

Turnagain Community Council
Meeting Minutes November 6, 2008

Mark Wiggin, TCC President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

I. *Approval of Minutes*

September and October Meeting Minutes were approved.

II. *Announcements*

Comments on AMATS Public Participation Plan are due on November 10.

On November 19, the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing to amend the Long Range Transportation Plan that would remove the Knik Arm Crossing from the Plan.

November 28, the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the Faith Christian Church's proposed addition.

The Municipal Parks Department is soliciting input through Parks Report Cards to judge local parks to address maintenance plan priorities and health/safety issues. More information is available on the Parks Web site.

Jeff Coleman provided an update sheet on the Marston-Foraker development project and will be on the December 4th meeting agenda.

In recognition of Cathy Gleason's stepping down from the Vice-President position due to term limits, Mark Wiggin made a statement thanking Cathy for her long work and accomplishments on behalf of the Turnagain Community as a "community organizer." Cathy thanked Pat Redmond and Frank Kean for their long-term work on the Council. Sherry Tomlinson thanked Cathy and commended Mark Wiggin on his three years of public service as President of TCC.

III. *MOA Solid Waste Services Curbside Recycle Pick Up*

Jeanne Carlson, Recycle Coordinator for the Municipality of Anchorage gave a very informative presentation concerning the automated garbage pick-up, "pay as you throw" rates and curbside recycling that was implemented by Solid Waste Services in October in parts of the TCC area. Information is available at the SWS Web page and customers can join an e-mail list for updates on recycling. <http://www.muni.org/sws/automated.cfm>

IV. *Assembly Report*

Assemblyman Matt Claman gave the Assembly Report. He noted that action on the Municipal budget was the current focus of the Assembly. Emphasis is on public safety, fire and construction projects. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for November 18. A vote on the budget would likely be held on November 25.

V. *Project Management and Engineering's Response to TCC's June Capital Improvement Project Priority List*

MOA Capital Program Development Manager Jim Lamson gave a presentation on the Department of Project Management and Engineering's response to TCC's prioritization and

comments on the road project portion of the Capital Improvement Project List. He explained that each June community councils provide comments on the CIP List that then goes before the Assembly for approval and is then provided to the State Legislature in January for funding of projects eligible for state funds. TCC develops its prioritization through a subcommittee of the Board of Directors that then submits its priorities and comments for approval of the entire council at the June meeting. Amendments to the priorities can be made at the meeting. Parks projects are also prioritized by TCC.

A copy of TCC's prioritization and PME's response on Road related projects is on the TCC Web site at <http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/viewfolder?id=3495>

MOA Projects discussed included:

- Paving and drainage improvements scheduled for Turnagain Street next year (no pedestrian* improvements at this time)
- Design only funded for 35th & McRae
- Legislature funded two Turnagain traffic calming projects for next year
- Drainage improvements scheduled for Turnagain Boulevard (no pedestrian improvements at this time)*
- No proposed funding for Coastal Trail rehab. Projects
- Milky Way surface rehab. five years from now
- MOA keeping watch on Turnagain Parkway conditions
- W. Northern Lights from Nathaniel to Postmark Drive repaving only slated for next year

State Projects discussed included:

- Surveying being done on south side of WNL for pedestrian pathway up to Lois Dr.
- WNL Sound Barrier Fencing falls into DOT right-of-way and they don't want to maintain it
- WNL & Minnesota Intersection changes – Jim will contact DOT and find out status

*City is looking into reclassifying Turnagain Street and Turnagain Boulevard to collector status, so additional improvements could be funded through bonds.

VI. Chugach Electric/Municipal Light and Power New Power Plant

Representatives of Chugach Electric gave an informative presentation concerning plans for development of a new natural gas power plant near Chugach's existing facilities off International Airport Road and Minnesota Drive. The design would be gas fired turbines with combined cycle to produce more energy from the natural gas. The facility would replace 30-40 year old gas turbines, which are less efficient. After facility permitting in 2009, construction would be in 2010-2013, with operation in mid-2013. If Matanuska Electric joins the project, the facility would be larger to produce more electricity. Rates won't be lowered, but the project will prevent rates from going up faster than without it. FAA has released a "determination of no hazard" for the facility to be located east of the East/West runways.

VII. TCC Elections

The following persons were elected to TCC officer/director positions to take office in January. Under the TCC bylaws, Mark Wiggin will serve as an ex officio member of the Board of Directors as past President.

Breck Tostevin, President
Patrick Kelly, Vice-President

Chris Habicht, Secretary-Treasurer
Cathy Gleason, Board of Directors
Barbara Jones, Board of Directors

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Breck Tostevin, TCC Board Member