

Turnagain Community Council
Meeting Minutes March 6, 2008

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

I. *Announcements*

Mark Wiggin called attention to a car break-in on Douglas Drive on the night before the Tour of Anchorage to remind people to be vigilant.

Mark Wiggin announced that Hollis French and Lindsey Holmes were not likely to make the meeting.

II. *Upcoming events*

City will sponsor a public open house meeting regarding plans for renovations/improvements to Town Square on March 13. For more information go to: <http://www.muni.org/parks/TownSquare.cfm>.

Heritage Land Bank released its new policies. Public comment period ends March 19 and a public hearing will be on March 27. For the policies and hearing times and location go to: <http://www.muni.org/hlb/index.cfm>.

Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport is proposing a new snow dump site in Postmark Bog – this is in addition to the existing snow dump sites. Public comment period ends on March 28.

Recycling will be done by the TCC on April 5th, possibly for the last time. The municipality is considering providing curbside recycling, which would obviate the need for TCC to continue. The TCC recycling program has provided funds for the TCC; other fundraising may need to be identified to bring in revenue.

Planning and Zoning is performing an economic analysis on Title 21. P&Z will hold meetings open to the public from March 19 to March 21. For more information go to: http://www.muni.org/Planning/Econ_Impact_Analysis-T21.cfm

The TCC will be conducting a survey in the near future to gather information from residents within the community. The form of the survey is still under consideration by the Board.

Elections for Assembly seats and for bond propositions will be held on April 1.

III. *AGLAD update*

Lee Nunn presented an update of the AGLAD project.

IV. Lyn Ary – Marston/Foraker RID mitigation

Mark Pfeffer presented an update on the work that the TCC Lyn Ary Park Committee has been doing to obtain mitigation for the impact of the Marston/Foraker RID on Lyn Ary Park. RID is expected to break ground in June or July.

In early January, the committee asked the Municipality to reconsider providing a design that did not encroach into the Park. The municipality declined. The committee came up with a plan that involved changes to the little league baseball fields that would provide adequate separation between the new road and the trail. Little League agreed as long as they did not bear the cost and passed a resolution in support of the plan. TCC also passed a resolution in support of the plan.

Municipality decided that it could redesign the RID such that it would not encroach into park land. The new plan still requires moving the existing trail because it goes through the RID ROW.

The TCC Lyn Ary Committee has come up with a new resolution that incorporates the new RID plan and redesign features to the Little League fields to provide separation between the new road and the multipurpose trail. A friendly amendment to require approval by the Parks and Recreation Commission was advanced. Resolution passed 20 in favor, 0 opposed.

V. Candidate Forum

Harriet Drummond, Sherri Jackson and Bert Hoake, all three candidates for the West Anchorage Assembly seat, attended the forum. Each candidate was given one minute to introduce themselves. Audience was given one minute each to ask questions and the candidates had a minute to respond.

Web sites for:

Harriet Drummond: <http://www.harrietdrummond.com/>

Sherri Jackson: <http://www.sherrijackson.com/>

Bert Hoak: No site found

VI. Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Construction and Master Plan Update

A map showing where all the private and public-funded construction projects funded for 2008 are located was distributed. A full list can be found at: <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/anc/construction/areaMap.shtml>

Eric Miyashiro presented an update on the airport master plan. The basic thesis: Cargo traffic is expected to increase. Runway facilities are not adequate for the expected

increase. Various runway configurations and locations are being examined. Four alternatives were presented. All have tradeoffs. None meet the predicted 20-year demand, but some come closer than others. Some plans have major impacts on municipal park land and the coastal trail. In May, Eric will provide a further update. Presentation will be posted on the web, but it is not there at this time.

VII. Bond Proposals.

Dennis Linnell presented and was seeking support for the Roads and Drainage Bond Projects in Proposition 5. The two in the TCC area are the Marston Dr/Foraker Dr RID Construction and the 35th Ave/McRae Street Upgrade. There are 43 projects total that stretch across the municipality.

Gretchen Wyman presented and was seeking support for the Facilities Repairs and Improvements in Proposition 1. This proposition is to make critical repairs on infrastructure (Municipal libraries, Sullivan Arena and Anchorage Museum) and is necessary to generate matching private and state funds.

Mary Joe Crazinski presented and was seeking support for the Parks and Recreation Swimming Pools Proposition 4. This proposition will get the pool facilities up to standards and is necessary to generate matching state funds.

All propositions can be found at: <http://www.anchoragetomorrow.org/>

Pat Redmond announced that the League of Women Voters' review of the bonds will be out on March 10.

VIII. Marston-Foraker project

Mark Wiggin announced that Russ Oswald from the municipality of Anchorage Project Management and Engineering will provide an update on the Marston/Foraker RID/WID/LID during the April TCC monthly meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Habicht, Secretary-Treasurer