

Turnagain Community Council
Meeting Minutes March 1, 2007

Cathy Gleason, TCC Vice President, called the meeting to order.

I. *Approval of Minutes*

The February 1, 2007, minutes were unanimously approved.

II. *Announcements*

Cathy Gleason made several announcements, including: TCC's Recycle Pickup is held the first Saturday of each month and residents are encouraged to set out aluminum cans by 10:00 a.m. TCC received a check for a little over \$250 from Alaska Metals Recycle to settle our account and proceeds from February's pickup totaled \$54. The Municipality is developing a program to more proactively address zoning violations and wants community council feedback. Concerns can be directed to Richard Novy at 343-7541. A Platting Board public hearing will be held on Monday, April 2, on the proposed subdivision of the Durst property; this action is to facilitate AWWU's Pump Station 10 project by the Coastal Trail.

III. *Legislative Teleconference*

Sen. Hollis French discussed the roll out of Governor Palin's Alaska Gas Line Inducement Act. He also discussed the ethics legislation's consideration on the Senate floor and the Judiciary Committee's hearing on the confirmation of Talis Colberg as Attorney General.

IV. *Treasurer's Report*

Treasurer Breck Tostevin announced that TCC had a balance of \$3,997.29 at the end of February.

V. *Assembly Report.*

Dan Sullivan and Pamela Jennings presented the Assembly report. Assembly Member Dan Sullivan discussed the Assembly hearings on the Knik Arm Bridge's inclusion in the city's Long-Range Transportation Plan. He also discussed the bond propositions on the April Municipal Election Ballot. There are two School District bonds: one for \$65 million to replace Clark Middle School and one for \$25 million for other district wide major renovations. Assembly Member Jennings noted that the School District has retired \$85 million in bond debt since the last school bond passed and the two bonds are eligible for 60% and 70% state fund reimbursements. There is a road bond for \$35 million and a \$5 million park bond. The park bond still needs Eagle River resident approval, although they do not pay for the bonds in taxes. The School District budget will be coming before the Assembly shortly. Ms. Jennings announced that Assembly Member Stout has

introduced an ordinance that would not allow residential density increases in neighborhoods that do not want it. Assembly Member Birch has introduced an ordinance that would transition Urban Design Commission duties to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Updates to Title 21 and the Land Use Map should be done by the end of the year.

VI. Northwest Park District Manager Report

Northwest Park District Manager Dave Shapiro discussed Proposition 2, the \$5 million Parks bond on the April 3rd ballot. A large portion of the bond will be for playground safety upgrades. A skateboard park at Spenard Recreation Center is also included. There are no specific park projects in Turnagain on this bond.

VII. Anchorage Police Department Liaison.

Sgt. Denny Allen, the new APD community council liaison, introduced himself and discussed burglary and panhandler concerns. He would be interested in the police and crime issues TCC members would like to hear about at our monthly meetings. His e-mail is isdallen@ci.anchorage.ak.us.

VIII. Assembly Candidate Forum

The council heard from Assembly Candidates: Jim Bailey, Sherri Jackson, Zareena Tran Clendaniel, and Matt Claman. The TCC Board started out the forum with yes/no questions to the candidates on the bar smoking ban, Muldoon Wal-Mart rezoning, 4th Ave. Theater, the sign ordinance rollback and the Knik Arm Bridge - then it was opened up for general questions from those attending the meeting.

IX. Lake Hood Airport Watch and Airport/Tenant Summer Construction Projects.

John Parrott, deputy director of the Airport, and Dee Hanson, executive director of the Alaska Airmen's Association, made a presentation concerning the Airport Watch Program in the Lake Hood area. Council members were encouraged to call airport security at 266-2411 to report any suspicious activities they may see walking around the Lake Hood area. Residents were also reminded that pedestrian traffic is not allowed on the general aviation plane parking lots, taxiways and runways.

Items discussed included the slip fee rates at Lake Hood, is the airport considering expanding into residential land and the Kulis Air National Guard Base, when does the Master Plan Technical Advisory meet and are the meetings publicly noticed, and when will the pedestrian pathway around the Lake Hood area in the GA Master Plan be built. TCC requested that the public be involved in the routing of the project.

Cathy Gleason asked that the Airport announce the meeting dates of the Technical Advisory Committee on the Airport Master Plan so that members of the public could

attend. Mark Wiggin, TCC President attends the Technical Advisory Committee meetings on behalf of the council.

John Johansen, airport director of engineering, gave a presentation on airport and tenant construction projects planned for this summer. Information on these projects can be viewed at www.dot.state.ak.us/anc/business/engineering/index.shtml (07 construction projects). Among the 23 projects are: rental car parking facility will be completed this summer. Rebuilding pavement at Gates N4 and N6. Storm drain work is being done on Lake Hood this summer. In October the entire B concourse will be closed for renovation and will open in late 2009. Five GA hangers are being built and concern about ground noise was expressed. No noise berm is being required by the airport and they don't anticipate the noise to increase.

X. Anchorage Global Logistics Airpark Development, Inc. (AGLAD) North Airpark Borrow Source Development

Lee Nunn, president of AGLAD, discussed his company's application to the airport to remove trees and fill from 17 acres in the area between Boeing Lane and the north/south runway along the north end of North Airpark, south of Point Woronzof Drive. The 660,000 cubic yards of fill would be removed to lower the area to the level of Taxiway Romeo and Alaska Cargoport. The fill will be used at the AGLAD cargo plane fueling development across from the Airport Post Office to fill wetlands at Postmark Bog. Mr. Nunn has agreed to stay 25 feet from the Chugach Electric utility easement and will plant trees at the Boeing Lane entrance area. Disposal of debris will be on airport property and trucks will stay on airport property when transferring fill. TCC Board member Chris Habicht pointed out that a 150-foot buffer delineated by the airport includes road pavement, shoulders and an unvegetated jet fuel pipeline easement. Mr. Lee offered to leave additional clumps of trees where he feels would be appropriate to increase the buffer.

Chris Habicht moved that the TCC adopt a resolution incorporating the three points contained in Cathy Gleason's flier concerning the project.

TCC resolves that:

- 1) A permanently protected 150-foot buffer be part of this application, but that it be a true naturally treed buffer that starts from the southern boundary of the denuded jet fuel pipeline easement;
- 2) The Airport and AGLAD work with the public (i.e. Turnagain Community Council and any other interested group) to determine what other mitigation might be needed to protect the long-term integrity of Pt. Woronzof Drive and the Coastal Trail from existing and future air cargo development in North Airpark (i.e., a large scale tree planting project in the jet fuel pipeline easement; fencing; berm or other measures);

3) The TCC supports the Airport's decision to exclude the land surrounding an active bald eagle's nest on the northwest portion of this area from the AGLAD clearing and excavation permit and request that the Airport designate this a permanently protected area.

Sheri Tomlinson seconded the motion.

In response to the motion, Lee Nunn noted that a 150-foot setback would not allow AGLAD to access the site from Boeing Lane and would require another access road to Pt. Woronzof Drive. He also noted his offer to use a sculpture line as a setback instead of an arbitrary line if he could save additional trees as buffer and still obtain the needed fill.

Pat Redmond moved to divide the question as to each of the three parts of the motion. Breck Tostevin seconded the motion. The motion to divide the question was adopted by a vote of 6 -2.

Motion 1 failed by a vote of 2 in favor to 4 opposed.

Motion 2 was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Motion 3 was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Cathy Gleason then moved that

The Turnagain Community Council supports Lee Nunn of AGLAD's offer to work with the TCC Board of Directors to determine an appropriate vegetative buffer for the Project.

The motion was adopted by a vote of 7-1.

XI. Anchorage Tomorrow

Matt Korshin, representing Anchorage Tomorrow, gave a presentation on the Municipal bonds on the April ballot and advocated for their approval by voters.

NOTE: Due to the meeting running long, the Westchester Lagoon Fish Passage Project Update agenda item was postponed until the April TCC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Breck Tostevin, Secretary