

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC President Cathy Gleason — as of November 6, 2019

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NOVEMBER 2019 NOTICES:

- **November 7 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., West High, CTE Wing, Room C152, 1700 Hillcrest Dr.**
Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **November 11 — WNL Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m., 2830 Wendy's Way.** This TCC committee will continue its efforts, including finalizing a draft letter for DOT Commissioner John MacKinnon to request large, heavy-wt. truck limit signage for W. Northern Lights Blvd.
Info: Chair Patti Nielsen, 529-1120, pattinielson3@gmail.com
- **November 12 — Hillcrest Dr. Field Visit, Time TBA.** The Municipal Safe Schools Transportation Committee will be doing an on-site visit on Hillcrest Dr., to assess road safety issues near West High for students.
Info: Municipal Traffic Engineer Stephanie Mormilo, P.E., 343-8070, mormilosl@muni.org
- **November 13 — Turnagain/Spenard CC Spenard Beach Park Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m.**
The Turnagain and Spenard Community Councils' joint committee will be finalizing a flyer that will be used for funding outreach to purchase amenities for Spenard Beach Park. These funds will be used to match an Anchorage Park Foundation grant the councils received for the project. *Please let us know if you would like to help out with this park planning and fundraising effort!*
Info & Meeting Location: TCC Board Member Sara Haley, haleyjays@gmail.com
- **November 14 — TCC Land Use Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., 1057 W. Fireweed Ln.** The proposed changes to Municipal Code will be discussed (see Planning & Zoning Commission public hearing notice below for description).
Info: Co-chairs Anna Brawley, annab.brawley@gmail.com; Cathy Gleason, 248-0442, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com
- **November 18 — PUBLIC HEARING — Planning & Zoning Commission THREE CODE CHANGES, 6:30 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** The Municipal Planning Department is proposing three Municipal Code changes: 1) exempting 200 sq. ft of lot coverage calculations to encourage construction of front porches; 2) allow alternative landscape design, minimize land disturbance and encourage retention of existing landscaping; and 3) remove some approval procedures for marijuana facility modifications. *The TCC Land Use Committee will be discussing these proposals at our November 14th meeting (see above).*
Info: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/zoning/Pages/default.aspx>
- **November 19 — Assembly Information Memorandum to Identify New Marty Smith Naming Panel Appointees, 5:00 p.m., Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.** (AIM 146-2019)
Last year, the Assembly appointed four members to a Marty Smith Naming Panel, for the purpose of naming a public place in his honor. Earlier this year, four new members were chosen to replace the original members. *TCC is collaborating with the naming panel and will be considering a naming resolution at our December 5th meeting.*
- **November 20 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 1057 W. Fireweed Ln., Conference Room**
Info: FCC Office, 277-1977, communitycouncils.org

- **November 21 — TCC Board Mtg., 5:30 p.m., location TBA.**
Info and confirmation of date: TCC President Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **November 21 — ASD Strategic Planning Community Forum for Dimond/West Region, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Mears Middle School, 2700 W. 100th Ave.** The Anchorage School Board is sponsoring four regional community forums to seek community input as part of its strategic planning process and to discuss future goals and direction for the ASD, starting Fall 2020. All forums are open to the public. If you are unable to attend a forum, you can still provide input via a community-wide survey. **This survey will be available Nov. 4 through Nov. 27.**
Info and other forum locations: Katy Grant, 742-4315, grant_katy@asdk12.org
Survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KYRJY56>

DECEMBER 2019 NOTICES:

- **December 3 — Marty Smith Naming Panel Meeting, 1:00-2:30 p.m., City Hall, 632 W. 6th Ave., Mayor's Conference Rm. 830.** The naming panel and TCC representatives will be meeting to finalize a draft resolution to be considered at TCC's December 5th meeting. The intent of this resolution will be to support the naming panel's recommendation for naming a feature of the Marston Fields at Lyn Ary Park after Marty, who was president of the Anchorage West Little League when he passed away.
Info: Sharon Lane, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, 343-7101, Sharon.lane@anchorageak.gov
- **December 5 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., West High, CTE Wing, Room C152, 1700 Hillcrest Dr.**
Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **December 12 — PUBLIC HEARING — Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission — 2020 HLB Annual Work Program and 2021-2025 Five-Year Management Plan, 11:30 a.m., Permit & Development Center, 4700 Elmore Rd., Conference Room 170.** *The TCC Land Use Committee will be reviewing and submitting comments for approval consideration at our December 5th TCC general membership meeting. Comments are due December 8th*
Info: www.hlb@muni.org, 343-7533
To review the Draft Plan: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/hlb/Pages/Plan.aspx>.
- **November 21 — TCC Board Mtg., 5:30 p.m., location TBA.**
Info and confirmation of date: TCC President Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 248-0442

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Fish Creek Trail Rehabilitation Completed!**
On October 31st, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at Kiwanis Fish Creek Park to celebrate the newly reconstructed Fish Creek Trail! This was a much needed rehabilitation for this popular trail in the Spenard/Turnagain neighborhoods. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED WHO MADE THIS PROJECT HAPPEN!**
- **ANC Runway 15/33 (North-South Runway) Rehabilitation**
THE NORTH/SOUTH RUNWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT IS COMPLETE! Aircraft are now using the full runway for departures. Improvements include new pavement, wider surfaces, and improved taxiway intersection geometry, all required to meet current FAA standards.
Info: www.anc15-33.com

- **Airport Lease Applications for Multiple Large Cargo Facility Projects:**

At our Sept. 5th meeting, TCC passed a motion authorizing the TCC Board to draft comments that reflect TCC concerns/impacts/mitigation proposals in response to all of the proposed lease applications.

- 6A Aviation, Inc. Air Cargo Warehouse Facility east of N/S Runway adj. to W. Woronzof Dr. — comment deadline Sept. 30. *TCC President Cathy Gleason submitted comments on the lease application by the Sept. 30th deadline, expressing numerous concerns and impacts that could result from the proposed development.*
- FedEx Expansion in Postmark Bog — comment deadline Sept. 9th
- Alaska Cargo and Cold Storage LLC Cargo Warehouse Facility in Postmark Bag — comment deadline Aug. 8
- North Park Fuels Expansion southwest corner of W. Woronzof Dr. & Postmark Dr. — comment deadline Aug. 16

- **Airport Lease Applications for Lake Hood Seaplane Base General Aviation Facilities:**

- Bwana, LLC Maintenance Hanger Facility on south shore of Lake Hood — comment deadline Oct. 7th
- Sportsman's Air Service, Inc. Air Charter operations — comment deadline Aug. 29

- **Turnagain/Spenard CC Spenard Beach Park Committee**

The Turnagain and Spenard Community Councils' joint Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge (matching) Grant application request for \$10,000 to update the Spenard Beach Park site plan and install picnic tables and park benches was **APPROVED!** The committee is working on an improvement site plan and will be seeking funds to match our challenge grant. Each council has already donated \$2,000, and the remaining \$4,000 will need to be raised by the councils. Potential funding outreach could include tourist-related businesses at Spenard Lake, general aviation user groups, Airport businesses, etc. *Please let us know if you would like to help out with this park planning and fundraising effort!*

Info & Meeting Location: TCC Board Member Sara Haley, haleyjays@gmail.com

- **Traffic Study Conducted on Hillcrest/Esquire Drs.**

On May 1-2 of this year, the Municipality conducted a Traffic Study on Hillcrest Dr. & Esquire Dr., to see if these neighborhood streets would qualify for traffic calming installations at a future date. This study was done at the request of TCC. Speeding and other reckless driving (at times, resulting in property damage) has been an on-going issue for this area. The Traffic Calming Dept. is still sorting through the data, so no findings have been released to the council. *Brief update will be provided at the TCC Nov. 7th meeting.*

- **50-Year Lease Application ADA-32171 for TLC Properties General Aviation-Related Development at Lake Hood Seaplane Base in Turnagain Bog.**

Location is in the southwest corner of Lake Hood Dr. and Helio Pl. consisting of up to 850,000 sq. ft. Authorized uses could include: 23 aircraft tie-down spaces, phased-in development of 120 T-hangers for GA aircraft, season float/snow storage areas and vehicle parking. This same area was proposed for an Airport construction storage/maintenance area in 2017. **At this time, TLC is doing soil analysis and other feasibility assessments to determine if this project is viable.** *The TCC Land Use Committee met on December 13th, 2018 to review the application and discuss comments; a comment letter was submitted by the December 20th deadline. Ratification of these comments were approved at the TCC January 10th, 2019, general membership meeting. Among other requests, TCC asked that they be able to meet with Airport officials and the applicants before a decision on the lease application is finalized.*

Info: Tim Coons, Lake Hood Seaplane Base Manager, tim.coons@alaska.gov, 266-2741, or <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=192184>

- **Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit Granted**

Effective November 1, 2019, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has issued a general discharge permit to the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, which covers storm water discharges to Lakes Hood & Spenard, Knik Arm, and an unnamed creek. Expiration date is October 30, 2024. *TCC President Cathy Gleason provided testimony at the hearing for this permit, stating that the Turnagain Bog wetlands provides important pollution filtration functions at the Airport; DEC officials concurred with this assessment.*

Info: William Ashton, 907-269-6283, William.Ashton@alaska.gov

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **ASSEMBLY MODIFIES PLASTIC BAG BAN ORDINANCE**

On November 5th, the Assembly approved some changes to the plastic bag ban regulations that went into effect September 15th for single use plastic bags at retail stores. **Restaurants and vendors at temporary markets no longer have to charge for alternative bags.** The plastic bag ban still applies to restaurants.

Info: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/SWS/Pages/PlasticBagBan.aspx>

- **NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES!**

A new Anchorage Assembly ordinance went into effect June 30, 2019, that makes it unlawful for a driver of any vehicle to talk on a mobile communication device while driving a vehicle within an active school zone or on school grounds, unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.

For more info, Assembly members' contact info can be found at: www.Muni.org/Assembly

- **SIGN UP FOR PEOPLE MOVER TEXT ALERTS**

Sign up to receive Public Transportation service alerts, advisories and community event updates through Nixle. If People Mover postpones or cancels service due to inclement weather, notifications are sent via Nixle.

To get People Mover service alerts on your phone, text: "PEOPLEMOVER" to 888777

- **APD NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR NEXT CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY**

The Anchorage Police Department's next Citizen Police Academy begins on JANUARY 15, 2020 and ends APRIL 8, 2020. It meets every Wednesday evening from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the APD Training Center at Jewel Lake Rd. and Dimond Blvd. The academy always fills up quickly and is first-come, first-serve.

For more info., qualifications and an application, go to: <http://www.muni.org/police>.

- **APD PATROLLING BEATS LINING WITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES**

The Anchorage Police Department has announced that the boundaries of the police beats have been changed to more closely align with community council boundaries. Officers will be assigned to the same areas every day, which means neighbors will become more familiar with those answering calls in your area. Officers will also be able to hone in and address the specific needs in your neighborhood. In addition, each officer will be able to access the most current call-for-service data for the area they are working.

√ **REMINDER:** *You can look up crimes that have been reported in your community by accessing the Community Crime Map at:* <http://communitycrimemap.com>

- **CALL 3-1-1 TO REACH ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR NON-EMERGENCIES**

A new telephone directory was launched March 27, 2018, to allow residents to reach often-accessed city services more easily, including the APD non-emergency line. The number prioritizes access to APD's non-emergency line, which will relieve pressure on 911 and is easier to remember than the seven-digit phone number.

In addition, Anchorage 311 will serve as a general directory for frequently contacted departments, such as Street Maintenance, Code Enforcement, the Mayor's Office, Traffic, the Municipal Clerk's Office, Fees and Taxes, Vehicle Impound, and Health and Human Services.

For more info, contact: Kristin DeSmith, Communications Director, desmithk@muni.org, 231-2226.

- **#ANCWORKS PROVIDES WAY TO REPORT NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS & ISSUES:**

#ANCWorks! Is an online tool sponsored by the Municipality of Anchorage for residents to report neighborhood problems and issues. **Featured with an icon on muni.org**, #ANCWorks! provides an online, mobile friendly platform for residents to report an issue, from potholes to a burnt-out streetlight, and track progress to a resolution. Users can visit www.muni.org/ancworks on their desktop, tablet, or mobile phone to fill out a short form and report a problem or pass on a compliment or concern to the Municipality. With a one extra click, #ANCWorks! also allows users to attach files and photos to their request and every request will receive a case number, allowing users to track the progress of their issue at any time online.

Go to: <http://www.muni.org/residents/pages/anchorageworks.aspx>

- **SIGN UP FOR GOVDELIVERY**

Sign up to receive emails on Department of Transportation-related items, including lease notice applications for the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport and Lake Hood Seaplane Base.

Go to: service.govdelivery.com/accounts/AKDOT/subscriber/new