

Turnagain Community Council
Meeting Minutes December 6, 2007

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

I. *Announcements*

Mark Wiggin noted that a motion had been made at the November 2007 Annual Meeting to amend the TCC bylaws to allow those officers who have served more than two consecutive terms to serve in those positions another year. Because of the written notice requirements in the Bylaws, the vote on the bylaws change will be at the January 2008 meeting.

Mark Wiggin announced that a public meeting on the Marston Foraker Improvement District Developments will be held at the Turnagain Elementary School on December 13.

Cathy Gleason reminded members that aluminum can recycling pick-up to support the TCC happens on the first Saturday of each month; next pick-up will be on January 5.

Cathy Gleason noted that the AMATS board was updating their public participation plan. More information can be obtained from Anne Brooks at <http://www.brooksandassociates.info/projects.htm>

Mark Wiggin announced that Chugach Electric had requested that its contractor Evergreen note take helicopter routes over the Turnagain neighborhood when flying to Beluga across Cook Inlet.

Mark Wiggin noted the formation of Chugach members nonprofit called Citizens for Reliability and he expressed concerns about recent costly actions taken by the Chugach Electric Board of Directors.

Linda Okland discussed the need for a long-term host family for a West High exchange student from Turkey. Interested families can contact Linda at leokland@yahoo.com or 248-2166.

II. *Treasurer's Report*

Secretary-Treasurer Breck Tostevin announced that the TCC had \$1079.31 in its discretionary funds account.

III. *Approval of Minutes.*

The November 2007 meeting minutes were approved with Breck Tostevin's amendment that there was one nay vote on the officer/director candidates' slate.

IV. Legislative Report

Senator Hollis French gave the Legislative Report. He noted the passage of the New Oil Bill which provides for a profits based tax. He noted that the legislative hearings showed that Prudhoe Bay is very profitable. He noted that the Governor was seeking public input on her savings plan for the additional oil revenues. Sen. French noted that he believes the Constitutional Budget Reserve is the State's savings account and that he hoped the issue of TRS/PERS long-term retirement liability needs to be addressed. He noted that he would be holding a two-day crime summit in Juneau to see how the State could be more effective on criminal justice issues. Pamela Jennings asked whether funding might be found for Youth Court's legal advisors. Sen. French stated that he was going to be working with the Governor early this next session on capital projects in our area to ensure that there is a common view on those projects and to avoid any veto of this area's share of projects.

V. Assembly Report

Assemblyman Matt Claman presented the Assembly report. Matt Claman noted that the big issue was adoption of the municipal operating budget. He noted that there were cuts of less than one-half of one-percent of the budget.

On the issue of the West Anchorage Plan, he noted that the Administration had proposed to fund the Northeast plan for 2008 and the West Anchorage Plan in 2008. The two plans were removed from the budget. The vote to add back the West Anchorage Plan was rejected by a vote of 8-3 with Assemblyman Dan Sullivan voting against adding the funding for the West Anchorage Plan.

Assemblyman Claman also discussed a proposal by Assemblyman Paul Bauer to rescind a 2003 resolution opposing the original Patriot Act and its provisions about Library information.

VI. Lyn Ary Park Resolution.

Blythe Marston and Deborah O'Leary presented the TCC Lyn Ary Park Subcommittee's proposed resolution concerning long-term plans for Lyn Ary Park. Pat Kelly moved to adopt the Subcommittee's proposed resolution. Blythe and Deborah went through the resolution section by section and there was a consensus on all points except for section 12 concerning the MOA reassuming maintenance and storage responsibilities associated with the Anchorage West Little League fields. Representatives of Anchorage West Little League expressed concern that the MOA would not take back maintenance and this was the only way for the fields to be maintained at this point. This section was withdrawn and will be discussed at a future Subcommittee meeting. The resolution without section 12 was adopted by a vote of 21 to 0.

VII. *Lake Hood Noise Committee.*

Merle Akers addressed the TCC concerning the Lake Hood Noise Committee on which he serves as the TCC representative. He was concerned that the Airport was not following its own guidelines. He stated that the FAA and the tower at Lake Hood refuse to give the Airport's noise warnings in its Operational Plan, section 5.

VIII. *Airport Master Plan.*

The TCC had a long discussion of member's concerns about the Stevens International Airport's plans for a new north/south runway. Cathy Gleason noted that one of the north/south runway configurations would go through the middle of municipal park land created by a land trade. She expressed opposition to loss of that park land and questioned whether the voters would have to approve using that land for an airport runway. One member of the Sand Lake Community Council noted that much of the projected cargo growth was "gas and go" operations that did not depend on Anchorage infrastructure such as the FedEx or other operations. He noted that "gas and go" operation growth could be supported out of Fairbanks which would provide support to another area of the State. Fairbanks cargo aircraft fueling operations could utilize jet fuel from the North Pole refinery without shipping it down the Alaska Railroad to Stevens International. Sara Ellen, community project coordinator for the Alaska Center for the Environment offered to research the parks issue and assist the TCC on the master plan issues. Her contact information is saraellen@akcenter.org or 274-3667.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Breck Tostevin, Secretary