

Turnagain Community Council
Meeting Minutes June 7, 2007

Mark Wiggin, TCC President, called the meeting to order.

I. Announcements (at beginning and then later on in the meeting).

Cathy Gleason thanked all those who helped with the May 23 & 24 tree planting project, and arbor installation to honor Bob Durst at Lyn Ary Park. Five additional evergreens will be planted on Tuesday, June 19 at 5:30 p.m. and volunteers will be needed at that time.

The City and local neighbors have agreed on a design for the 35th and McRae road improvement project.

Humpy's Marathon will be held by the Anchorage Running Club on August 19. TCC was asked to organize a water station near Lyn Ary Park.

Anchorage Neighborhood Housing has an online survey to assess housing needs. The city has a survey on recycling online as well. Residents are encouraged to participate in these surveys.

The Anchorage Fire Department is holding an Open House June 19, 10-4 at the Fire Training Center on Airport Heights Dr.

TCC Curbside Aluminum Can Recycling takes place the first Saturday of the month; next pick up is July 7.

II. Legislative Report.

Sen. Hollis French and Rep. Lindsay Holmes gave the Legislative report. Sen. French stated that he thought it was a great session with the Alaska Gasline Incentive Act passed, an Ethics Reform bill passed, and a Comprehensive Crime Package passed. He discussed local projects in the capital budget, including Glenn Highway/New Seward work, Valley of the Moon Park, Traffic Calming funds, Lloyd Steele soccer field improvements, and design funds for a West High/Community Center. Rep. Holmes discussed the Lloyd Steele project as providing an irrigation system for soccer. She gave credit to Sen. French for his work on the Ethics bill. She noted that the Education Formula was a future topic for work by the Legislature. She also noted that Revenue Sharing passed. She was asked about a special session for Senior Care and she expressed regret that the House did not have the votes to get the bill to the floor after it passed the Senate. She discussed that the capital budget for our area focused on parks, roads and schools. Funding included a crosswalk on Hillcrest Dr. at West High and matching grant funding for Didlika Park.

A question was asked regarding \$150,000 for Lloyd Steele field improvements and how it would be spent, considering there is only one field at this park. Brad Dunker from Anchorage Parks and Recreation explained that the funding was for the cost of installation of irrigation systems for the

field, planting of the field and a fund for maintenance. Cathy Gleason pointed out that there is to be only one soccer field at that park, which was agreed upon when a second soccer field was built at Balto Seppala Park. She wanted assurance that the Parks Dept. did not have plans to build additional fields at Lloyd Steele Park with the state funding.

III. Assembly Report.

Assemblymen Dan Sullivan and Matt Claman gave the Assembly report. Assemblyman Sullivan thanked the Legislature for its support of Anchorage. He discussed the Assembly's action on the proposed new Municipal Light and Power headquarters. He noted that there was talk of a merger between ML&P and Chugach Electric. Assemblyman Matt Claman stated he felt that ML&P had not done its homework on the proposal for a new headquarters.

Assemblyman Sullivan discussed an ethics bill under consideration by the Assembly to increase the violation fines from \$75 to \$5,000, and to provide that a convicted felon could not lobby the Assembly for 10 years after an offense. He discussed the proposal to rename Town Square to honor Ruth Moulton. Despite many councils supporting it, he stated that Fairview CC does not and has an alternative park they want to name for her.

IV. Didlika Park Resolution.

Chris Habicht presented a resolution for TCC support of a United Way Day of Caring work at Didlika Park as part of the Anchorage Parks Foundation grant work received by the Friends of Didlika Park. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 23 to 0.

Camron, who is working toward his Eagle Scout project, will work with Chris on a design and get Parks Dept. approval. Park projects include new fencing.

V. Community Policing.

Sgt. Denny Allen asked TCC about current crime issues. He noted that folks with problems should contact dispatch instead of his work number so that more immediate assistance can be provided by APDSgt. Allen noted that suspicious activities can be reported to dispatch, but that it was also helpful to keep a list of license plate numbers and other information that can be helpful to the police in intervening in illegal activities. John Sinclair expressed concerns about suspicious activities on Wendy's Way. Sgt. Allen recommended residents initiate Neighborhood Watch programs.

Tom Millblood, who lives at the corner of Knik and Turnagain Parkway, complained about speeding on Turnagain Parkway — speed bumps have helped, but there's increasing noise and traffic on weekend nights. Sgt. Allen said that if residents reported speeders' license plates, APD could stop the offenders to provide warnings and possible action if the residents are prepared to file a complaint.

It was noted that unsavory activity had quieted down at Lyn Ary Park. President Wiggin presented a letter of thanks that will go to the Chief of Police for providing increased police

presence at the park. It was asked if permit-only parking could be issued on neighborhood streets near the park. Sgt. Allen said he wouldn't recommend it, but that jurisdiction would be under street maintenance

VI. Capitol Improvement Projects.

Parks Recommendations: Cathy Gleason presented the CIP park project priority list developed by the TCC board. Pamela Jennings moved to approve the list; Breck Tostevin seconded. A friendly motion by Dan Sullivan was made to amend the list to include Fish Creek Park; it was accepted. The motion to approve the Park Recommendations passed by a vote of 19-0.

VII. Roads Recommendations.

Pamela Jennings moved, and Chris Habicht seconded, a motion to approve the TCC Board's prioritization of the road projects. Cathy Gleason made a friendly amendment to delete the International Airport Road/Postmark Dr. intersection project from the priority list; the amendment was accepted. The motion passed by a vote of 14-yes, 2-no.

VIII. Lake Hood General Aviation Complex & Noise.

Linda Bustamante, airport communications director, responded to last month's comments with regard to increased usage and noise generated at the Lake Hood General Aviation Complex. She stated a letter has been sent to float plane operators requesting adherence to noise regulations. Andy Hutzel, Lake Hood Complex manager, met with Rust's Flying Service and also contacted FAA. The airport will work closer with the tower as well.

Merl Akers stated the response by the airport didn't specifically refer to the increasing noise impacts from GA traffic occurring east of Lake Hood. Cathy Gleason stated that GA noise is also a problem for the neighborhoods northeast of the airport and would like to see noise comprehensively addressed.

IX. Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Master Plan.

Rich Wilson from the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (TSAIA) and Nicole McCullough from ASCG Inc. gave a presentation on the Airport Master Plan Update. Mark Wiggin serves as the TCC representative on the project's technical advisory committee. Information on the master plan process is available at <http://projects.ascg.com/anc-apmp/>

Only unconstrained forecasts of passenger and cargo operation growth at TSAIA have been projected at this point. ASCG modeled air traffic at 10 years and 20 years, including bad weather simulations of traffic from the west. ASCG mentioned that one issue driving the alternatives is traffic congestion at certain times of the day. The current average delay for take-offs is two minutes. Other issues identified is there is just one taxiway leading to West Airpark and one of the east/west runways isn't long enough. The next step in the process is to assess alternatives. One major project already being looked at is a new runway located to the left of the

existing north/south runway. Without an additional runway, the 2017 unconstrained forecast is a one-hour delay 3-4 percent of the time.

Questions raised included asking if there is any proposal to cap development at the airport so that operations are still compatible with surrounding land uses (i.e., neighborhoods and parks). Response was that would be the No Development Alternative. Concerns regarding air quality, strong fuel smells along the Coastal Trail, and long runups by jets were expressed. Response was that it wasn't normal and one should note the time and date to the airport when fumes are strong. "Prestone" smells have been noted at Lake Hood; response was that the airport has a program for glycol runoff.

The Airport would like to have comments on the plan by June 22, but stressed that comments are welcome as it continues to develop over the coming months. Concern was expressed that the deadline didn't allow enough time for comments due to the council not meeting over the summer, but that the TCC Board would try to develop recommendations sometime in the near future.

X. *Marston-Foraker Project.*

Russ Oswald, project manager, Municipality of Anchorage Project Management & Engineering (PM&E) and Mark Coburn from VEI discussed the Marston-Foraker development, which includes a Road Improvement District, Water Improvement District and Lateral Improvement District.

The RID/WID/LID project was deferred in early 2006 after a draft 35% design was completed due to the following: The costs associated with the RID/WID/LID projects increased because of construction cost increases and the property owners were repeteditioned; they again approved the project. Also, further seismic/stability studies were requested by the Geotechnical Advisory Commission before they would give approval. Construction is now slated for 2008. Russ Oswald discussed construction traffic and stated that it would likely go in Marston and out Foraker, then Illiamna and out Turnagain Parkway. He stated that the proposal was now to eliminate the Foraker hill parking lane and reduce from 8 to 6 feet the width of the sidewalk proposed for Foraker. He stated that the right of way was 50 feet and the proposed road and sidewalk was 31 feet. He stated that the grade of the hill was 8.7%. The Municipal allows 6% with a 10% maximum grade. Concerns were expressed about the safety of such a grade in winter with new driveways on the hill and reduced visibility at the top of the grade at Illiamna.

He was asked if the road down Foraker into Lyn Ary Park could be eliminated and Marston Dr. just dead-end with a cul-de-sac by the park. He did not believe the traffic engineer or the fire department would approve such a design, but he would send it back to those entities for consideration. Mr. Oswald stated he would give Mark Wiggin an answer concerning a temporary cul-de-sac design next week. There was a long discussion of the pros and cons of a cul-de-sac in terms of the park and residents of the newly constructed subdivision.

Impacts to Lyn Ary Park were discussed. As a result of the road, 4-6 spaces in Lyn Ary Park parking lot will be lost since they are in the road right of way. A gate in front of the parking lot

will be installed to close the parking lot during winter months. Parking will be allowed along Marston to the south. Concerns were raised about the effectiveness of a guard rail and berm proposed to protect trail users from traffic on the turn at the end of Foraker into Marston. Concerns were also raised about the re-routing of the trail and the closest baseball field.

Russ Oswald stated that during construction, temporary access would be maintained to the park and the Coastal trail. He stated that the speed limit would be dropped to 20 mph during construction and they would follow the same TCC recommendations that AWWU has agreed to. Off-duty police could be hired to monitor speeding.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Breck Tostevin, Secretary