Rep. Matt Claman**
  - In November 2017, Rep. Claman participated in a 50-state summit on public safety in D.C. He attended, and applied for funds to support hosting a state public safety summit. One of his main takeaways from this event was that every state is impacted by the same issues facing Alaska in regard to prisons, substance use, crime rates, and other safety issues.
  - He has organized an event to be held Tuesday 9/11, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Wendy Williamson Auditorium at UAA. This event is free and open to the public, please attend!
  - The Legislature passed several changes during the 2018 session to address issues in SB 91, the comprehensive criminal justice reform legislation.
  - Please contact Rep. Claman's office with any questions or comments.
- **Rep. Harriet Drummond, represented by Patrick Fitzgerald**
  - There have been several bill signings over the summer:
    - House Bill 214, Bree's Law that provides educators information about dating violence and other issues that impact children and young adults. The law was named for a young woman, Bree Moore, who was a victim of partner violence and whose death spurred this action.
    - House Bill 64, addresses reading curriculum and helping children with dyslexia to improve reading comprehension. A legislative task force meets October 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Spenard Road upgrade was also an important road project completed this summer!

## ASSEMBLY REPORT | MEMBERS ERIC CROFT + AUSTIN QUINN-DAVIDSON

- **New Assembly Member:** Austin Quinn-Davidson was elected last month to fill the vacancy left by Tim Steele when he resigned. Welcome, Austin! Both representatives will attend the next meeting, and will split future meetings as is the usual practice for our two representatives. Austin shared that she lives in Turnagain on Woronzof Dr., she is an attorney with Great Land Trust and previously served on the Anchorage Budget Advisory Commission, a citizen commission that provides input on the Muni budget to the Assembly. You can contact her via Facebook, phone (343-4116), or [Austin.Quinn-Davidson@anchorageak.gov](mailto:Austin.Quinn-Davidson@anchorageak.gov).
- **Interim Member:** Eric Croft recognized Ira Perman, the interim West Anchorage representative appointed this summer, for his service to fill the vacancy until the election. He thanked Turnagain and Spenard for their advocacy to have an interim position.
- **Delapidated Properties and Homeless Camps:** Eric and Austin both participated in a walk-through of a dilapidated property and a homeless camp in the Chester Creek area with APD Chief Doll, which was informative. He noted that while the Muni can evict people from public property, the Muni must store the campers' personal belongings and follow other procedures regarding public notice, per legal requirements. Storage is problematic because it may be unsanitary, in bad condition, difficult to move, and in some cases it is clear (but not easy to prove) that there are stolen items such as bicycles.
- **Plastic Bag Ban:** The Assembly approved a plastic bag ban, to take effect in March 2019 (vote: 9 to 2). The Assembly discussed whether it should be a full ban, or partial ban, with exceptions for bag types, charging fees for bags, etc. There will be a ban on single-use plastic bags and a small fee for bags such as paper or compostable plastic. There is a motion filed to reconsider the motion, the Assembly will be voting on this item again at its next meeting. If you have feelings about this issue,
- **Daylighting Fish Creek:** The Assembly is considering a resolution, aspirational only, to daylight (move out of culverts and into surface-area channel) Fish Creek. While it may not be possible in all areas, it would express a general intent to implement this where possible. The draft is being prepared, it will be introduced at the Tuesday 9/11 Assembly meeting, and there will be a work session and additional opportunities for input prior to being voted on.

- **Marijuana Licenses:** Eric shared that there have been some compliance issues with two marijuana licenses, including Cannabaska which was in the news recently for violations of disposal of marijuana products. The Assembly is reviewing this issue.  
Eric also noted that he is preparing to introduce an ordinance for consideration to limit the density of marijuana licenses, such as not allowing stores within 500 feet of each other.
- **New Anchorage School Board representative:** Anchorage School Board member Deena Mitchell was present in the meeting, she did not make a presentation but provided her contact information. Please feel free to contact her if you would like to chat! Phone: (847) 997-8357, e-mail: [mitchell\\_deena@asdk12.org](mailto:mitchell_deena@asdk12.org).
- **Questions and Comments**
  - *Pat Redmond asked whether produce bags in the grocery store are banned?* Some bags are exempt, including produce bags. There is a list of exempted products available.
  - *Sara Perman asked about the status and potential plans for the property the Muni recently purchased from Ron Alleva on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, adjacent to Bean's Café campus?* Eric noted that the Muni are considering options for use of that property. Mr. Alleva is still suing the Muni over impacts to that property, but the Assembly has been discussing uses of this property, including potential uses to provide better solutions for homelessness than what is now.

## AIRPORT REPORT | JIM SZCZESNIAK + JOHN JOHANSEN

- *See airport updates on the handout provided at the meeting or online at: [www.anchorageairport.com](http://www.anchorageairport.com)*
- Jim Szczesniak, TSAIA Airport Manager, shared that the Airport has seen a 4% increase in passenger traffic (number of people) this summer; passenger traffic is impacted by cruise travel, and the cruise industry saw a 20% increase this past year, and anticipating a 12% increase in 2019.
- **North / South Runway Upgrades:** The Airport is still working on the North-South runway, and have almost completed construction this summer, the first year of a two-year project. The phasing of the project meant that they were able to open the runway incrementally and shift flight takeoff and landing patterns back to normal.  
The runway will have normal operations until April 2019, when it will be shut down again for a longer period of time to complete the remaining improvements, a much larger scope than this year. The team will work to complete the construction as soon as possible, but there will be impacts next year as well.
- **Communications / Community Outreach Plan:** Jim thanked TCC for participating in the process and for providing thorough, well thought out comments.  
John Johansen shared that the Airport considered all the comments, and while they did not incorporate all of TCC's comments, they have made several changes including location information about a proposed lease on Airport land, a public notice sign on the property being leased, and a section in the plan with information about the purpose and background of the plan. The Airport will also require that lessees who are located next to residential areas will be required to go to the relevant community council for a public presentation.
- **Construction:** Taxiway Victor is still under construction, this project will be done in October.
- **Concessions Update:** There is a new ice cream shop called Cream, which specializes in ice cream sandwiches. It can be accessed on the secure side and the unsecured side of the Airport.  
The Pork & Pickle restaurant will also have a serving area on both sides of the Airport, similar to the Norton Sound Seafood restaurant near the security and main exit for Terminals B and C.
- **Hiring:** The Airport is still looking for maintenance staff, skilled mechanics, and fire/police personnel (all personnel in this area are trained in both areas).
- **Parking:** For those waiting for an arrival and typically wait at curbside, there is free parking in the Short Term garage for the first 30 minutes. Rather than idling at the curbside arrival area, consider parking in the garage and come into the terminal! There is also a cell phone lot where drivers can wait for their arrivals without having to pay for parking.
- **Questions and Comments**

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- *Cathy Gleason asked whether the increase in passenger traffic will also mean a significant increase in plane traffic, or if that will impact freight operations?* There have been changes to airplanes, they tend to be larger and quieter—so increased tonnage may not result in more planes landing and taking off.
- *Matt Claman asked for clarification about the Airport's fees and whether they will receive more revenue from increased tonnage?* The Airport receives fees based on tonnage, and the cargo fees represent about 60% of the Airport's revenue. Therefore, landings can stay the same but have increased tonnage per flight and therefore overall.
- *Sandy Rabinowitch commented that he would like to see more and better utilization of the train terminal at the Airport year-round, it seems to be empty and unused most of the time.* Jim noted that the terminal is used approximately 22 times in the summer, for cruise passengers going to Denali, but it is certainly underutilized.
- *Pat Redmond commented that she has heard several complaints about air traffic noise over the summer, and knows that there will be more impacts next year. She also noted that the airplane noise used to be significantly louder years ago, but suggested that the Airport do general outreach beyond the newsletters and events like community councils.* Jim agreed that outreach is needed, the Airport is working on an outreach plan and will share information next year before construction starts via media, public events and other avenues.
- *Cathy Gleason noted that in the new communications plan, she saw that the Airport's notice of leases was updated.* Yes, the notice requirements have changed, the Airport will provide notice of all proposed leases on Airport property through GovDelivery.com, as well as posting notices at physical location within a 500-foot buffer of the perimeter.
- *Matt Claman asked about current public safety staffing at the Airport?* There are a total of 65 public safety staff at airport, including the dual fire/police personnel.
- *Gloria Manni asked about benches at the arrival area.* The benches have been relocated, they were removed from the original location and have been bolted down. They are generally in the same location as they were before.

## MAYOR'S REPORT | SHARON LANE

- **Welcoming Week:** September 10-14 is Welcoming Week, which is a nationwide event to recognize and appreciate immigrants, refugees and all people in the community. Join us for the celebrations!
- **Mobile Intervention Team:** There is a new team who can respond to reports of homeless camps and other incidents. You can report camps online using ANCWorks, by calling 3-1-1, or calling the team directly at 786-8837. This team will make contact with the campers, conduct an assessment and connect them with resources such as housing.
- **Movie Night in Town Square Park:** Friday night, September 7, Anchorage Downtown Partnership is hosting a movie night and showing *The Lion King*. Bring your family and enjoy the movie!
- **Questions and Comments**
  - *Sandy Rabinowitch commented that he appreciated Sharon's responsiveness and help with local Neighborhood Watch signs this summer. Thank you!*

## FOOD TRUCKS AT LYN ARY PARK ANCHORAGE WEST LITTLE LEAGUE EVENTS | TRICIA KOZLER

- Tricia is a Turnagain resident and involved with the Anchorage West Little League. She thanked TCC for their recognition of Marty Smith, who passed away earlier this year and who was very involved.
- Tricia shared that AWLL approached TCC the past two summers to allow use of food trucks at some games. Concessions are prohibited at Lyn Ary Park per the Master Plan, which reflected neighbors' concerns about impacts on the neighborhood for large events that may draw additional traffic, create trash, and other concerns.
- Cathy Gleason shared that the TCC Board discussed this at length this summer, as the request to allow food trucks in Lyn Ary Park goes against the Lyn Ary Park Master Plan, which specifically prohibits concessions in the park. However, the Board discussed the benefits of allowing this for AWLL on a

limited basis, and decided to grant the request for events with conditions that AWLL and the vendors ensure there is no litter and other impacts after the events. These events happened over the summer, and the Board is not aware of any negative impacts from neighbors or other park users. She talked with Josh Durand at the Parks Department about options for potentially amending the plan to allow this, or another option to accommodate this rather than amending the plan. Josh advised that a plan amendment may not be necessary, but all food trucks must be permitted at public parks, and

- Cathy also commented that the lots along western Marston Drive will likely be developed soon, parking of food trucks would not be allowed in that area during construction and would be discouraged after the homes are occupied.
- **Questions and Comments**
  - *Sandy Rabinowitch commented that he has heard from others that there were concerns about trash after the events, specifically overflowing trash cans after some events. He did not personally witness this, but suggested talking with the Parks Department and the vendors to address this issue proactively, require trash to be hauled away, or having additional cans on hand. Tricia agreed and will follow up on this issue for next year.*
  - *Anna Brawley asked what the general dates of the Little League's season? The season starts mid-May and goes until mid-July, with games mid-June to mid-July.*
  - *Dan Gleason commented on the plaque installed to name one of the ball fields at Lyn Ary Park, he noted that there is a process for naming fields and AWLL should follow up with the Parks Department to understand this process. Individuals are not allowed to name public facilities on their own, this must be done through the Muni. He also noted that if AWLL is required to come back to Turnagain Community Council to support the renaming of the field, he believes the Council would be supportive of this. Tricia will follow up with the Parks Department about the sign, and find out about the process.*

## PARKS DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATES | MAEVE NEVINS-LAVTAR

### Westchester Lagoon South Bridge and Overlook

- Maeve shared that the project has selected a contractor for the bridge replacement, and completed design. The bridge will be similar in design as the North Westchester Lagoon bridge, but longer: it is 320 feet long, with 6 segments and a centerpiece, much more square feet than the total area of the previous bridges. This is the biggest trail bridge replacement to date.
- TCC provided input on the surfacing and other materials, including asphalt on the two long spans of the bridge, and brushed concrete in the center as a visual and tactile reference for bikers, runners, people on wheels to prompt them to slow down, as there will likely be more people collected in that area near the benches. The viewing deck will have fibergrate so light can filter down to the water and people can view the fish below. The railings will be steel, slightly lower for better viewing. At the viewing area there will be a wooden top railing which is more comfortable to lean on or place an object like a camera. Most railings will look like those at the north lagoon bridge, except at the viewing platform which will be easier to see through, and will be lower than the north bridge.
- The bridge will have built into the railing, the logo designated for Westchester Lagoon, which is the same as used on the wayfinding signage.
- The bridge will begin replacement on October 14, with construction completed tentatively done by January 1, including removing the existing structure and placing the new bridge. The plan is to pre-pour the concrete into the bridge rather than pour it onsite.
- **Questions and Comments**
  - *Melisa Babb shared her appreciation for Maeve's dedication and attention to detail to protect trail users' safety and ensure that the project is successful.*
  - *Joan McKinnon asked for the rationale for a lower bridge height on this bridge, and higher elsewhere? The standards are determined by AASHTO, a body that provides standards and guidelines for safety on transportation facilities such as trails. The higher height is used in areas where there is significant fall height, where someone may be at risk of injury if they*

tumble over the railing. This bridge has a lower fall height, with shallow water below, and therefore less risk of injury.

- *Sandy Rabinowitch commented that he is concerned about the impacts of closure of that area, and asked for as little time as possible for construction.* Maeve shared that the Fish Creek and Sisson Loop bridges were both completed ahead of schedule, and she shares everyone's goal to make this as short as possible. The contractor was instructed to finish the project in the fall or in the spring, with a hard deadline of June 1; the contractor plans to start in October, with asphalt poured in the spring. Additionally, the contractor will use the existing pilings, rather than having to sink new ones; the pilings needed to be replaced on the other bridges, so this took longer and required time for the concrete to cure. She and the contractor are committed to making this project as fast and smooth as possible.
- *Cathy asked about what detour(s) will be available during the construction period?* The team is working on this. The goal is to allow as much use as possible for people at the lagoon, on either side of the construction area, and they will have detour route signs posted for bike commuters and others who are using the trail to get from the neighborhood to another destination or vice versa. The detour will likely re-direct people to go down Forest Park Drive to Hillcrest and re-connect with the Coastal Trail further east at Westchester Lagoon.

### **Tony Knowles Coastal Trail Mile Markers**

- Mile markers are shifting, beginning at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue downtown (0.0) and ending at the Kincaid Chalet (mile 10.5). The numbers will shift to reflect this change, including the current 0.0 mile marker at the Lagoon. None of the markers will be placed on the ocean side on the Coastal Trail!
- There will be more wayfinding projects underway, including directional signs and maps. This project will begin after the mile markers and emergency locators have been installed.
- **Questions and Comments**
  - *Cathy Gleason asked about the benches currently at the bridge viewing area?* The benches were named donations, so the same ones will be re-installed after some minor rehabilitation.

### **TCC Donation for Spenard Beach Park Amenities**

- Maeve thanked TCC for donating money for park improvements, and passed around a sign-in sheet for an advisory committee to discuss how the funds would be used. The advisory committee will aim to meet once in October and visit the site to identify what amenities would be beneficial, and where.
- TCC did not specify which amenities the funds should be used for, but suggested amenities such as dog waste stations, benches and/or a picnic shelter to enhance what is available there now.
- Contact Maeve ([nevinsmv@muni.org](mailto:nevinsmv@muni.org)) if you would like to participate in this committee.

## **PROJECT UPDATES | TCC EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **Fish Creek Trail to Ocean Update**

- Cathy Gleason and Gloria Manni shared that there was a meeting today (September 6) of the FCTO Working Group, the Parks Department has taken on authority to continue moving this project forward. It will be a paved multi-use trail, and will extend from the Coastal Trail to Barbara Street Park to connect to the existing Fish Creek Trail.
- The Department has considered three options, one of which was not acceptable to the Alaska Railroad. The other options are being discussed, but there are logistical issues with the first option (not supported by the Railroad) as well as with the third option, which would put the trail on the west side of the Fish Creek Estuary, not supported by Great Land Trust. This leaves the second option as the most plausible, but this is being discussed and reviewed. The Parks Department will continue to move the project forward, has included it on improvement project lists (including the AMATS TIP list) to secure future funding to continue planning and design work.
- The working group will continue to track this project, and Cathy shared that the TCC Board continues to advocate that the Parks Department include TCC as a stakeholder, as the community council where the project is located, and representative of the neighborhood's interest.
- **Questions and Comments**

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- Tim Sullivan, representing the Railroad, commented that he will follow up with the Parks Department. He did not participate in today's meeting and has not seen the most recent materials regarding the three options.
- Gloria Manni commented that the Parks Department invited community members to the meeting to provide an update, and the Parks Department communicated that they are overseeing the project.

### **Turnagain Slide Area Development, Alaska Supreme Court Decision**

- Cathy Gleason shared an update: This decision impacts the lots along Marston Drive, where lot lines and other plat features changed after the 1964 Earthquake. The owners of these lots sued the Muni regarding their tax assessment, which left legal issues unresolved until now. Now that these issues have been resolved, there will likely be development of these lots in the future.

### **Dempsey Anderson Exterior Painting Project**

- Gloria Manni shared an update from the Parks Department about repainting the Dempsey Ice Arena. The TCC Board inquired about the money which had been appropriated for this purpose in a previous year's budget as part of Project 80s-era facility maintenance. The painting had not been done earlier as intended, but it will be done this year. The paint is a specific composition that bonds to metal, so it takes additional time to prepare the surface and allow the paint to dry and stick.

### **AWWU Point Woronzof Beach Tower Erosion Project**

- Cathy Gleason shared that this project was completed after a short installation process this summer. The purpose of the project was to reduce and prevent further erosion around the AWWU tower at Point Woronzof, which has seen significant erosion of the sand and soil around it. The project installed large boulders and rock material around the tower to stabilize the surrounding area and keep waves from further eroding at its base. AWWU also installed a new gravel pathway leading down to the beach, and provided a means of access from one end of the installation to the other.

### **SRTS Arlington & Belmont Pedestrian Pathways Repaving**

- Sandy Rabinowitch shared that after 14 years of advocacy, there are two new 100 foot long, five foot wide pathways repaved in the neighborhood at Arlington and Belmont leading to the West High-Romig campus. It was completed before school started, and is much safer than the old path (no ice buildup, no cracks and roots and uneven pavement to trip over). They are also working on replacing the lighting to better illuminate the paths.
- Sam Cason commented that he has already heard positive feedback from kids who use this trail.
- Thanks to everyone including the TCC Safe Routes to Schools Committee, Brooke Blessing, Beth Nordlund, and others who helped make this happen!

### **Traffic Calming on McKenzie Drive and West 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave.**

- Cathy Gleason shared that the Muni has installed speed cushions on these areas, which are like speed humps but are specifically designed to allow emergency vehicles to drive through without having to slow down, while still making regular sized vehicles slow down.

### **Turnagain Boulevard Rehabilitation Project**

- Lorraine Davis shared that Turnagain Boulevard upgrades have been completed as of this year, the only remaining task for this project is to replace the lighting in the tunnel.
- Cathy noted, related to the traffic calming item above, that there are speed humps not speed cushions on this road. She unclear of the reason, but perhaps the design had already been completed.
- Brooke Blessing and the contractor are interested in hearing ideas about how to address discarded drug paraphernalia, as this tunnel is often used as an injection site. Lorraine recommended blue lighting, which discourages intravenous drug use (a vein cannot be seen easily under this light), which has been effective in some European countries.
- There was not money for repaving the tunnel, but it is badly needed. Brooke Blessing suggested there may be leftover funds from another project to repave this tunnel, she is looking into this option.
- There is also a new segment of trail connecting the Fish Creek Trail to Northwood Park, continuing the Fish Creek corridor!

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- Anna Brawley commented that events planned during the Fish Creek Festival will include “Take back the tunnel” walk or ride, people care about this tunnel and want to see it used more again!

### COMMITTEE REPORTS: LAND USE, LICENSE & PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

- **Meeting Request from MOA Senior Planner Tom Davis:** Tom and the planning team at the Muni are working on implementation projects related to the 2040 Land Use Plan, including proposed changes to residential zoning areas some of which are zoning districts used in Turnagain. The TCC Land Use Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, at the FCC office (1057 West Fireweed, 1st floor). We will be meeting with Tom to learn about these projects.
- **Statewide Onsite Marijuana Consumption proposal:** The TCC Land Use committee discussed this proposal in fall 2017, and in October 2017 TCC approved a position statement on the proposed regulations to allow onsite consumption of marijuana at licensed marijuana retail stores. The regulations have been posted for public comment again, and the Board plans to re-submit the Council’s original position and comments.
- However, the letter needs some updates, mostly related to references of Anchorage’s smokefree indoor air ordinance, since there is now also a statewide smokefree law enacted by SB 63 this year. The Board will also review the comment letter and regulations closely to see if any of TCC’s concerns or questions were addressed, and if anything in the letter is no longer relevant. The Board is asking for a motion to approve this plan of action, provided that there are no additional comments or different positions taken in the letter to what TCC already approved.

**Motion by Dan Gleason to allow the TCC Board to modify as needed the comment letter regarding proposed state regulations to allow onsite consumption of marijuana at licensed retail stores, provided that the position itself does not change. Second by Pat Redmond.**

**Discussion:**

- None.

**Vote: 16 yes, 0 opposed. Motion passes.**

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No public comments.

### CLOSING

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.
- The next regular meeting will be on **Thursday, October 4, 2018.**

*Minutes prepared and submitted by Secretary Anna Brawley on 9/20/2018.*

*Minutes approved by Turnagain Community Council at its regular meeting on 10/4/2018.*