

Turnagain Community Council  
Meeting Minutes January 3, 2008

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

I. *January Minutes.*

The January Meeting minutes were approved.

II. *Federation of Community Councils.*

Mark Wiggin noted the Federation of Community Council's budget was before the Anchorage Assembly. He made a motion that the TCC supports the FCC budget request for \$108,000. Breck Tostevin seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

III. *Balto Seppala/Llyod Steele Park Subcommittee.*

Cathy Gleason announced that the Balto Seppula Park Subcommittee met with the consultant hired by the Municipality. Part of the proposed boardwalk would fall in the McKenzie Right of Way and the Parks Dept. will work on getting a permit to build in the ROW..

IV. *Donation to Guadalupe Parish.*

A motion made by Pat Redmond for the TCC to donate \$75 to the Guadalupe Parish for use of its meeting facilities in August 2007 and January 2008 was passed unanimously.

V. *Bylaws Amendment*

Mark Wiggin relinquished the chair for the vote on the Bylaws Amendment. The Bylaws Amendment proposed by Nelson Paige at the November 2007 meeting and noticed to the membership in the later meeting agendas was called for a vote.

*The Turnagain Community Council By-Laws provision (art. V, section 3.A.) concerning tenure of officers be amended so that those officers elected at the November 2007 meeting who had previously served at least three consecutive terms in that position could continue to serve in that position in 2008.*

The Bylaws motion was adopted by a vote of 13 in favor, one opposed and one abstention.

VI. *Bylaws and Nomination Committees.*

Frank Keen moved that the TCC form a Bylaws Committee to make recommendations on proposed bylaws changes and that a Nomination Committee be formed to recommend 2008 officer nominees and a date for a special election Pat Redmond seconded the motion. The Motion was passed by a vote of 14 in favor, 4 opposed and one abstention.

*VI. Elected Board and Officers.*

Mimi Beck moved that the Board and Officers elected in November 2007 continue to serve on an interim basis.

The motion was approved by a vote of 18 yes and 1 opposed.

*VII. Announcements.*

Cathy Gleason announced that TCC aluminum can curbside recycling would be this Saturday and is always the first Saturday of the month.

She noted that the public hearing for the Context Sensitive Design Plan is before the Planning and Zoning Board on January 14.

Cathy noted that the Airport Master Plan would be on the February TCC Agenda. A sign-up sheet for anyone interested in serving on a committee is being passed around.

*VIII. Assembly Report.*

Assemblyman Dan Sullivan gave the Assembly Report. He noted that the Assembly acted at its December 18 meeting on three ballot propositions. One proposition was his proposal for single member assembly districts with 3 year terms for a single member.

He noted that the Assembly approved a Midtown Business District Plan. He was concerned that the boundaries may be too large. Businesses will be polled to see if they want to be involved.

The Assembly will pass its Legislative program for the coming Legislative Session. He asked that the TCC submit our project priority list through the Assembly, so that it has city backing and is part of their list.

He discussed the issue of repairs of the community pools. He noted that \$2 million would be included in a bond for the spring ballot and a \$2 million match from the Legislature.

He was asked whether funding for the Marston/Foraker Road Improvement District had been included in the Road bond package. He said that it had not been formally proposed but that January 29 is the deadline for bonds and February 12 is the approval deadline.

*IX. Legislative Report.*

Sen. Hollis French and Rep. Lindsey Holmes gave the Legislative Report. Sen. French noted that the use and saving of the additional revenue from the Oil Tax Law would be a

major issue for the coming session, as well as the gas pipeline. He noted he would be hosting a two-day crime summit in the Senate Judiciary Committee to focus on crime issues.

Rep. Holmes introduced Katie Conway and James Waldo of her staff. She noted that the rewrite of the education formula was being discussed to provide additional funding to the Anchorage School District for special needs kids.

Lindsey talked about the need for the Assembly and the Community Councils to work together to agree on capital projects so that they would receive support by the Legislature and the Governor. She noted that Anchorage Legislators would be holding a town meeting at the Anchorage School District office in the old Boniface this Saturday from 10-1.

Senator French was asked about on how to raise concerns and convene a meeting about the Anchorage Ted Stevens International Airport with the Legislature. He recommended contacting Sen. Albert Kookesh, who is Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, and Kyle Johanson, State Representative from Ketchikan, who Chairs the House Transportation Committee.

*X. Approval of Minutes.*

Pat Redmond moved that the December 2007 meeting minutes be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

*XI. Mark Pfeffer's Proposed Coastal Trail Right of Way Permit.*

The TCC discussed a proposal by Mark Pfeffer to build a fence and clear certain trees and other vegetation in the Coastal Trail right of way easement that runs through his property to the east of Lyn Ary Park.

On December 13, the Parks and Recreation Commission held a public hearing on the proposal, but postponed action until TCC had a chance to discuss the proposal.

Cathy Gleason presented a motion to oppose the proposal. The motion was seconded and both Cathy Gleason and Mark Pfeffer made presentations concerning the proposed use of the Coastal Trail easement. Bob Owens, municipal attorney also answered questions. The motion was defeated by a vote of 15-16.

Dan Sullivan made the following motion: "TCC resolves that Mark Pfeffer and the Municipality of Anchorage continue to negotiate in good faith regarding private use of the Coastal Trail easement and that the fence be a minimum of 15 feet from the trail." The motion was seconded. Dan accepted a friendly amendment to delete the 15-foot reference and the motion was adopted by a vote of 22 Yes, 1 No.

*XII. 35<sup>th</sup> & McRae Subcommittee.*

Glenn provided an update to the 35<sup>th</sup> and McRae Road Project. He will forward TCC a letter, which provides plan details, which include: walking path on the north side; posted 25 mph speed limit; brush clearing behind the trail; and traffic calming features that may be added later if speeding is still a problem.

XIII. *Lyn Ary Park Subcommittee.*

Kathy McAruther moved that the following revised language for paragraph 12 of the Lyn Ary Park Resolution be adopted, the rest of which was approved at our December 2007 meeting:

The TCC believes as a matter of policy, the Municipality should resume responsibility for Lyn Ary Park field maintenance and, were that to occur, park users like Anchorage West Little League (AWLL) would not be “burdened” with the “excessive fees” to pay for that maintenance. In addition, the Municipality would fulfill its maintenance responsibility by engaging in regular maintenance to preserve the field’s playing conditions, landscaping, cleanliness and safety of the park/fields.

The TCC does not support temporary storage facilities at Lyn Ary. While AWWU is maintaining the fields per the existing agreement with the Municipality, the TCC recognizes that the storage of maintenance equipment and seasonal fencing is onsite. These temporary facilities as currently exist, should be used for storing maintenance equipment and temporary fencing, consolidated, consistent with the nature and quality of the park and be near public parking. TCC urges the municipality, AWLL and the TCC Lyn Ary Subcommittee to work together consistent with paragraph 13 of the December 6, 2007 TCC resolution regarding Lyn Ary Park to develop a plan for the location and design for storing maintenance equipment and temporary fencing.

Blythe Marston and the members of the Lyn Ary Park Subcommittee discussed the motion and how they came up with this language.

A friendly amendment was accepted to delete language regarding storage of private equipment. The motion was adopted by a vote of Yes 18, No 3

XIV. *Marston Foraker RID/LID/WID.*

Mark Wiggin lead a discussion regardin the 65% Marston/Foraker RID?LID?WID project. He noted that the property owners will only pay 48% of the cost; that there are still construction impact issues; the downhill loop design at Foraker is still unacceptable;

the access trail should be protected and any costs to repair damage to Marston Dr. during construction will not be included in the bond package.

He made the following motion that was adopted by the vote of 17-0.

The TCC resolves as follows:

- 1) the Municipality should reevaluate the construction traffic issues since the project has been merged with the construction of AWWU's Pump Station 10
- 2) the RID/LID/WID bear true construction costs and that cost estimates should be updated
- 3) safety of turn at the bottom of Marston and Foraker should be reevaluated
- 4) tree and vegetation clearing in the Coastal Trail easement adjacent to properties along project be prohibited
- 5) the TCC supports the January 2, 2008, comments provided by the Parks and Recreation Department
- 6) the TCC opposes the taking of any public parkland outside of the ROW for RID use.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Breck Tostevin  
Board of Directors