
TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting | September 5, 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 18 people (members and guests) attended.
- The September agenda was reviewed.
 - **Motion by Pat Redmond to approve the agenda, amended with brief APD item. Second by Jackie Armstrong.**
 - **Vote on motion: no objection. Agenda approved.**
- The June meeting minutes were available for review and approval.
 - **Motion by Pat Redmond to approve the last meeting's minutes. Second by Patti Nielsen.**
 - **Vote on motion: no objection. Minutes approved.**
- **Announcements:** *See flyer available as a handout in the meeting and on the TCC website.*
 - TCC will meet as usual at the West High CTE Wing, Room 152 starting for the October 2019 meeting, through the May 2020 meeting.
 - **Plastic Bag Ban:** the Muni plastic bag ban goes into effect Sunday, September 15th! This is a great time to get in the habit of bringing your own reusable shopping bags when you are out and about. You can also still purchase reusable or paper bags at the store for a small fee.
 - **No-phone School Zones:** the Muni banned cell phone use while driving or operating a vehicle within school zones. Cell phone use is still allowed while a vehicle is parked, not moving.
 - **Safe Routes to Schools, Forest Park Drive improvements:** the center line on Forest Park Drive has been repainted, and will be repainting the shoulder lines in the spring, in order to narrow the driving lanes to make wider shoulders. They will wait for the paint to fade over the winter and paint next year. This was a proposal of the Safe Routes to Schools Committee.

ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT | SGT. MITCHELL, APD

- Sgt. Mitchell is a swing-shift supervisor, and attended to share a brief update. APD has changed its beat (area) assignments to match community council boundaries. This does not mean that our area has specific officers assigned, but there may be officers who express a geographic preference and would typically be assigned to this area and be the regular or most common officers to be on duty here. The two officers who were associated with this area are not currently working, however: one was deployed on a military assignment, and the other is on extended leave.
- This does not mean that there are no assigned officers to the area: there are 3 shifts (day shift, mid shift) and those officers are still assigned. There is still a police presence in this area, but not necessarily an officer who is always assigned to this area. Officers may also be re-assigned in order to allow new recruits to get training and experience in this area of town.
- Sgt. Mitchell did not have updated statistics available for the area, but this neighborhood generally has relatively low crime numbers over the last few weeks, other than typical traffic stops, issues with loitering, etc. Currently there are 29 officers on staff, from the Knik River Bridge to Portage—this is a huge geographic area.
- APD officers may not be able to attend community council meetings each month, but will try to have a presence in each meeting as much as possible. He will also be working on assigning new officers preferred in this area in the next few months.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Does this mean that there are always 2 officers assigned to this area?* Not necessarily: ideally there are always two officers on duty, there is always at least one officer assigned to the area, unless there is a major emergency going on at the time. Day shift and mid shift officers follow the same staffing model.

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- *What are the hours of the shifts?* Shifts change every 8 hours (3 p.m., 11 p.m., and 7 a.m.), with a 2-hour overlap during which the new officers are on duty with the existing officers, then at the end of the shift the new officers will take over. This means there is the most police presence on staff during those 2-hour overlap periods.
- *There was an incident on Aero Drive in the early afternoon the other day, can you tell me anything about that?* Sgt. Mitchell did not have specific information. He explained that there are two general sectors in the city: Fireweed is the north-south dividing line. As a supervisor, he is assigned to one of the two large areas, and he is currently assigned to the north area so he does not have details about incidents south of his area. The group confirmed that some information was posted on Nixle.

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”!
- **Federation of Community Councils:** Cathy Gleason gave highlights from FCC:
 - The FCC does not have business meetings over the summer, but hosted a picnic in July at Valley of the Moon Park. Their next meeting is Wednesday, September 18.
- **Hillcrest Dr./Esquire Dr. Traffic Calming Study:** The Traffic Dept. confirmed that they did conduct a traffic study on May 1-2, 2019 (before the end of the school year, as the neighborhood requested). The results will be ready after some additional analysis.
- **Salvation Army/Clitheroe Ctr. HLB Lease Renewal:** The Municipality has renewed the lease with Salvation Army to operate the Clitheroe Center, a residential treatment center within the Airport boundaries owned by the Muni. Salvation Army was planning to relocate, but had earthquake damage and other issues in the new location, so instead they have opted to renew the lease. Cathy Gleason attended the meeting and shared that TCC has in the past supported the Clitheroe Center and while the Council had not taken a position on this lease renewal specifically, she spoke on the previous position.
 - Loren Leman shared that he is a member of the Salvation Army advisory board: he noted that the damage at the new facility (the former adult rehabilitation center on 48th Avenue) would cost at least \$800,000 to fix the property. S.A. still intends to move their operation to a new location, but needs more time.
- **Proposed Purchase of Rustic Goat East Parking Parcels:** The Rustic Goat currently owns the property where the restaurant and apartments sit, and paid for development of the parking lot across Turnagain St. but does not own that land, which is owned by the Municipality. This was to address community concerns about limited onsite parking and potential issues with on-street parking in the neighborhood. The owners of Rustic Goat is in negotiating with the Muni to purchase the parking lot properties, which is actually 5 residential parcels that were formerly homes. The intent is to keep that lot as its current use, with potentially a use restriction by HLB in the deed upon the Muni’s disposal of the land, so that it is only used for parking and could not be developed into another use. This is in early stages and undergoing the necessary due diligence, and will be brought to the Assembly for approval later in the process, so TCC will track this issue but no further action at this time. The Board has discussed inviting the Rustic Goat owners to present their intentions at a future meeting.
- **July 13, Lyn Ary Park Memorial Garden Work Party:** TCC coordinated, with the Parks Department, a work party to clean up Lyn Ary Park Memorial Garden on Saturday, July 13. This included neighborhood volunteers, as well as a group of Air Force personnel who were intended to pick up trash along the Coastal Trail, and members recruited to help with tree planting. Two new trees were planted to replace ones that died previously, pulled weeds and re-mulched the paths in the garden. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped keep the garden looking great!
- **August 14, Fish Creek Park/Trail Event:** Several volunteers and people who have worked on Fish Creek Trail projects held a celebratory event in the park and along the trails, including a guided walk

along a newly-upgraded portion of the trail to show what the new trail will look like when created. There will be an official celebration in October around Halloween to celebrate the official opening of the trail and bridge – look for more information soon!

- **Proposed Herbicide Use in Stream Buffers Ordinance:** The Parks Commission held a public hearing on August 28 regarding a proposal to use herbicides within the stream buffer along greenbelts, to address the proliferation of May Day trees, which have been spreading and pushing out native species of plants and trees. This is a serious problem, but there are also potentially many impacts from use of herbicides, many of which are not allowed without special approval in these areas. There was much discussion about this idea and the pros and cons, but no action taken. In a follow-up call to Josh Durand with Parks, Cathy Gleason shared that the Muni’s current thinking is to pause on this idea: even applying herbicides or removing trees will not solve the issue, as the May Day trees will continue to re-fill in the areas where they are removed, unless other plants are replanted. Parks would like to look at other options and consider how to address this in the long term. In areas where native species have re-taken areas where the trees were removed, they have been successful; they will instead try to control the spread of May Days without having to use herbicides, and will keep working on solutions.
- **2020-2021 MOA Liquor License Renewals:** A list of renewing licenses in and around Turnagain (Turnagain, Spenard and the Airport) was provided. Only one, Rustic Goat, is within the TCC boundary. Anna Brawley explained the process for councils, or any individual, to submit an objection to the ABC Board if someone has an issue with a license. The board reviewed the renewing license and has recommended no action on the part of the council. If anyone would like to submit comments, the deadline is October 15, 2019. *See the handout provided for details of this process.*
 - Shawn Williams asked whether TCC has also taken any recent action on marijuana licenses?
 - Anna responded that TCC does not have any marijuana licenses in its boundary, and has not taken any action on those near the area, along Spenard Road. Marijuana licenses renew annually on July 1, and is usually provided by the Muni in the spring. Most recently, TCC heard a presentation in June from the applicants for Studio 420, to be located at Spenard and Wisconsin next to Tesoro. The license location is in Spenard, and the owners had already completed an MOU with Spenard Community Council in December 2018 as is required by the Muni. The presentation was informational only, TCC did not take action.
 - Cathy Gleason added that TCC’s primary concerns, expressed to the owners, were its location near the new housing (former Long House) for Lower Yukon School District students attending classes in Anchorage, as well as any issues related to security, loitering on the corner and potential spillover issues with people consuming at Spenard Beach Park. The owner addressed those concerns by talking about security, including proposed shared security at the property, and having more active uses in that building rather than vacant storefronts, which will hopefully keep loiterers away.
- **August 30, Marty Smith Naming Panel Work Session:** TCC board members and naming panel members met on Friday, August 30 to review what has happened to date, discussed the process and when the proposal would be brought to TCC for a resolution of support, and ideas for addressing other unofficially-named features at the park which could also be recommended for designation with the existing names. The naming panel agreed to incorporate this into their approach, and discuss at their next meeting. The Parks Department will provide any documentation of previously named features, but stated they believe most never went through an official process. The naming panel will meet again on September 30; this will likely not be ready for the October 3 meeting, potentially for November 7.
- **AMATS MTP 2040 Preferred Alternative Projects:** Cathy Gleason shared that she submitted comments on behalf of TCC on some projects in the AMATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in July, based on existing positions TCC has taken on the various projects in the plan.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- **Rep. Matt Claman**
 - There have been multiple special sessions over the summer, so legislators have been busy!
 - There has also been an unprecedented number, in the thousands, of public comments received over the summer, from his district and throughout the state. He thanked everyone in his district for sharing their views with him.
 - Please contact his office at (907) 465-4919, or rep.matt.claman@akleg.gov.
- **Jacob Tatum and Keith Bauguess, staff to Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson**
 - Please contact her at (907) 465-4930, or sen.elvi.gray-jackson@akleg.gov.
- **Joe Plesca, office of Sen. Mia Costello**
 - Sen. Costello apologizes for not attending, she had a school function.
 - Joe is attending for the first time in person, but has called into meetings in the past. He is working with the Northern Lights Committee to reduce truck traffic. He continues trying to track down
 - The senator is hosting a family picnic on Sunday, September 8 at Jewel Lake Park, 1 to 3 p.m.
 - 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**
 - *Pat Redmond asked what will happen with the ferry system? Concern that it is an important transportation system in the state—like a road.* Rep. Claman shared that the Legislature is also concerned about this, and had worked to address the funding gap by passing additional funding. They will continue to work to restore funding and support communities who depend on this system.
 - *Ryan Johnston asked, what are next steps regarding the Cold Climate Housing Research Center?* It is encouraging to see that the Governor has walked back from some cuts to the university system, including programs like this. Climate change and Arctic-specific research are both very important topics that the University contributes to, and cuts to these will have impacts in Alaska and broadly.
 - *Cathy Gleason, when is the third special session scheduled, or when would more information be available?* The Governor has indicated that he would call another special session, but so far there has not been an announcement. There have been several discussions about the timing of the session, including in November or after AFN, but at this time the Legislature does not have enough votes (40 of 60) to call themselves into special session—with the death of Sen. Birch, they have 38 members in favor. The session would focus on the amount of the Permanent Fund Dividend: \$1,600 has been funded but the proposed \$3,000 amount would require authorization of another \$1,400. There have also been discussions about a larger one-time payment in exchange for a formula change.
 - *Anna Brawley sorry to hear about Sen. Birch's death: condolences to his colleagues.* Rep. Claman worked with him on Assembly as well as in the Legislature, and found him to be a congenial, committed person.
 - *Patti Nielsen is chair of the Northern Lights committee. She asked if his office has been able to find a current contact for the Post Office?* Rep. Claman asked Sen. Murkowski's office to help track down a good contact for Post Office, the most recent contact they were able to find is in Colorado. He unfortunately still doesn't have a local contact, but is working on this. He also commented that Sen. Murkowski has a residence in this area, so he is hoping this issue will specifically spark her interest.
 - *Mark Daly asked for more information about the Post Office contact?* Most trucks that the committee has identified are now Post Office or contractors, they have been trying to figure out why all the trucks are going this direction. They plan to request that the trucks use

International Airport Rd. instead. Mark suggested talking to the district manager, whose office is at the Midtown Post Office (by Loussac Library).

- Shawn Williams thanked the group for their efforts.

ASSEMBLY REPORT | MEMBER KAMERON PEREZ-VERDIA

- **AO 2019-82 —Assembly Districts:** This proposed ordinance would change the number of Assembly members, with 6 districts (as there are now) but with 12 members total, 2 per district. There have been several discussions about options, and the issue they are trying to solve is the fact that currently and for several decades, there has been only one representative in the Downtown/Fairview/Government Hill/Mountain View district, despite the original plan to rotate the 1-member district around town. There were multiple proposals considered, but they have focused on one (described above) and will be holding public hearings and work sessions on this proposal.
- **Cell Phone Ban in School Zones:** See the informational flyer provided in the meeting in handouts, please stay safe and alert in school zones, and save cell phone use for when you are parked!
- **Plastic Bag Ban:** The plastic bag ban starts in Anchorage on Sunday, September 15! A handout provided in the meeting has more details, and there is information online.
- **Homelessness:** The Assembly has held several meetings, including declaration of a civic emergency, and the Muni has taken action throughout the summer, including ongoing camp abatement. The Assembly is working to increase the number of overflow or cold-weather shelter beds, a need which is typically filled during the cold weather months, primarily at churches. The new proposal would expand that function beyond cold weather, to also address situations of civil emergency (such as this summer, or during a natural disaster), and if the Health Department deems it necessary. This would allow more organizations to participate, but to ensure that the locations meet a certain standard and are safe for habitation and safe for individuals to sleep in.
- Kameron is co-chair, along with Meg Zalatel, of the Homelessness Committee. He has heard consistent feedback from the community that people do not feel communications are adequate, and people want more information. He noted that they are working on a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page and invited community councils and individuals to share their questions.
- **Onsite Marijuana Inhalation Proposal:** This summer, onsite consumption for edibles passed. This item would go to the April 2020 ballot, to be discussed in the next work session. There is a public hearing scheduled for September 10, and there will be multiple opportunities for input and discussion.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Cathy Gleason asked the status of the cold-weather option for emergency shelter?* This is still in place in the new ordinance, the ordinance broadens the number of reasons why emergency shelter can be put in place. It allows for shelters beyond when the temperature drops below a certain point, which is the case today.
 - *Cathy also asked whether, if there is a substitute version of the marijuana onsite consumption ordinance proposed, if the council should testify on the original version or only the substitute version, if there is only one opportunity for testimony?* She commented that the Health and Public Safety Committees will meet on this item after the first public hearing on September 10, she commented the timing is odd. Kameron is not the sponsor of the ordinance, and believes it does need considerable public discussion including whether it should be placed on the ballot. He is concerned about potential health and safety impacts, and has many questions to be addressed during the process.
 - *Anna Brawley asked what the sponsors' rationale is for placing the question of public smoking and inhalation on the ballot, when the question of whether onsite consumption should be allowed was already addressed through Assembly action?* Kameron clarified he is not on of the sponsors of the proposal, but that the Assembly already has the authority to pass this without needing a public vote. He and other members believe that while allowing edibles has already been enacted, the question of whether to change the existing smokefree law is more controversial and should be addressed through significant public process.

- *Shawn Williams commented that the industry seems to be asking for increasing privileges since the licensing process was put in place, has this been Kameron's experience?* Kameron is relatively new to the Assembly, but he commented that there are very few, if any, “no” responses to new licenses, actions against licenses, and changing regulations. He does believe allowing inhalation onsite to be a big step, and anticipates a lot of discussion about it.

AIRPORT REPORT | JOHN JOHANSEN

- See Airport updates on the handout provided at the meeting or online at: www.anchorageairport.com
- **North-South Runway Reconstruction:** This project is slightly ahead of schedule! There would not be aircraft landing apparatus at that point, but the intent is to open the runway on October 1 for take-offs, and fully switch to landings as well later in October. This will redirect most traffic back to the North-South runway.
- **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.
- **Aviation Impact Study:** a recent DOT economic impact study found that the Airport (and aviation industry in general in Anchorage) has significant positive impact: the Airport and related industry generates about \$3 billion in economic activity. In Anchorage, it represents 1 in 10 jobs; in Fairbanks, 1 in 13 jobs.
- **Recruitment:** There are several positions available: please share the job opportunities widely!
- **Development proposals (lease applications):** This item was addressed next in the meeting.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Cathy Gleason asked whether there were any responses to the Airport's call for interest in developing a hotel onsite?* The Airport received 3 statements of qualifications from potential bidders, these will be evaluated and provide a short list of invited proposers. The next step would be evaluating those development proposals, and would potentially select a successful bidder at that point.
 - Jackie Armstrong commented that she appreciates the new cell phone parking lot!

MAJOR AIRPORT CARGO FACILITY DEVELOPMENTS | JOHN JOHANSEN, ANCHORAGE AIRPORT

- John shared that there are several projects which are or have been out for public comment; two are currently still out for comment. The Airport will still accept public comments outside the statutorily required 30-day comment period, the primary limit from their perspective is on acceptance of objections or competing proposals, from other potential bidders.
- **International Aviation Fuel Facility:** There is a facility at the corner of Postmark Dr. and Northern Lights. The proposal is to expand the footprint of this leasehold about 25%, to expand their storage capability and more fuel truck and vehicle parking. The berm will be relocated further to the north near the road. The lease has been approved, but they have not received final building approval.
 - Cathy Gleason shared that the company contacted TCC to provide information about their lease, and their plans to move the existing berm, clear vegetation and replace with new vegetation. She requested that the Airport set up a meeting between TCC, the Airport and the leaseholder to discuss how best to provide shielding and buffering from the surrounding area.
 - John will follow up with the Airport Manager and leasing staff on this item. He recorded a copy of the letter TCC received.
- **Cargo Storage Developments:** Currently, four companies submitted applications to lease portions of Airport land to develop cargo storage facilities. Some of the developments do not have details, as they may be associated with companies who do not wish to disclose their clients early in the process.
 - On an east-west strip of land near fuel facilities, a 400,000 sf cargo facility with 4 buildings.
 - Another is a proposed 300,000 sf facility with two aircraft parking positions, west of the North/South runway.

- Two are applications for the same area, near the existing FedEx facilities, to expand cold storage in that area. One is from FedEx itself, the other from a different company.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - Cathy Gleason shared that several years ago, TCC worked with the Airport and the leaseholder of a new development at that time to establish a buffer to minimize noise impacts on the neighborhood. A 60-foot buffer, the width of the gasline easement for example, is not sufficient for buffering the neighborhood from airport impacts. She reiterated the request to the Airport to schedule a meeting to discuss neighborhood concerns and find a shared solution, and asked whether this is feasible to hold before the September 30 meeting?
 - John Johansen encouraged the Council to submit general concerns about the proposals or potential neighborhood impacts to the Airport Manager as soon as possible, and comments on individual proposals through the public comment process.
 - Shawn Williams commented that he lives very near the Airport, close to the boundaries. He is used to general aircraft noise, but is concerned about removing berms, vegetation and other screening and whether these new developments will collectively address the possible increased noise on the neighborhood. He asked the Airport to consider these projects as a whole, and the cumulative increased impacts of these projects on neighborhood noise and how to address that, rather than piecemeal through individual applications.
 - Cathy agreed, and noted that the area being discussed for development (a triangular shaped area near the North Park aviation area) would have the most impact on neighborhood noise, as it is closest to the boundaries of the neighborhood. She also noted that removal of vegetation, particularly evergreen trees, significantly increases ground noise that travels from the Airport to the surrounding area.
 - Patti Nielsen commented that she is also concerned about noise impacts, she appreciates the value of the Airport to the economy, but also that the neighborhood will experience more noise, and the Airport should take a coordinated approach to mitigate noise. What is the utility of submitting comments, and is it possible to have a meeting instead? How can the neighborhood's concerns be met in a reasonable way?
 - John responded that the Airport is intended for aviation uses, and it is appropriate to develop for aviation use. He understands the neighborhood's concerns, but there should be expectation for growth and more development over time.
 - Cathy Gleason shared frustration that the lease applications were all sent for public comment during the summer, when community councils do not meet, and that individually and collectively there are several proposals that will have many impacts on the neighborhood as well as removing important vegetation and natural buffering to block some of the noise. She requested that the Airport consider including conditions in the lease regarding mitigation and buffering against the impacts of the neighborhood.
 - John noted that he will be absent the next two months' scheduled meetings, he will share with Airport Manager.
 - Ralph Guditz asked why the public comment period is not open longer, including when the development details are being addressed? If the comment period is only 30 days and during the lease period, this is not adequate time for the public to respond.
 - Shawn Williams suggested hosting a meeting soon for concerned neighbors to identify their concerns and specific solutions.
 - Sara Haley commented that she understands the neighborhood concerns, but also appreciates living near the Airport as she works in the area and does not want to simply oppose development. She believes that it is reasonable for neighbors to expect more noise near the Airport, as it is a known nearby land use.
 - John clarified that the public comment period is primarily for the lease, to object to the lease or to propose an alternative idea for the proposed lease location, and that the Airport follows the statutory requirements. They will still accept public comments outside this 30-day period, just not alternative lease proposals from other bidders, this is the primary limit.

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- Cathy Gleason shared that the Board discussed how to address this issue effectively, and express the neighborhood's concerns given that the deadlines have passed on individual proposals. She asked John to explain the best process for sharing comments.
 - Send comments to Airport Manager Jim Szczesniak and Theresa Ressler, the leasing manager.
- Loren Leman and Patti Neilson thanked the Airport for their letter regarding truck traffic.
- Loren shared that in his previous role, he was part of discussions to place conditions on Airport leases regarding traffic routes, or other mitigation issues such as noise buffering.
 - John shared that this is under consideration: the manager is willing to ask leaseholders, but has not necessarily decided to require this. The current letter is a request.
 - John also shared that in future construction permits for activity at the Airport, they will require contractors use certain routes, and not Lakeshore Drive or Northern Lights as truck routes.
- **Motion by Anna Brawley to authorize the board to draft a letter to the Airport by September 30, stating TCC's overall priorities for mitigating neighborhood impacts, concerns and questions about lease proposals, recommended mitigation ideas, and to request a meeting with the Airport Manager and (possibly) potential leaseholders to share these concerns in person and discuss solutions before the developments are approved or completed. Second by Pat Redmond.**
 - **Discussion:**
 - Anyone who is interested in helping draft or review the letter, please contact tccpresident@yahoo.com! You can share general ideas to address in the letter, draft suggested language, or volunteer to review the letter.
 - **Vote on motion: no objection. Motion approved.**

LOWER YUKON SCHOOL DISTRICT (FORMER LONG HOUSE) RENOVATION | CATHY GLEASON

- The former Long House Hotel is being renovated for high school student housing for students traveling in from the Lower Yukon School District. The renovation project details were provided to the Board; all renovations will be inside the building, with no exterior renovations proposed. The board has a hardcopy of the renovation plans if anyone is interested in reviewing them.
- The application clarified that this is an administrative decision, and does not require a public hearing or any action on the part of TCC, so the board recommended no action on this item. Cathy Gleason will submit a brief comment stating that TCC has no objection, and requesting that all existing vegetation be retained as stated on the application.

SPENARD BEACH PARK UPDATE AND TCC DONATION | SARA HALEY

- As part of the Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant, co-applicants Spenard and Turnagain CCs pledged to donate funds toward the total, \$2,000 each. Spenard donated \$2,000 already, and Turnagain has donated \$1,720 to date, with funds originally donated in September 2015 to the Park Foundation for improvements at Spenard Beach Park. The councils intend to raise the remainder of the \$10,000 pledged through fundraising over the next year, particularly from individual and corporate donors.
- The Spenard Beach Park committee (members of SCC and TCC) will have an organizing meeting on Tuesday, September 10 at 4:30 p.m. to prepare a project plan and a map of proposed improvements in a handout to explain the proposal for fundraising. The plan will include near-term goals, features to be installed through the money raised under the challenge grant, as well as longer-term goals (larger or more costly improvements) for a future effort. For example, if a donor has particular interest in replacing the swing set at the park and willing to commit the funds, this would not be one of the improvements paid for in 2020 but could be done in the future, guided by this plan for the park.
- We will follow up at future meetings with more information, including how to help with fundraising!
- **Motion by Sara Haley to donate an additional \$280 from the Turnagain Community Council bank account, to complete TCC's total donation for the Spenard Beach Park APF Challenge Grant, after the initial donation of \$1,720 in 2015. Second by Jackie Armstrong.**
 - **Vote on motion: 14 yes, 0 no. Motion approved. TCC will write the check to Anchorage Park Foundation as part of our challenge grant donation.**

OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL AT KIWANIS FISH CREEK PARK UPDATE | MARK DALY

- Mark Daly previously presented in June to the council, asking for permission to use the tennis facilities at Fish Creek Park. He has returned to provide a status report:
 - Over the summer, the league has held 46 events, with 736 players attend! They have, as promised, moved for tennis players when they showed up to use the courts. There were 22 tennis players in total over the summer who arrived to use the courts during their events.
 - The pickleball players use the tennis courts, and bring their own nets as well as chalking out their own court lines on the tennis court to mark the boundaries (it is a smaller court).
 - The players group is working with Steve Rafuse at Parks to develop a long-term vision for the sport and what park facilities they would like to see in Anchorage. They prepared a vision document, copies were provided during the meeting.
 - They also plan to ask for painting permanent lines on the tennis courts at Fish Creek Park, similar to those installed on the court at Pop Carr Park this year. The nets would not be permanently installed, and would need to be put up in order to play. Currently, the events are the only times that pickleball players can use these courts, as they need to be set up and the lines chalked out. The group informally organizes events, but would like to provide a more permanent facility. They will also propose having a heavy-duty construction toolbox chained to the fence, storing the equipment for pickleball, able to be accessed by players.
- There is no action requested now, but they intend to keep working to fundraise, propose more permanent facilities, and bring more activity to the parks. Mark will return to TCC at a future meeting to provide another update, and to request a resolution of support for this plan. He offered to answer any questions or follow up with interested members about the sport or their activities.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - Cathy Gleason thanked Mark for keeping the council informed, and that the sport seems to be a popular and growing activity. Two questions to address, based on the discussion at the June meeting: whether there might be any parking issues at Fish Creek Park if a number of people were attending an event at the courts, and whether there would be any significant displacement of tennis players if the pickleball players and tennis players regularly have schedule conflicts at the courts. She noted that the board did not heard any complaints to date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

As always, contact TCC (tccpresident@yahoo.com) if you would like to join a committee!

- **West Northern Lights Traffic:** See above. Additionally, the Airport issued a letter to all vendors and leaseholders and tenants at the Airport, that they should not use Northern Lights for their truck traffic, and instead use International. The letter is available for download on TCC's website. Patti Nielsen shared that the next meeting is September 30, 4:30 p.m. at her home.
- **Land Use—Marijuana Onsite Consumption:** This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.
- **Land Use—Coastal Trail Wayfinding Signage:** This item will be shared at the next meeting.
- **R-2 Driveways Proposed Code Changes:** This item will be shared at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

CLOSING

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.
- The next regular meeting will be on **Thursday, October 3, 2019.**

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

Minutes approved by Turnagain Community Council at its regular meeting on 10/3/19.