
TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting | June 6, 2019 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Co-Cathedral | 3900 Wisconsin Street

Chaired by Cathy Gleason, TCC President

WELCOME & APPROVE AGENDA, MINUTES

- The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. About 28 people (members and guests) attended.
- The June agenda was reviewed.
 - **Motion by Jackie Armstrong to approve the agenda, revised from the original version sent out previously. Second by Melisa Babb.**
 - **Vote on motion: no objection. Agenda approved.**
- The May meeting minutes were available for review and approval.
 - **Motion by Joan McKinnon to approve the last meeting's minutes. Second by Pat Redmond.**
 - **Vote on motion: no objection. Minutes approved.**
- **Announcements:** *See flyer available as a handout in the meeting and on the TCC website.*
 - On Thursday 6/6/19 at noon, there was a small ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the re-opening of the new Westchester Lagoon bridge. Thanks to everyone who was involved in making this happen. Please enjoy the new bridge!
 - June 18: continued public hearing about proposed onsite consumption of marijuana (edibles only, but with smoking to be considered at a future date) at the next regular Assembly meeting. Cathy Gleason testified to Turnagain's position against the proposal at the May 21 meeting, per comments previously approved.
 - Congratulations to Kathleen Bielawski for winning a Rasmuson Foundation artist award this year, for music composition! Kathleen is a regular at the Turnagain Arts Building, and council meetings (although she was not in attendance this evening).
 - Condolences and sympathies to Pat Redmond, whose husband Jim Redmond passed away last month. The TCC board personally contributed to send flowers to Pat and her family.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- **Rep. Matt Claman**
 - Matt shared an update on the FY20 state budget, which is still being discussed, and the ongoing question of the amount of the Permanent Fund Dividend. He noted that the House Majority coalition supports a \$1,600 PFD; the Senate Majority is split currently on the amount of the dividend, with some favoring \$3,000 following the traditional statutory formula and others favoring a smaller amount such as \$1,600. He shared that this is still in negotiation, but is anticipating that the budget would get passed without a dividend specified, so that it can be dealt with separately.
 - He noted that his office is still working to get in contact with the Post Office to address truck traffic on West Northern Lights, and had difficulties contacting the Post Office regional management. They are continuing to work to find the appropriate contact and to discuss the ask for having trucks not use Northern Lights.
 - He also noted that Anchorage Assembly representative Austin Quinn-Davidson and others were successful in asking FEMA to change its policy regarding reimbursement for foundation repairs through emergency assistance. Thanks to their efforts, more residents have been able to access funds to make necessary home repairs!
 - Please contact his office at (907) 465-4919, or rep.matt.claman@akleg.gov.
- **Jacob Tatum and Keith Baugess, staff to Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson**
 - Jacob introduced himself and thanked the Council for their work, and encouraged residents to keep in touch with her office.
 - Please contact her at (907) 465-4930, or sen.elvi.gray-jackson@akleg.gov.

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- **Sen. Mia Costello:**
 - Please contact her at (907) 269-0117, or senator.mia.costello@akleg.gov.
- **Rep. Harriet Drummond:**
 - Please contact her at (907) 465-3875; rep.harriet.drummond@akleg.gov.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Anna asked about when there would likely be a special session, and held where? special session, when and where?* Rep. Claman anticipated that yes there would be a special session, and likely focused on the Permanent Fund Dividend. He anticipates the Legislature taking a break before starting its next special session. The location is not yet determined, he understands that the Governor supports holding a session in Wasilla. [Note: there are more recent updates on this as of late June, see recent news for the latest information.]
 - *Sandy asked whether he sees any success or agreement among legislators on a dividend formula?* Matt shared that they are working to find consensus, this is still an active discussion. As he shared, the House Majority still supports a \$1,600 PFD along with funding for services.
 - *Pat Redmond asked if the Legislature is or will be close enough to have an override veto if the Governor decides to veto the budget?* Matt shared that he sees this as possible, but not likely at the current time, based on people's positions in both houses and caucuses.
 - *Cathy Gleason asked about Sen. Gray-Jackson's position on the PFD: she recently voted in favor of the \$3,000 amount proposed by some in the Senate Majority.* Keith and Jacob deferred the question to the Senator, as this was her vote. Keith added that his previous conversations with Senator Gray-Jackson indicated that she generally seeks guidance from constituents on how to vote, and tries to keep her personal opinions out of her vote on issues to give voice to her constituents. She has generally supported following current statute, but also understands that a change to the statute is likely needed and would support that process. He encouraged contacting her to understand her position better.
 - *Dan Gleason asked about Gov. Dunleavy's intent to not provide forward funding for education, and what the Legislature intends to do?* This has been threatened earlier this year, and the Legislative Council (which can act on behalf of the Legislature in matters such as engaging legal counsel) has authorized engaging counsel if the Governor moves forward with this threat, so the Legislature

ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT INTRODUCTION | APD OFFICERS MITCHELL AND STALMARCK

- Turnagain is now patrol area 21 with the change in geographic boundaries of their beat assignments, to align with community council boundaries and build relationships in the neighborhoods. Officer Stalmarck, present in the meeting, and Officer Segal are assigned to Turnagain. They attended to introduce themselves to the council and share more about their duties in the area.
- Officer Stalmarck shared that he has worked for APD for 10 years, in Spenard for several years, and is now moving his beat nearby to Turnagain.
- The officers shared some recent statistics from recent incidents in the area, from welfare checks to domestic disturbances to other police calls. (Contact APD if you would like detailed information).
- APD also has 13 new officers, who just graduated from Police Academy! Staff continues to increase with each academy.
- To get in touch with our local APD beat officers, contact sstalmarck@apd.com.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Dan Gleason commented that he has another APD officer as a new neighbor, and appreciates them living in the community and getting to know neighbors.* Officer Stalmarck shared that he does not live in Turnagain, but he and other officers appreciate having relationships with neighbors and getting to know people in the community.
 - *Sara Haley thanked the officers for their service to the community, and asked whether they work closely with Airport police?* Yes, APD will respond to incidents on Airport property and will coordinate about enforcement issues.

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- *Cathy Gleason summarized the issue of truck traffic on Northern Lights, which has substantially increased since last summer. Neighbors have been working to address this, but what could APD do to increase patrols? Officer Stalmarck suggested contacting the Traffic Department about the signage, but also noted that APD does regular traffic enforcement.*
- *Jackie Armstrong described what she believes is a still-occupied homeless camp in the triangle along Northern Lights at Lois. What should the community do to report and follow up on reported camps? APD provided an overview of the camp abatement process, and the requirement to post notice prior to clearing the camp. They are working to clear camps, but have seen people moving from area to area as one zone is abated and there are limited resources to place people in housing. Sgt. Mitchell also noted that programs like Karluk Manor have shown to be effective in placing people in housing, and has substantially reduced police calls to that property. APD will follow up with the CAP team about this specific camp.*

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

- Check out Turnagain CC on Facebook and NextDoor! Join the Facebook group “Turnagain Community Forum” or watch for posts to Turnagain North and South neighborhoods on NextDoor.
- If you have not already done so, sign up for e-mail updates from TCC and other community councils: visit www.communitycouncils.org and scroll down to “Sign Up”!
- **Quarterly Treasurer’s Report:** As of April 30, TCC has \$200.05 in checking, \$1,902.08 in savings. We have earned \$0.43 in interest! That statement also does not reflect more recent donations.
- **Federation of Community Councils:** Cathy Gleason gave highlights from the May FCC meeting:
 - ASD now requires that organizations have liability insurance to hold meetings at school district facilities. This impacts many community councils who meet at schools, so the FCC has purchased short-term (one year) insurance to cover councils this year, and are working on a more long-term, cost effective solution. The one year policy was \$10,000.
- **Anchorage School District Rental for 2019-2020 Meetings:** TCC is seeking for the best meeting venue for council meetings, and has submitted to West High except September 5, 2019 when there is a school event that conflicts with our meeting. Tentatively we will meet again at Our Lady of Guadalupe. The board will continue looking for good meeting spaces that have fewer challenges than we have had sometimes at the school.
- **Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant, Spenard Beach Park:** Sara Haley shared that Spenard and Turnagain Community Councils were awarded an APF challenge grant! The grant is \$10,000, matching Spenard’s \$2,000 donation and Turnagain’s \$1,700 in existing funds with APF and will raise additional funds to match the \$2,000. Spenard and Turnagain are very excited about some ideas for park improvements, and can identify a larger vision for improvements at the park that could get funded in the future, beyond this amount.

Additionally, Brooke Blessing (Muni) had an additional bike rack decorated with a float plane, and did not have a good place to install it—she approached the councils around Lake Hood to see if there is an appropriate place in our area to place it. Representatives from the two Councils will meet on June 27 to discuss further, onsite at Spenard Beach Park, and discuss the APF grant implementation and other items like the float plane bike rack. All are welcome to join! This meeting will be an initial organizing meeting, with the intent of fundraising over the next several months. The bike rack would not be immediately installed, but location would be determined. The grant needs to be spent by fall 2020, so the priorities would be some smaller improvements such as the bike rack, and some site planning to identify locations for future improvements.
- **Alaska Railroad Bridge over West Northern Lights Rehab. Update:** In 2018, Brooke Blessing used some additional funds to paint the overpass at Northern Lights and was able to do very minor repairs; unfortunately, there is no additional funding this year for further improvements. However, this will continue to be on the council’s monitoring list. So far, the improvements last year have held up well, deterring graffiti!

- **Homeless Camp and Tree Clearing on Minnesota Dr.:** Cathy Gleason shared that the homeless camp on the Minnesota on-ramp near Hillcrest was cleared recently after being there for several months, but also several trees and other brush was cleared, leaving a great deal of bare space. Cathy attempted to figure out who was responsible for the decision, and learned that in this case it was State DOT who did the clearing. She requested that the Muni contact the community council, and ask the State to do the same, before doing any brush or tree clearing after a camp removal, to ensure that the removal pays attention to aesthetics.
- **TCC Special Meeting for Lyn Ary Park and Related Issues:** There are several issues around Lyn Ary Park, from placement of wayfinding signage, to discussions with Anchorage West Little League about signage and recognition of fields at the park, to issues of late night party activity along the beach, and protection of the tree buffer along the Coastal Trail. She noted that for the tree clearing along the Coastal Trail, the Muni has filed a legal motion against the property owner, but this is a slow process. She asked the Council's input on holding a special meeting over the summer?
 - *Melisa Babb suggested TCC also pursue an update of the Lyn Ary Park Master Plan and capital improvements. She noted that the planning process is very quick, and can tie directly to capital improvements (CIP) for the following year.* Cathy Gleason agreed this is a good topic, but the idea of this meeting would focus on immediate problems and issues, and discuss longer-term solutions such as a master plan update at another time.
 - *Elaine Hulse shared her concern about bluff erosion on the Coastal Trail, particularly around Point Woronzosf.* This is certainly a concern, but a separate issue/project from those focused on Lyn Ary. There is erosion along other parts of the trail, however.
 - Allen Clendaniel shared that Anchorage West Little League is also interested in attending the Lyn Ary meeting and discussing these various topics about the park, they were interested in but not available to attend the signage onsite meeting, but will continue to participate.
- **Tree Clearing at West Marston Dr. Properties:** These properties were the subject of an ongoing legal dispute about ownership between owners and the Muni. Recently, an owner cleared an area of trees that was on Municipal land, the Muni is following up with action against the owner.
- **Lyn Ary Park Memorial Garden Clean-up:** TCC traditionally holds a clean-up every summer, to do weed pulling, maintenance and other beautification work at Lyn Ary Park Memorial Garden. Cathy Gleason circulated a sign-up sheet, and will share the work party date with the council.

ASSEMBLY REPORT

- No one was present from the Assembly at the meeting.

AIRPORT REPORT | JOHN JOHANSEN

- *See Airport updates on the handout provided at the meeting or online at: www.anchorageairport.com*
- **Traffic Circulation:** If you are picking up someone from the Airport, please wait at the cell phone lot down the street from the Airport, which is conveniently located close by, and easy to come to pick someone up after they call that they have arrived and are waiting. This will reduce idling and unnecessary cars at Arrivals, and will cut down significantly on congestion in that area.
- Summer 2019 Construction: Handout was available. The largest project is the runway reconstruction, detailed below.
- **North-South Runway Reconstruction:** This project has started again as of April, and is currently on schedule. They anticipate completing this project in September as planned. In the meantime, there are the same changed flight patterns as the neighborhood experienced last summer.
- **Recruitment:** There are several positions available, including Airport fire/police personnel, skilled mechanics and maintenance, electrical journeymen, equipment operators, and other positions. There is also a new position, Building Permit Coordinator, who would work in the engineering department and would help tenants by acting as a liaison to help with these regulatory issues. Please share these job opportunities widely!
- **Questions and Comments**

- *Elaine Hulse asked about the status of the recent bluff erosion?* The Airport is monitoring this and concerned about the erosion, and has erected some barriers as well as the Muni, to keep trail users sufficiently protected. Unfortunately, it seems to be a symptom of a larger slope failure along that portion of the bluff, so it may be a larger problem. The Airport has approached the Army Corps of Engineers for funding to complete a feasibility study and 35% design for a solution, with which they can pursue additional funding to carry out the erosion control project. The old estimate from the Corps was approximately \$40 million or higher.
- *Dan Gleason asked if the crack was likely the result of the November 30 earthquake, and commented that there are other facilities near that erosion area that are at risk. He noted that the Coastal Trail may need to be relocated, and suggested that TCC consider adding this to the CIP list in preparation for work that will eventually need to be done.* John agreed, the Airport is monitoring this closely.

Cathy Gleason added that she spoke informally with Josh Durand at the Parks Department about this issue, and Josh had an interesting idea to consider, she did not describe it in detail but encouraged John to contact him to consider further to discuss.

- *Cathy Gleason asked the status of the relocation of navigation facilities and tree clearing near Point Woronzof?* This will be completed by the end of this summer, along with runway reconstruction.
- *Loren Leman asked the status of a draft letter that the Airport will send to tenants to ask that they not use Northern Lights for truck traffic. He offered to share a draft with Teri Lindseth who is working on the letter, if helpful.* John shared that Teri intends to complete that task by Friday 6/7 so it can be approved and signed by the Manager and sent the following week.

AMENDMENTS TO TCC 2020 CIP LIST RECOMMENDATIONS AND RANKINGS

- Cathy Gleason shared that while TCC took action on this at the May meeting, but after that time, Cathy found that the list of projects actually in the computer system was slightly different, and had to make adjustments to the list originally approved. The group needs to ratify these changes, and could consider additional items to add given the recent discussions about the Coastal Trail and parks.
- **Motion by Jackie Armstrong to approve the amended CIP list presented. Second by Dan Gleason.**
 - **Discussion:**
 - The CIP list handout in the meeting provides the changes to the original list. Cathy shared information about the individual projects, including a new #6, a project from the Safe Routes to School work that was inadvertently left off the list on the original copy prepared in May. Additionally, she explained that the projects marked for deletion or not ranked are ones that were already done, or that are area-wide projects so TCC does not rank them. Additionally, she noted that there was a park project that was previously deleted, this was deleted from the list as well.
 - Melisa Babb suggested adding Lyn Ary Park to the CIP list for a future year, and described the relatively short and effective process for getting funding for a master plan, followed by inclusion on the CIP list for bonds to implement the plan in a future year. She noted that in the June 5 meeting with the Parks Department, they expressed interest in several improvements to the park and willingness to pursue this if the council is interested, so it may be advantageous for TCC to support this.
 - *Allen Clendaniel asked whether the current Lyn Ary Park (#4 on the list) would be sufficient to address the priority for Lyn Ary?* Cathy explained that it is up to the Council to decide, but there were some additional projects that haven't been on TCC's list (such as redesign of the playground on the upper level, or the T intersection where the Coastal Trail meets the edge of the park). So, additional projects could be added to the description with the item, which would also increase the Muni's estimate cost of improvements, which is not up to councils to decide. She clarified that she can add this in the system as additional text to an existing item, without changing rankings.

- Melisa added that an update of the Lyn Ary Park Master Plan could address many of the site-specific and other issues within the Park, rather than addressing individually.
 - **Amendment 1:** Melisa Babb moved to include in the description of the Lyn Ary Park Master Plan item (#4) to include funding for a Master Plan update and larger-scale park rehabilitation. Second by Mark Daly.
Discussion about timing and whether to change the ranking.
 - The group briefly discussed appropriate timing for a master plan update, and whether to also make changes to the ranking of this item.
 - No objection; amendment approved. (No change in ranking).
 - **Amendment 2:** Dan Gleason moved to include in the description of the Point Woronzof Overlook: Relocation of the Coastal Trail due to erosion along the bluffs. Second by Sara Haley.
 - The group discussed the need for a study to identify potential relocation of portions of Coastal Trail where there has been significant erosion.
 - The group discussed that this is a long-term project as it will need significant funding and partnership with the Airport, but that it should be considered on the list now to begin that preparation.
 - No objection; amendment approved.
 - **Amendment 3:** Dan Gleason moved to re-order projects #3 Lyn Ary Park, #4 to Coastal Trail and #5 to Point Woronzof. Second by Mark Daly.
- **Vote on motion: 17 yes, 0 no. Motion approved, Cathy will make the additional changes in the CIP ranking system online to reflect TCC input.**

ANCHORAGE WEST LITTLE LEAGUE FOOD TRUCK REQUEST | ALLEN CLENDANIEL, AWLL

- Allen introduced himself: he is board president of Anchorage West Little League, a regular presence in Lyn Ary Park each summer. In the past, AWLL has asked TCC to approve food trucks for two nights a week for the next three weeks for the remaining season. The Lyn Ary Park master plan does not allow concessions, but says that TCC must give permission for this and many other park related activities. The Parks Department has deferred to TCC on this question, but does not object to AWLL inviting food trucks to serve at games, even though they do acknowledge that it violates the plan.
- Cathy Gleason shared background: AWLL has approached TCC as stated, and last year the Board deliberated on this issue. On the one hand, the master plan is clear and was created from a great deal of work with neighbors, who had concerns about additional uses in the park such as parking, trash, and additional traffic to the neighborhood. On the other hand, AWLL is a great park user and TCC wants to support their activities, and understands the appeal of food trucks for families.
- Allen shared that AWLL did not have any issues last summer, and unlike other parks where they operate, Lyn Ary Park cannot have a snack shack because of the master plan. Operating the snack shack is a significant revenue source, and morale booster for the kids playing. This would be for 6 events, 2 nights per week for the 3 remaining weeks of June. The season ends after June.
- Pat Redmond shared that she supports the request, but asked that AWLL take special care of any trash, and ideally that the food trucks could take the trash away. She also shared that just yesterday there was a black bear spotted in the park, so there is extra concern about not having extra trash.
- **Motion by Pat Redmond to approve the AWLL request to allow food trucks for up to 6 events in June for the 2019 season, scheduled for Tuesday and Thursdays for the remainder of the month, provided that all trash is properly disposed of (either bagged and put in the trash cans onsite, or removed from the park) at the end of each event. Second by Ryan Johnston.**
 - **Vote on motion: 16 yes, 0 no. Motion approved, AWLL will proceed with their events.**

TRANSIT ON THE MOVE PROPOSED BUS ROUTES | MOA TRANSIT PLANNING

- Christine Schuette and Bart Rudolph (Muni, People Mover) shared that after the initial implementation of route changes, People Mover has done a study asking for public feedback on how it has been

working so far. Following that feedback, the Muni prepared a list of potential projects for additional routes in the city. The proposals in West Anchorage include 3 options: 1) a potential on-demand style “micro-transit” system serving the Turnagain area west of Wisconsin, which would allow a larger network of streets served and would connect people to existing bus routes; 2) a route connecting West Anchorage to Dimond Mall and combining routes 40 and 65; or 3) a West Anchorage specific route connecting to Midtown and destinations to the east. There are also some non-area-specific proposals to vote on, such as increasing service on the weekends from current levels.

- Christine clarified that the request is to vote for 3 projects, for a five-year plan to be implemented over the next five years, pending funding. Once they have an idea what the public prefers, the Muni can cost out each proposal and provide information on what they would cost. This would be in addition to current service, not changing or reducing current service.
- See the June Announcements for a link to vote, and this month’s meeting handouts include the sheets explaining the bus options. Votes cannot be done online, but need to be emailed or provided in hardcopy with your 3 votes (route options and/or other proposals). Votes are due by June 30!

STUDIO 420 MARIJUANA RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT | ABE SPICOLA

- Abe Spicola and Tammy Thinoi are co-owners of Studio 420, a proposed marijuana retail store in the Tesoro strip mall at the corner of Spenard and Wisconsin. It is currently a vacant storefront, and has some loitering and other undesirable activity. Since it is the only vacant space, having an active use in that store would reduce the unwanted activity, as well as providing additional security because of the the State’s requirement to have security cameras and other features. They are in the process of working through their permit application, and need to secure that permit prior to starting remodeling, parking lot and landscaping improvements to the space. Once they have approvals at the local and state level, they will move forward with renovation permits and start to do physical improvements.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Cathy Gleason asked why the store is responsible for landscaping and other improvements?* Because they are applying for a special land use permit, they would be responsible to make improvements to bring the building up to code. The permitting person at the Muni stated that they will not need to add trees, but would add bushes, sidewalk improvements, and other improvements. They also need to add a handicapped parking space as part of the work. They do not plan to have onsite consumption at the store, and will not have cultivation facilities at that location. Hours of operation will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., to avoid any late-night issues.
 - *Mark Daly asked whether they will be expanding the parking lot, given the existing parking challenge?* Yes, they will need to expand the parking lot and add some spaces.
 - *Zareena asked if they own additional establishments?* No, they currently work at AK Frost and are opening their own location. They hope to open a second location in the future as well, if all goes well. They do not have a business relationship with AK Frost, other than being their ex-employer.
 - *Anna Brawley clarified that Spenard council is the actual location of the store and that Spenard Community Council has already signed a community agreement with the store as required. This presentation is for information, no action needed. She asked about any concerns from Spenard CC when they went through the agreement process?* Only negative comment was concern about homeless, person who voted against all of the proposed facilities, otherwise Spenard used to the process and voted to support.
 - *Dan Gleason commented that he is concerned about the use of the former Long House as housing for students from Lower Yukon School District, which was decided before the store’s location, and whether there is risk of youth being negatively impacted by the store.* The owners are aware of this but are not concerned, they will have robust security including CCTV cameras, and they require ID for people before entering—they do not anticipate youth getting access to the store or their products. The owners also plan to approach their neighboring businesses in the strip mall to hire security for weekend nights, sharing the cost.

- *Loren Leman commented that he is concerned about the existing negative activities at that area, and would not want to see it made worse; he is not sure that this will make it better.* There is certainly a lot of issues now, people hanging out all day by the gas station. The owners will need to address any loitering in the store or outside the store. They also believe having an active storefront in that area will make the area safer overall and discourage the loitering happening now. They also shared some updates on the Barrett Inn, which was recently taken over by new management: they will not allow long-term tenants at the hotel anymore. The new owner is also in the process of renovating.
- *Cathy Gleason asked if the store has considered any concerns about increased problem activities at Spenard Beach Park, given its proximity to the location? She speculated that there may be issues with people using their products in the park.* He agreed this might become an issue, but it is difficult to control what happens once people leave the store. He noted that public consumption is illegal, so customers risk a fine if they use it on public property.

OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL AT TURNAGAIN TENNIS COURTS | MARK DALY

- Mark shared an overview of pickleball, and brought a racket and ball for sharing. It is a cross between badminton (on a badminton-sized court), tennis (with a net), and ping pong (using a wiffle-ball as the ball). It is a very fast-growing sport, with up to 8 million players in future years. It can be played on an existing tennis court with lines re-drawn on the court.
- There is a national governing association for the sport, and have ambassadors across the U.S. including Mark and 3 others in Anchorage. This weekend, there will be a veterans athletes event at Sullivan Arena, playing a variety of sports including pickleball, featuring about 900 players from across the country. Across the country, the association is working with cities to identify under-utilized courts that could be converted into pickleball courts. At Fish Creek Park, they use the courts with chalk to mark the courts and use a temporary net.
- Mark's request of TCC: please provide any feedback or share any concerns about their current activities at the parks. He shared that players try to be good neighbors by minimizing parking impacts, being respectful and deferring to tennis players who also use the courts.
- Cathy Gleason shared that currently, she has seen that pickleball players defer to tennis players if they show up to use the courts. She also shared that there are concerns about parking, such as Fish Creek Park, but to date the players have addressed these issues.
- Allen and Zareena commented that they are tennis players and live next to Fish Creek Park. They support the game overall, but have concerns about using tape on tennis courts, which happened last year. Tape leaves residue that makes the court not function (balls stick or don't bounce properly).
 - Mark reiterated that they now only use chalk and are careful to remind players of this.
- Mark intends to approach all community councils with tennis courts in their area, to identify other courts that are under-used and could be used for this as well.
- **Motion by Dan Gleason to support Alaska Pickleball Club activities at the tennis courts at Fish Creek Park, provided that 1) only chalk, not tape or other markings, are used for marking the courts; 2) the facilities remain multi-use and defer to tennis users who arrive to use the facility; 3) minimize parking and traffic impacts; 4) that there is no pickleball activity after 9 p.m., due to noise issues during play; and 5) that the Club also contacts Anchorage School District to discuss use of their facilities if possible, when it does not conflict with school activities. Second by Loren Leman.**
 - **Discussion:**
 - Sandy suggested amendment of #5; added in original motion language.
 - **Vote on motion: 14 yes, 0 no. Motion approved.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **West Northern Lights:** Committee members participated in a meeting with the Airport, asking that the Airport contact tenants and ask them not to use Northern Lights for truck traffic, as shared

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previously. The Airport is drafting a letter to its tenants making this request. The committee continues to work with legislative representatives to contact the Post Office.

Please follow up with Patti or email tccpresident@yahoo.com to get involved!

- **Land Use—Marijuana Onsite Consumption:** The Assembly will vote on this item on Tuesday, June 18 at its next meeting. Cathy shared that she already testified on behalf of TCC at the previous meeting, but encouraged others to attend and testify or send comments in writing. This will likely be a close vote, given the discussion in the May 21 meeting. [Update: the Assembly passed this ordinance 7-4 on June 18].
- **Land Use—Coastal Trail Wayfinding Signage:** Committee met on June 5 to discuss signage in Lyn Ary Park and the nearby sections of the Coastal Trail, with representatives from the Parks Department. The group discussed placement and type of signs matching the wayfinding design for the Coastal Trail, as well as what other signs can be consolidated or removed. The committee will prepare draft comments and submit them over the summer. The group also identified areas where future improvements could be made, beyond signage but impacted by signs: such as a better intersection area where the Coastal Trail meets the park and there is a small lookout. Additionally, the Parks Department described the intent to remove some signs or consolidate signs where possible, to avoid sign clutter and have more uniform signage throughout city parks.
- **Driveways Proposed Code Changes:** The committee has not reviewed this project yet, but will work to submit comments before the Planning and Zoning hearing on July 8.
- As always, contact TCC if you would like to be part of the Land Use Land Use Committee!

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

CLOSING

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.
- The next regular meeting will be on **Thursday, September 5, 2019.**

Minutes prepared and submitted by Secretary Anna Brawley on 7/9/19.

Minutes approved by Turnagain Community Council at its regular meeting on 9/5/19.