

**Turnagain Community Council Minutes
Regular Meeting June 1, 2006**

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

I. Announcements. Pat Redmond announced a Health Fair at Turnagain Elementary School scheduled to be held on October 21 from 9 am to noon. It is being sponsored by Turnagain Methodist Church, and the Guadalupe Catholic Parish are sponsoring the event and Pat asked for participation by the TCC.

Cathy Gleason asked the TCC to send Assemblyman Alan Tesche good wishes as he recovers from a heart attack.

Mark Wiggin announced that he had information concerning two Chugach Electric Projects at Postmark Drive and Woronzof Pump Station for interested residents.

II. Minutes Approved. The May meeting minutes were approved.

III. Assembly Report. Assemblyman Dan Sullivan discussed an ordinance he sponsored along with Assemblyman Chris Birch to change the bond requirement for appealing tax assessments to the Board of Equalization. He also discussed the ordinance making changes to the sign ordinance to grandfather those signs originally in place.

Assemblyperson Pamela Jennings discussed the proposed Clean Air Ordinance concerning smoking in bars and other public places. She noted a public hearing on the ordinance would be held July 11. She also discussed two liquor ordinance changes she was proposing. She noted that the Mayor had introduced an amendment to the Noise Ordinance.

IV. Legislative Report. Senator Hollis French gave the Legislative report concerning the Petroleum Production Tax Proposal and the Capital Budget. He noted that the strong capital budget provided \$43,000 for the Boys/Girls Club, the Spenard Recreation Center – Public Meeting Facility, \$100,000 for the West High School Auditorium Restoration with matching funding from the Rasmussen Foundation, money for Lyn Ary Park, Fish Creek Trail repair, Chester Creek Sports Center and Margaret Egan Park.

V. Right Turn Lane on Minn/Northern Lights. Mitch Miller and Harold Hendersen of DOT gave a presentation on the right turn lane project for southbound northern lights blvd at Minnesota. The TCC expressed concerns about a pedestrian safe design of the intersection and landscaping.

VI. 35th and McCrae Road Improvement Project. The TCC took up reconsideration of its prior resolution concerning delaying the 35th & McCrae Road Improvement Project. Steve Gillette of the Municipality said the design was limited to the collector road standard and that additional changes could not be made. The resolution to delay the project was then voted down by a vote of 1 to 32. A new resolution was made as follows

Whereas the 35th Avenue and McCrae Road Improvement Project will destroy a well-established neighborhood-including homes, property, trees and lives, and Whereas, neighborhood concerns regarding safety and quality of life have been and continued to be ignored, Therefore, the Turnagain Community Council resolves to terminate the 35th and McCrae Road Improvement Project.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 39 to 0.

VII. Anchorage Citizens Coalition. Cheryl Richardson of the Anchorage Citizens Coalition gave a presentation concerning Title 21 land use issues that are of concern to property owners and citizens. She discussed the need for 100 foot setbacks on creeks, wildlife standards, better quality design standards, protection of mature vegetation, solar access standards, reduced reliance on automobiles, standards to protect walkable city centers, and alternatives to the use of Knik Arm bridge funding. She noted that the Title 21 maps were being considered in a June 5 Planning Commission work session and in a June 13 public hearing and urge members participation.

VIII. Traffic Calming. Matt Korshin of DOWL Engineers gave an update on the Traffic Calming Study in Turnagain. He noted a June 12 date for releasing the draft report on the DOWL website and a June 19 public meeting on the recommendations at Lake Hood Elementary School.

IX. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) List for Turnagain Area. The Muni has released the list of road/drainage and park projects for TCC to rank and comments are due June 23rd. The TCC Board approved recommendations of a TCC committee that proposed ranking recommendations. Dan Gleason moved that the TCC approve the Board's CIP List recommendations. The motion passed 15-0. The recommendations are attached.

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

Respectfully submitted by Breck Tostevin, Secretary/Treasurer.