

Turnagain Community Council
Meeting Minutes November 1, 2007

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

I. *Announcements*

Cathy Gleason reminded members that aluminium can recycling pick-up to support the TCC happens on the first Saturday of each month.

She noted that there is a City-wide recycling meeting to be held on November 6 at Denali Elementary School from 6:30 to 9. The City is discussing instituting curbside recycling something the TCC has supported for sometime.

The Airport is also holding a Stevens International Airport Master Plan update on November 6 at the DOT building on International Airport Road. She encouraged members to attend the meeting because the Draft Master Plan contains a plan for another North/South Runway to be built in 2009.

II. *Approval of Minutes.*

Laura Setter moved and Dan Gleason seconded a motion to approve the October Minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

III. *Turnagain Elementary School Ice Rink.*

Laura Zettler from Turnagain Elementary School PTA discussed their plans for another year of operation of the ice rink -- open to the community -- at the school. She requested that the TCC contribute to the project.

Dan Gleason asked about the TCC's finances. Secretary-Treasurer Breck Tostevin reported that the TCC had \$1,477.17 in its discretionary account. Over the last twelve months, the TCC took in \$577.30 from can recycling and \$33.79 in interest. Last year we contributed \$750 towards the Ice rink, \$417.08 to Lyn Ary Park improvements, \$250 to Turnagain Elementary School and \$26.25 for refreshments at the candidates forum.

Merle Akers moved that we contribute \$250 to the Turnagain PTA to support the Ice Rink. The motion was approved by Mimi Beck. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 11 to 3. Dan Gleason move to contribute an additional \$150 for a total contribution of \$400. Mimi seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 4.

III. *Community Policing.*

Sgt Denny Allen noted that the focus of his Community Action Policy Team was going to be working on a project in Downtown and Mountain View to focus on locations with

excessive police calls. He noted that the police had been successful in resolving a continuing problem at 4205 North Star and the Bank has taken over the property.

If the TCC would like presentations on APD issues then we should request an officer to talk on a subject through the Federation of Community Councils.

He noted that at this time of year the APD was getting a lot of calls of vehicles stolen while they were being warmed up with the keys in the ignition. He also noted that there had been a bank robbery at the Northrim Bank at 30th and C.

Cathy Gleason passed on the comments of a resident of Turnagain Parkway that speeding continued to be a problem and that the speed bumps did not appear to be resolving the problem. Another resident expressed concerns about individuals loitering in cars at Balto Seppala Park at Milky Way and that she was afraid to walk in the area. Sgt Allen noted that loitering was not in itself illegal but if you see illegal activity it should be reported. He noted that people could also request a police drive-by of an area by calling the non-emergency number 786-8900 or could report concerns through the Municipal website.

IV. Assembly Report

Assemblyman Matt Claman presented the Assembly report. Matt Claman noted that the big issue was the municipal operating budget of \$430 million. He noted he had heard a lot of testimony concerning the pools and that he supported transfer of management to a private profit or non-profit organization after the maintenance problems at the pools had been addressed.

He was asked about pending changes to the municipal noise ordinance. He said many of the issues involved nighttime noise associated with a Quality Asphalt gravel plant at C Street and 68th. The ordinance will continued to be worked on in a work session.

Cathy Gleason asked when the West Anchorage Plan process would be funded in the municipal budget. Assemblyman Claman indicated that the Midtown Plan was in the budget for next year and that the West Anchorage Plan was after that. He indicated that attempting to change the order of the plans would encourage other areas such as the Hillside area to also jockey to change the funding order.

He discussed the Title 21 working group process involving Assemblymembers Selkregg and Ossiander.

Cathy Gleason expressed concern about delays in developing the West Anchorage Plan because the 2020 Comprehensive Plan calls for it to address community impacts from the Stevens and Lake Hood Airports and the Airport Master Planning process. She discussed the TCC resolution passed at the last meeting concerning the Airport Development District designation in article 5 of Title 21. She indicated that she would forward him a copy.

V. Lake Hood Airport Noise Committee Report.

Merle Akers addressed the TCC concerning the Lake Hood Noise Committee on which he serves as the TCC representative. He noted that he was one of only two community representatives so that the membership of the group was numerically in favor of the aviation interests. He noted that he was surprised to learn that there is no pattern altitude for the Lake Hood airport. He said that it used a right hand pattern that put traffic over the neighborhood instead of over the airport. He said the big question is how the airport is going to enforce its rules for noise, etc. in a master plan or otherwise. He posted a map showing where the three noise sensors are located in the neighborhood. He will be exploring with the committee why the pattern cannot be changed to reduce noise impacts on the community. He indicated that he would report back to the Council.

VI. Legislative Report

Senator Hollis French and Representative Lindsey Holmes gave the Legislative Report. Senator French discussed the status of the Oil Tax Legislation in the Special Session. He noted that the bill was in his Senate Judiciary Committee and that it would then go to the Finance Committee and the Senate Floor for a vote. He noted that the bill was going down the profits-based tax path as a committee substitute with higher rates and higher penalties and longer statutes of limitations. The Democrats in the House are pursuing a gross tax but he did not think that was doable in the Senate.

Representative Lindsey Holmes noted that the status was a lot more fluid in the House. A strong group was working on the gross tax issues and she had met with the tax auditors to discuss those issues.

VIII. TCC Elections

The following individuals were running for TCC officers/directors positions:

Mark Wiggin, President
Cathy Gleason, Vice-President
Chris Habicht, Secretary-Treasurer
Pamela Jennings, Board of Directors
Breck Tostevin, Board of Directors

The slate was approved with one dissenting vote. Cathy Gleason raised the TCC By-Laws requirement that officers could not serve more than three consecutive terms.

Nelson Paige moved to amend the TCC to allow those officers that have served for more than three consecutive terms to serve another term as voted by the membership. Dan Gleason seconded the motion. The motion to amend the bylaws will be noted in our next agenda so that the membership will receive written notice of the proposed amendment as called for the By-Laws.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Breck Tostevin, Secretary