

Turnagain Community Council
Meeting Minutes April 3, 2008

Mark Wiggin, TCC President, called the meeting to order, 7:05pm.

I. *Announcements*

The last recycle TCC volunteer curbside recycle pick-up will be on April 5th. – place cans out by 10:00am. Started in 1993, this program has accomplished our goal of getting comprehensive curbside recycle pick-up to our neighborhood! Alaska Waste is providing curbside pickup service and Solid Waste Services has proposed a similar plan. Many thanks to all who supported us! And thanks to all the volunteers over the years who made this wonderful TCC program possible!

The curbside recycling was the only fundraising done by the TCC and other fundraising venues will need to be identified.

II. *Upcoming events*

Planning and Zoning is performing an economic analysis on Title 21. P&Z will hold meetings open to the public from on April 7 at 6:30pm in the Assembly Chambers. For more information go to: http://www.muni.org/Planning/Econ_Impact_Analysis-T21.cfm

Heritage Land Bank will have a public meeting on the east-west runway expansion at from 5 to 8pm at the Kinkaid Chalet. For more information on the runway expansion go to: www.anc7runwayextensionproject.net.

Anchorage Assembly will have public hearing on the recycling program on April 29.

III. *Legislative Report*

Hollis French and Lindsey Holms provided a report. Only 10 days left to go.

Highlights:

Senate Capital Budget includes a savings of \$5 billion. Expect most projects to get approval on the supplemental budget. West High capital improvement is slated for next year.

Lindsey Holms has pushed a domestic violence bil through the House, still needs to pass the Senate.

Cathy Gleason mentioned that the Community Council approved a plan for only one ball field at Lloyd Steel Park, but that the funding included two fields – Hollis recommended that this be worked out before the work begins.

The Legislature is scheduled for a special session on AGEA – TransCanada the only company that submitted an acceptable plan under the AGEA guidelines.

A Weatherization program has \$300M.

IV. Assembly Report

Matt Claman gave the assembly report.

A hearing on the recycling program is coming up and Claman supports the program. There are two items that will be discussed: 1) Curbside recycling, 2) other ways to get items into the program. A discussion followed about how the program might work – someone will come to the May TCC meeting to explain the program.

Election is coming up on Tuesday, and Assembly organization is likely to change.

Dan Gleason asked about the West Anchorage Area Plan and said it was important to have when dealing with the airport – no money has been allocated for this plan this year.

V. Curbside Recycling

Solid Waste Services will go in front of Assembly on April 29.

Many thanks to all the folks who helped the TCC throughout the last 15 years recycling aluminum cans and providing income. (Kathy do you have a list of names?)

Other income options to replace the recycling income include placing a can to collect cash at the TCC meetings (Pat Redmond) or charging for advertisement in the TCC agenda (Mark Wiggin)

City purchased 4 trucks – Turnagain is of the first neighborhoods to get the curbside service.

VI. 2009 Capital Improvement Program

Assembly needs the TCC recommendations – TCC Board will put together a committee to come up with this list. If you want to serve on this committee, get in contact with Cathy Gleason.

Muni website has a list of CIP projects proposed by the city.

VII. Marston/Foraker LID/RID/WID

Russ Oswald from the Municipality Project Management and Engineering provided and in-depth review and update of the Marston/Foraker project.

Highlights:

2-3 years in planning and has taken input on community concerns.

Project is staying within the original 31' wide road ROWs with on-street parking on Marston but not on Foraker.

The project has been re-engineered so that it no longer will take park land.

Guardrails at the bottom of Foraker have been replaced with bollards in the new plan.

Geotechnical committee review postponed construction until this year. Their two recommendations will be implemented – monitor the toe of the hill for movement and add a sub-drain to keep fragile layer dewatered in order to reduce likelihood of liquefaction.

Oswald reviewed several FAQ that can be found on the Brooks and Associates web site: www.brooksandassociates.info/marston/faqs.htm

Project is committed to putting in speed bumps in both in and out routes.

Number of trucks is now estimated at 3,800 single end dump or 1,900 side dump trucks over two seasons with a total of 120 days of construction (60-80 days in 2008 and 40-60 days in 2009). Oswald said that he would send a letter to the Mayor to say that he stands corrected on the number of trucks required for the job.

Russ Oswald can be reached at 343-8196 if there are any problems. There will be an on-site inspector and his contact information will be posted on the TCC web site.

Dust and mud will be cleaned up as needed – on-site inspector and neighbors reporting. Street sweeper and water truck will clean roads multiple times per day.

Will make sure the telecommunications company provides adequate voicemail capacity.

Construction days are Monday through Saturday. Russ Oswald was not sure if the hours are 7am to 10pm or 6am to 11pm. Russ Oswald will provide Mark Wiggin with the working hours and these hours will be posted on the TCC website.

8.5% grade on Foraker does not require variance. No parking and narrower trail along Foraker reduces the height (4'-6' max) of the retaining walls in new design.

Project has committed \$40,000 to the parking lot entrance, bollards, and landscaping.

Coastal trail access will be maintained at either the end of Foraker or off Marston at all times during construction.

Russ Oswald will check to see the construction of the bollards and will get back with TCC.

Project is projected to start breaking ground in August, 2008.

Russ Oswald will research how students will get to school busses during the construction season.

Posted speed will be reduced to 20MPH throughout the Turnagain neighborhood streets.

Public will be notified through flyer mailings blanketing the neighborhood.

Construction routing will be finalized in July.

Project contract kick-off meeting will be in early August.

City is providing 46% of the \$4.5 million price tag and will cover all costs above a 10% overrun.

VI. Adjourn and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes for January, February, and March were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Habicht, Secretary-Treasurer