

**Turnagain Community Council Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting May 4, 2006**

Mark Wiggin, President, called the meeting to order and made opening remarks.

**I. Announcements.** An AWWU public meeting on the Pump Station 10/Marston-Foraker Development will be held before the June 1 meeting in the multi-purpose room at 6 p.m. Members are encouraged to come early and attend the public meeting.

**II. Minutes Approved.** The April meeting minutes were approved.

**III. Library Renovation.** Bonnie York and Art Weeks, Municipal Librarian, gave a presentation concerning a proposed renovation of the Lousaac Library. The project would include a teen center on the second floor and an update to the 20-year-old library. Dan Gleason moved to adopt a resolution supporting a capital project request to the Alaska Legislature for the Library renovations. The Motion was adopted by a vote of 20-0.

**IV. Legislative Report.** Senator Hollis French gave the Legislative report concerning the Operating and Capital Budgets and the Petroleum Production Tax Proposal. He was asked about education funding and noted that a bill to increase education funding over the Governor's proposed increase was moving forward.

**V. 35<sup>th</sup> and McRae Road Renovation Project.** A group of neighbors along the affected roads organized as the Neighbors for a Safe Community asked the Council to support a resolution to terminate the Road Improvement Project because they believed the City's contractor, CRW, and the City were not responding to their concerns about the project and were not willing to significantly modify the standard Collector road design. Questions were asked if the project could be redesigned or refocused as opposed to terminated. Steve Gillette from the Municipality stated because it was a collector road, they are limited to what can be done. Bill Thompson moved to approve the coalition's resolution to terminate the project. Dan Gleason moved to amend the resolution to replace "terminate" with "delay.". The amendment passed 16 to 11. The motion as amended was then adopted by a vote of 21 to 5. Cathy Gleason moved to reconsider the vote at the TCC June 1 meeting to allow the City/contractor one more month to address neighborhood/design concerns. The motion passed 28 to 0.

**VI. Turnagain By the Sea Home Tour.** Deborah O'Leary and Diane Wiggin spoke about plans to hold a home tour as a fundraiser for TCC in mid- to late-August. If anyone is willing to add their home to the tour, contact Deborah or Diane.

**VII. Traffic Calming and Northern Lights Construction.** Matt Korshin of DOWL Engineers gave an update on the Traffic Calming Study in Turnagain. The Citizens Advisory Committee has identified roads that need traffic calming; the next step is to prioritize them. Then funding would need to be sought for implementation. Forest Park Drive was discussed, but it was decided to wait on any recommendations until the dedicated right-turn land at Minnesota Dr. and W. Northern Lights is constructed to see if that relieves traffic load on Forest Park.

He also noted that construction on Northern Lights would begin on Monday and was expected to end on August 1. Delays should be expected. Cathy Gleason asked about the post construction restoration of the staging yard on Northern Lights to normal grade. Matt responded that the area was owned by the Municipality, but out of the scope of the contract and we should discuss this with the city to make sure restoration occurs. She also asked about the grade from Westwood to Westwood. It is now higher and the tree roots are buried deeper – has arborist been consulted? Would like answer at June’s meeting. Bob Durst asked if the fencing currently along Carlton Square condos is temporary; the answer is yes.

**VIII. Park Acquisition Resolution.** Mark Wiggin gave an overview of the history of the undeveloped tract along the coastal trail to the north of the proposed Marston-Foraker Development and west of Lyn Ary Park. The TCC discussed the community’s long held desire to obtain the lands along the coastal trail as undeveloped park land to act as a buffer to development to the south. Nelson Page moved to adopt a resolution supporting efforts to establish the property as undeveloped public parkland and to work with the Municipality of Anchorage and interested members of the community to accomplish these goals. The motion was adopted by a vote of 20 to 0.

**IX. Northwest Parks.** Doe Anderson, Muni NW District manager, gave a presentation concerning efforts to repair and maintain Turnagain area parks this summer under the Clean & Green Program, including efforts to repair exhibits at Earthquake Park and summer volunteers to work on Pt. Woronzof Overlook, Balto Seppala and Lloyd Steel Parks and Spenard Beach Park. Mid-July is a tentative time schedule. Frank Keen requested that trash in the wooded area of Lloyd Steele be picked up as part of this effort.

**X. Capital Improvement Program.** The Muni has released the list of road/drainage and park projects for TCC to rank and comments are due June 23<sup>rd</sup>. A committee will meet before the June 1 meeting to propose ranking recommendations to the Council.

**XI. Announcements.**

On May 11 a West High/Romig Traffic Meeting will be held at the 7pm in the West Library.

On June 12, the Planning and Zoning Commission continued hearing on the Land Use Map for Title 21 will be held.

The Geotechnical Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on May 8 at 11:30 in the Public Works Building concerning the Geotechnical evaluation for the Marston-Foraker Development.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Breck Tostevin, Secretary/Treasurer.