

Turnagain Community Council Minutes

Regular Meeting September 7, 2006

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

I. Announcements. Mark thanked Cathy Gleason for working with the State Department of Transportation, the Shell Station owner and the Municipality on the landscaping for the southbound Minnesota Drive right turn lane project. Mark thanked Sen. Hollis French for contacting DOT for TCC. The Planning and Zoning Commission is holding hearing on Monday, September 11 concerning the Spenard Int'l Hostel's use permit. Mark Wiggin discussed the sound fence to be constructed on the northside of Northern Lights.

II. Assembly Report. Assemblypersons Dan Sullivan and Pamela Jennings gave the Anchorage Assembly report. Dan Sullivan discussed the passage of the Smoking Ordinance, the reauthorization of the Downtown business district, and the Wal-Mart rezoning proposal in the Muldoon area. He also discussed three proposals he was pursuing involving reducing parking fines from \$20 to \$10, asking for Assembly approval of the Park Strip Plan, and a proposed audit of how to deploy our police force in the City. Pamela Jennings discussed the Walmart rezoning proposal and the naming of the new convention center as the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center. In response to a question, she noted that the Mayor's proposed changes to the Noise Ordinance had been put off.

III Legislative Report. Allison Biastock, aide to Sen. Hollis French, gave the Legislative report. She noted that Sen. French was closing his apartment in Juneau and bring his car home. She noted that the Governor's response to public comments on the gas pipeline proposal was to be published soon on the Governor's website. She noted the passage of the Petroleum Production Tax and that the Senator was putting his focus on future legislation this fall.

IV. Pump Station 10/Marston-Foraker Development. Bruce Robson provided an update on behalf of AWWU. He provided copies of the AWWU's proposal on construction access routes and a preferred alternative route down McKenzie Blvd. (route 4). He noted that the Traffic Department concurs on the route. He invited TCC members to form a work group to meet with AWWU to develop mitigation measures for a traffic control plan. Mark Wiggin agreed to form such a group. A 95% design public hearing will be held in Nov.- Early Dec. Bruce Robson noted that the AWWU intended to include traffic plan compliance with routes and conditions in AWWU's contract for the construction. He noted line items for road watering, traffic control, enforcement were included in line item 95. He noted local material would likely be used in the temporary road as part of route 4 and that a small amount of additional fill was calculated in the truck numbers for

route 4. In response to questions, he noted that if McKenzie drive is torn up by the construction then AWWU would have to fix the road.

The increased cost estimate for the Marston Foraker project has not been voted on by the property owners. He estimated the costs at around \$200,000 a lot. No further design work is planned until the project is reballeted.

V. 35th and McCrae. Mark Wiggin briefed the TCC on the successful meeting with Mayor Begich and the Municipality and the Neighbors Coalition on a redesign of the 35th & McCrae Road Project.

V. Northern Lights Project. Matt Korshin gave an update on the status of the Northern Lights project south of Wisconsin/Turnagain Parkway. He noted that they were working on the imprinted concrete work and that an entrance sign to Turnagain was being completed at the point Benson and Northern Lights meet. A decorative fence is being install in front of Turnagain School to channel kids to the cross-walk across Northern Lights. He noted that new fencing was likely this year but that some cleanup work may happen next year. Cathy Gleason asked if there was still a window to fill gaps in some of the landscaping and he indicated that TCC should try to identify areas with gaps and that they could still plant trees.

VI. Airport Issues. Airport staff, including new Airports Communication Manager Linda Bustamante gave an update on the General Aviation Master Plan and other issues at the Airport. The Airport does not plan to shut down runway 7R next year. The Echo Phase II Parking paving work is going on this Fall. Dan Gleason asked about noise mitigation associated with the new FedEx development. The Airport staff were not aware of the status on noise mitigation for that project. Another member asked about the new bike lane near the Lions Club park. The Airport staff indicated that it was the Airport's goal to complete a bike trail around the lakes and that a bike lane would be created on the realignment of Aircraft Drive.

VII. Chugach Electric. Chugach Electric gave a presentation on the new postmark bog electric substation and the wind turbine project on Fire Island.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Breck Tostevin, Secretary.