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# TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting | November 7, 2019 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
West High School, CTE Wing Room 152 | 1700 Hillcrest Drive  
Chaired by Cathy Gleason, TCC President

## WELCOME & APPROVE AGENDA, MINUTES

- The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. About 35 people (members and guests) attended.
- The November agenda was reviewed.
  - **Motion by Jackie Armstrong to approve the agenda. Second by Dana Dardis.**
  - **Vote on motion: no objection. Agenda approved.**
- The October meeting minutes were available for review and approval.
  - **Motion by Jonathan Galin to approve the last meeting’s minutes. Second by Lorraine Davis.**
  - **Vote on motion: no objection. Minutes approved.**
- **Announcements:** *See flyer available as a handout in the meeting and on the TCC website.*
  - Update: Hillcrest Drive site visit with municipal staff, originally scheduled for November 12, already took place. Cathy provided an update on this item later in the meeting.
  - December 12: Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission public hearing on the draft 5-year plan and 1-year management plan. Cathy Gleason will prepare draft comments based on previous years’ comments, and share with the Land Use committee prior to that hearing. TCC was successful after last year’s comments in including the HLB parcels near the Airport for future transfer to the Parks Department as ongoing use as park land.
  - Reminder: there is no cell phone use allowed in school zones, per a recent ordinance! You may use your phone in a parked vehicle, but not when the vehicle is moving, to protect students and others on or near school campuses.
  - APD is accepting applications for the upcoming Citizens Police Academy—this is a great opportunity, and a significant time commitment for participating. Consider participating in this cohort, slots fill up fast.

## 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](http://www.communitycouncils.org) and scroll down to “Sign Up”!
- **Federation of Community Councils:** Anna gave highlights from the October FCC meeting:
  - APD shared the previous update that their beats have been realigned with community council boundaries. Additionally, they plan to conduct more traffic stops especially on the highways, and are hoping to invest in a new data system, which will improve their capabilities.
  - Anchorage Park Foundation presented on the moose trail, using a loop of existing trails (and a few new connections where the trails don’t connect now) to form a moose head. This can be used for marketing the trails and encouraging residents and visitors to try them out!
  - FCC insurance for councils: this has been included in the 2020 funding request, covering events held by all community councils, at a cost of an additional \$10,000 (the FCC’s base budget request is \$85,000 for operations). The Board provided a list of venues TCC uses.
- **West Northern Lights Drainage Project, Railroad Overpass:** Cathy shared an update: This project, improving the drainage on West Northern Lights, underneath the railroad overpass where water tends to collect and not drain, was included on TCC’s Capital Improvement Project (CIP) List for several years as a priority. Recently, the Municipality had removed this project from the priorities list, based on the assumption this isn’t needed anymore; unclear how this was removed from the list, but TCC needs to re-state that this is a priority. The Board will follow up to state this is still a high priority.

- **West Northern Lights Sidewalk Condition and Accessibility:** A resident who uses a wheelchair sent information about the bad condition of the sidewalk along Northern Lights between Turnagain St. and east toward Minnesota Blvd. and the Carrs shopping center. She has considerable difficulty using the sidewalk, and contacted the Municipality and community council about unsafe conditions. Darrel Hess, the Muni Ombudsman, took photos of the sidewalk promptly and confirmed the bad condition. He has shared this information with others in the Muni and is following up, so this can get fixed.
- **Alaska Treatment Center (Old Clitheroe Center) Development:** Recently, the Assembly approved sale of ML&P, which will include a considerable sum gained by the Municipality from the purchase. Among other projects, they have allocated \$15 million in capital funding to continue moving this project forward. TCC has had presentations in the past about this project, but it had stalled because they were not successful in securing funds from the Legislature. TCC has expressed support for this project consistently, and will continue to monitor the project.

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- **Sen. Mia Costello, staff Joe Plesha**
  - Joe shared the recent confirmation of Sen. Josh Revak on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, following the death of Sen. Birch earlier this year.
  - Joe has been working with the West Northern Lights committee (see Committee reports for more information) to draft and sign a letter urging the DOT Commissioner to reinstate the signs for a weight limit on West Northern Lights.
  - Sen. Costello will host a constituent event on Wednesday, December 4, 6-8 p.m., at Kincaid Chalet. Look for an official announcements on social media!
  - Please contact her at (907) 269-0117, or [senator.mia.costello@akleg.gov](mailto:senator.mia.costello@akleg.gov).
- **Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson, and staff Jacob Tatum and Keith Bauguess**
  - The state's attorney general has determined that the Alaska Hire laws, which have been supported by multiple administrations, are unconstitutional and will not enforce them. She noted that Alaska has a high unemployment rate compared with other states, and that the state should support policies for local hire.
  - Sen. Gray-Jackson will host a constituent coffee event in early December, details TBD.
  - Please contact her at (907) 269-0174, or [sen.elvi.gray-jackson@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.elvi.gray-jackson@akleg.gov).
- **Rep. Matt Claman**
  - Rep. Claman shared that yesterday, the Kusilvak Career Academy (former Long House) opened for students! This property is now owned by the Lower Yukon School District to complete one-quarter (9 week) rotations to take classes in Anchorage. There are 43 students who traveled from western Alaska currently living onsite. There is also robust security, a structured schedule for students and overall a positive environment for students. Matt encouraged the school's leadership to attend nearby community council meetings in December and share more about their program.
    - Andy Holleman added that this is a great partnership for LYSD, to access resources at King Career Tech HS that would not be available in their home region, and also additional revenue for ASD and using open capacity at the King Center.
    - Cathy clarified that the property is in Spenard, but right on Turnagain's boundary.
  - There are several ongoing lawsuits brought by or against the State, so far the governor's positions have not been favored by the courts. Matt expressed concern about this use of state resources and about the governor's taking positions contrary to most previous administrations.
  - He visited Vermont for a conference about states with unified corrections systems (no separate city or county or state prisons). Most other states with these systems are physically smaller than Alaska. One key topic was behavioral health and finding ways to divert people out of the criminal justice system, especially if they need mental health or addiction treatment.
  - Please contact his office at (907) 465-4919, or [rep.matt.claman@akleg.gov](mailto:rep.matt.claman@akleg.gov).
- **George Ascott, staff to Rep. Harriet Drummond**
  - George shared he is staff to the House Education Committee, as well as for Rep. Drummond.

- Thread, Alaska’s early child care organization, held a conference highlighting the importance of early child education and the economic and social benefits of investing in these programs. There is increasing evidence that social-emotional learning in the first years of life is critical to future success, but this is not adequately prioritized or funded in our society. Rep. Drummond will be introducing a companion bill to Sen. Begich proposing better early child education. He noted that many later issues, including homelessness and addiction, can be heavily influenced by early child experiences.
- Midtown Congestion Relief Plan open house: Tuesday, November 12, 3 p.m. at Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St. Several legislators and others are closely tracking this and working to avoid a repeat of the Highway to Highway project’s concerns, including impacts on neighborhoods. He encouraged constituents to share comments on this.
- He also noted that a recent 60 Minutes series highlighted the role of the pharmaceutical industry in promoting opioids as non-addictive, and restricting the role of the DEA to enforce actions against these companies. It is worth watching in his opinion.
- Please contact her at (907) 465-3875; [rep.harriet.drummond@akleg.gov](mailto:rep.harriet.drummond@akleg.gov).
- **Questions and Comments**
  - *Dan Gleason commented that he learned recently, 72,000 people died of opioid overdoses in the last year. He noted that in contrast, the Vietnam War had a total of 69,000 deaths. He urged legislators and the governor to take action to address this. We need to improve rehabilitation and supports to take care of people.* Matt agreed, this is a significant problem; there is no evidence to support the idea that putting people addicted to substances in prison is not effective and will not help them recover. Treatment is critical, and often takes multiple attempts after relapses. He strongly supports addressing this as a public health problem, and not just a corrections problem.
  - *Dana Dardis also noted that there are many negative impacts on early childhood due to environmental toxins, including PFAS, and impacts on brain development and later outcomes.* George noted this, and agreed that reducing environmental toxins is also important. Rep. Drummond has supported more protection against toxins, including those threatening bees.

#### ASSEMBLY REPORT | MEMBER AUSTIN QUINN-DAVIDSON

- **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. This will be on the April 2020 ballot.
- **Onsite Marijuana Inhalation:** The Assembly in June approved onsite consumption of marijuana (edibles only) at retail establishments. Austin shared that she voted against this, because of the public safety concerns including delayed impact of edibles on a person’s system (can be 2 or 3 hours before an effect is felt). More recently, the Assembly debated and voted to put on the ballot to allow smoking and inhalation of marijuana at these shops. She shared her reasons for voting in favor of allowing voters to choose, and concerns about public safety that have been discussed and addressed—for example, edibles take longer to take effect than inhaling, so may lead to people being unaware of how much they consumed and therefore not safe to drive.
- **Solid Waste Services:** Customers with SWS will see a \$1 per month increase, with planned annual increases over time. The fiscal situation of the agency is not reflecting actual costs, so they need to increase costs over time to compensate, without causing a rate spike. SWS serves part of TCC’s area.
- **Purple Heart Parking:** Austin and Forrest Dunbar has been working on an ordinance to allow Purple Heart parking in ACDA facilities (downtown garages), and also recognize Anchorage as a Purple Heart City, for veterans who were wounded or killed on duty. Starting soon, downtown garages will have some levels marked Purple with information about the preference for parking.
- **Plastic Bag Ban:** The Assembly considered but did not adopt changes to the plastic bag ban ordinance, including a proposed removal of the fee and allowing thicker bags. The Assembly ultimately voted to not adopt these amendments, and made a small change to define reusable bag.

- **Special and Interim Elections:** Austin was first elected by special election; prior to that election, Ira Perman served as an interim member when Tim Steele stepped down. The process was confusing and problematic; she and others are working to change the process and make it more clear, including a test of the rank choice voting process, which allows for choosing multiple candidates on one ballot. If no candidate wins enough votes, the voter's second and subsequent choices are counted until there are enough ranked votes for a candidate to constitute a majority.
- **Proposed Marijuana License:** There is recent controversy regarding AlaskaSense, a business proposing a new marijuana license downtown near Downtown Hope Center (a soup kitchen that has also stated it is a religious site, making it a protected use for the 500-foot buffer rule). Austin shared that there is a special Assembly meeting on December 10, and could not comment on details of the case because the Assembly will be acting in a quasi-judicial capacity at that meeting. She also noted that Spenard Community Council is actively considering a request to limit the number of licenses in their neighborhood, and plans to closely track current businesses and new applications.
- **Questions and Comments**
  - Cathy Gleason commented that she is concerned about the marijuana variance request, especially a use variance. She does not want to set precedent of allowing variances for other businesses regarding protected uses, in locations they would otherwise not be allowed per code. She also noted the number of violations by that business at their current location, Cannabaska, and is concerned about granting a second license to a business that has not shown to be a responsible operator, and the negative precedent this sets.
  - Jonathan Galin noted that limiting the number of licenses can create a limited-entry system like alcohol, there are issues with having such a system in terms of encouraging new businesses, many of whom would not be able to afford a new license.
  - Anna clarified that state regulations do not allow transfer of marijuana licenses, which is the other key factor making licenses a property, in addition to having a limited number. As long as those restrictions on transfer remain in place, then a municipality could impose a local limit on the number in a specific area, without creating a secondary market for licenses.
  - Rep Claman commented there are about 80 licensed cultivation facilities in the Muni, a surprising number to him. The group was also surprised by this number. Austin noted that it does sound like a lot, but Anchorage is essentially a statewide market (people traveling from other communities, including those whose cities ban marijuana businesses) and also many tourists who come to the state.

## AIRPORT REPORT | TERI LINDSETH

- *See Airport updates on the handout provided at the meeting or online at: [www.anchorageairport.com](http://www.anchorageairport.com)*
- John Johansen was not available for tonight's meeting.
- **Concessions:** There is a new location of Aurora Chocolates in Concourse C, selling gourmet chocolates. They also have a location in the Hotel Captain Cook downtown.
- **REAL ID:** Reminder, you need a new REAL ID! This is required per federal law, starting October 1, 2020, to fly and go through TSA. Teri provided informational handouts in the meeting.
- **Traffic:** Please do not park at the arrival and departure areas, there is cell phone lot or short term parking if you need to wait for the person you're picking up to be ready.
- **Holiday Performances:** Starting in December, the Airport will host musical performances as they do every year. This will include several school and youth groups who perform. The schedule will be posted online at [anchorageairport.com](http://anchorageairport.com).
- **Recruitment:** There are several positions available: please share the job opportunities widely!
- **Development proposals (lease applications):** Teri shared updates on all the lease applications: the status for all proposals so far is the same, they are being reviewed and the applicants have not yet shared their development plans. There has also been interest from other entities to build on the same parcel. Teri also thanked the council drafting the letter sent last month, and the letter was distributed to all department heads within the Airport.

- 6A-XL at North Air Park: this is the only proposal west of the runway, a 400,000 sf warehouse for aircraft parking.
- Two applications for a parcel near FedEx and Postmark Drive: FedEx proposed an intrastate cargo facility, about 98,000 sf and parking; the other company proposed a 700,000 sf warehouse on the same parcel.
- Another application proposed a 300,000 sf warehouse west of Postmark Drive.
- **Questions and Comments**
  - *Cathy Gleason shared that the council intends to submit a letter with more detailed recommendations for mitigation of future development projects, for example a landscaped berm that is currently on a small portion of Postmark Drive but could be extended further to reduce ground noise that travels east to the neighborhood. Teri will share this back with the Airport manager and staff, and will look for the council's letter.*
  - *Jonathan Galin asked the status of any businesses related to Amazon applying for space at the Airport? He heard that there is a proposal at the former Kulis base. The Airport is not currently working with Amazon directly, there is one subcontractor who does some business with them but that is the only one they are aware of.*
  - *Dana Dardis asked for more information about REAL ID? This is a federal requirement from several years ago that requires additional verification of identity and specific design requirements for state-issued driver's licenses and IDs. Alaska now offers REAL ID compliant IDs, and there is a process (and required personal documentation) to get one. This is required starting October 1, 2020 to use a state-issued ID at TSA or to enter federal buildings; don't put off getting yours! You can also continue to use a passport to get through TSA.*
  - *Anna asked whether any incentives have been offered for lease applications? No, the four she mentioned that have been public noticed have not offered the applicants any incentives.*

## ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD REPORT | ANDY HOLLEMAN

- Andy shared information about the 90 by 2020 program, promoting 90% graduation rates within the district. The district needs your help to continue working to meet these goals!
- The School Board is working on a new strategic plan and setting goals for the District, including upcoming public meetings: please attend! There is also an online survey.
  - November 7, Golden View Elementary (south)
  - November 12, Begich Middle School (east)
  - November 13, Mirror Lake Elementary (Eagle River)
  - November 21, Mears Middle School (west)
- The School Board is also working to develop its recommended package of bonds, to send to the Assembly for final consideration of what is placed on the ballot. Currently the Board is considering primarily repairs and upgrades related to the 2018 Earthquake, at least 60% or more of bonds proposed would be related to those repairs and/or complete other work while the school undergoes other repairs. The current proposal discussed is a two-year bond of \$90 million, with no additional bond in 2021.
- He also noted that there is considerable discussion about upgrades to Inlet View Elementary, there are many neighborhood attendees as well as from other neighborhoods who choose to go to that school. Currently the school is overcrowded, and uses portable classrooms outside, which is a safety concern as well as more challenging for students' learning. There would be a new 2-story building in the same location as the current footprint.
- He also noted that parents of Aquarian Charter School are advocating to include building repairs for that school on the bond. Charter schools are all operated within the school district, there are no privately-owned charter schools in ASD, and they are considered experimental and allow for alternative teaching methods or organization. Additionally, the school is in an ASD owned facility. The Board is considering whether to include them on the bond, while charters typically are not.
- **Questions and Comments**
  - *Rep. Claman commented that his personal view is to not have two-year bonds, it seems difficult to consistently pass bonds when voters balk at a larger amount, or are not*

*accustomed to considering bond proposals every year. He supports use of bonds to fund public projects.* Andy agreed, there is \$2 billion in ASD facilities overall, with much deferred maintenance. It is a difficult choice, the Board is considering all alternatives.

- *How were other charter schools, such as Rilke Schule, built recently?* Rilke Schule was offered ASD bond funds for discussion, but they ultimately financed the project separately because they wanted it to be completed more quickly. Aquarian is the only charter school in the city that occupies an ASD facility, so it is a unique situation compared with the others.
- *Jonathan Galin asked about when ASD anticipates receiving the FEMA money they applied for?* Andy shared that they are still hopeful this will be available, they are not assuming FEMA funds will be granted for repairs.

#### UPDATE: MARTY SMITH RECOGNITION AT LYN ARY PARK | SHARON LANE, MUNI

- Sharon provided a brief update: this process is ongoing, and new members have been appointed to the naming panel for recognizing Marty Smith at a feature in Lyn Ary Park. Previously, the panel was primarily composed of family members, which was considered to not be the most appropriate composition for objective consideration. The new panel members need to be formally approved by the Assembly at their next meeting on November 19, and the new naming panel will hold a work session on December 3 to discuss their recommendation and associated findings to submit as a formal recommendation to the Assembly.
- The naming panel anticipates presenting to TCC at its next meeting, December 5, asking for a resolution of support for the naming panel's recommendation. After that point, the naming panel will hold a public hearing on the recommendation, and then it will be submitted to the Assembly.
- **Questions and Comments**
  - *Austin Quinn Davidson asked if the council had any comments prior to the November 19 hearing?* Cathy shared that TCC did not provide input on the original composition or new individuals on the naming panel, and does not have an official recommendation. However, she encouraged the Assembly to ensure balanced representation on this and any other naming panel, including having someone familiar with the neighborhood to speak to the community's perspective. For example, new member Pat Redmond is a longtime TCC member and widely considered to be fair, knowledgeable and familiar with the community's history and character.

#### UPDATE: HILLCREST DRIVE TRAFFIC, SAFETY ISSUES

- Cathy Gleason shared an update from Stephanie Mormilo on traffic and safety issues (including collisions, property damage, and concern about injuries) on Hillcrest Drive.
- The Traffic Department did conduct a traffic study in May 2019 before the end of the school year, and are reviewing the data from that study. This is the first step for any potential traffic calming.
- More recently, a student was hit by a car while crossing Hillcrest; the student was not seriously injured, but this motivated the Muni and ASD to re-activate a safety committee to review this incident and ways to improve safety.
- TCC has a Safe Routes to Schools Committee, which has not met recently but which has made recommendations for improving safety at West High and Romig campus. Cathy circulated a sign-up sheet for this committee, so the council can continue tracking this issue and possibly make recommendations for other improvements. Will continue tracking this.
- **Questions and Comments**
  - *Marnie Isaacs asked if the committee included any community members?* No, Cathy's understanding is the meeting was just staff.
  - Dan Gleason asked if this new ASD committee has reviewed the TCC Safe Routes to Schools Committee's recommendations? He commented that this is timely to address and coincides with previous safety improvements along Hillcrest Drive and surrounding areas.
  - Anna commented that while vehicle (crash-related) injuries and deaths are going down nationally, bike and pedestrian injuries and deaths due to crashes with vehicles are going up. This is a national issue, we are not protecting people other than drivers enough.

## TURNAGAIN CC OFFICER ELECTIONS | CATHY GLEASON AND ANNA BRAWLEY

- Anna provided an overview of the process, shared nominations received already to date, and encouraged nominations from the floor for positions, with or without a nominee already. She also shared that current Treasurer Lorraine Davis is moving out of the neighborhood, so she would no longer be eligible. Vice President has been vacant since 2018.
- Nominations collected by the nominating committee:
  - Cathy Gleason nominated for President; nomination accepted.
  - Sara Haley nominated for Secretary; nomination accepted.
  - Sandy Rabinowitch nominated for Treasurer; nomination accepted.
- Nominations from the floor:
  - Pam Wright nominated for Member at Large; nomination accepted.
  - Jackie Armstrong nominated for Member at Large; nomination accepted.
- **Motion by Dan Gleason to approve the proposed slate of candidates for 2020 officers, including the five nominations above and no nomination for Vice President. Second by Patti Nielson.**
  - **Discussion:** none.
  - **Vote on motion: 21 yes, 0 no. 2020 Officers elected! The Board will work on transitioning between December and January.**

## RUSTIC GOAT LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL | TIM GRAVEL

- Anna reminded the group of the liquor license renewal process shared at previous meetings, and stated the council got notice of renewal of one of the two licenses in Turnagain, Rustic Goat. She noted that the group may choose to take action (or take no action), including supporting, objecting to or having no objection to the renewal. This will be on the Assembly's December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting agenda.
- Tim Gravel, one of the owners, shared that he didn't have any specific comments on the renewal application, they are not making any changes to their current operation. He shared that Rustic Goat separately was approached by the Municipality to install an electric vehicle charging station at this location. This would be one parking spot in the lot. He likes the concept, but expressed concern about whether the station would take up parking for patrons, especially early evening. It is typically not very full during the day, but evening is regularly full with customer parking.
- **Questions and Comments**
  - *Lorraine Davis asked who would pay for the charging cost?* The vehicle owner would pay, this is a metered station.
  - Jonathan Galin commented he supports the business and sees them as a good operator.
  - *Dan Gleason asked what type of license they have, and whether they are planning to get a full liquor license?* They have a restaurant license (beer and wine only), and do not intend to seek a beverage dispensary (full liquor license).
- **Motion by Dan Gleason to support the renewal of Rustic Goat liquor license. Second by Sara Haley.**
  - **Discussion:** none.
  - **Vote on motion: 15 yes, 0 no. Motion approved.**

## SMALL CELLULAR INFRASTRUCTURE ON LIGHT POLES | CONNOR DUNHAM

- Connor contacted TCC with concerns about installation of small-cell cellular equipment (boxes) on utility poles and other locations around the neighborhood, and elsewhere in the city. He is an engineer by profession, but does not work on cellular applications. He is attending as a concerned neighbor after seeing a number of these installations in or near public rights of way.
- Background: Companies are installing 5G infrastructure to meet national upgrades to this technology. He provided a handout with illustrations of small-cell installations and their components. The FCC (the agency that regulates communications) approved rules last year for fast installation of this new technology; the agency does not regulate land use but has guidelines for what cities can or cannot restrict. Federal regulations allow up to 28 cubic feet of installed equipment per pole. The examples he shared are each 6 cubic feet, smaller than what is allowed but still noticeable.

- Cathy Gleason shared that she spoke with an AT&T representative on this topic, they are currently the only company installing these in Anchorage, but each company (GCI, Verizon, etc.) can install their own, they do not share facilities. She also noted that while up to 28 cubic feet are allowed per pole, Muni code does not allow installation that large, so the lower size requirement applies.
- Connor had asked the Municipality what if any input residents can provide on where and how these are installed. The FCC limits the level of regulation of these facilities at a local level, but a city can enact rules such as design requirements and aesthetic considerations. He is presenting this information to the council for information, and also to encourage people to track this issue
- Cathy shared that the AT&T representative was not able to attend tonight but requested to present at the December TCC meeting, so this will be discussed next month. Additionally, she noted that these are considered a permitted use in Muni code, so these receive administrative review and approval only. Additionally, the FCC requires a 60-day time limit on local government approval, so there is limited time to act on these. She also noted that the current public notice (postcards) is inadequate, there is no local contact and there is no way to provide comments back.
- **Questions and Comments**
  - *Jonathan Galin asked whether Connor knows how specific poles are chosen for installation, and what if any review at the city level?* The city maintains ownership and responsibility of the pole itself, and the company pays a lease for installing the infrastructure. Presumably, the owner of the pole could require the company to repair or replace the pole if there is damage. Cathy added that AT&T will be replacing several utility poles because they are not tall enough or built to the standard to hold them. The company will need to build to the same standard as current poles, including that they are collapsible if impacted, but with more weight and height on the pole it could be a concern if a vehicle hits the pole and there is higher center of gravity.
  - *Dan Gleason was concerned about earthquake safety, particularly with more weight: they are not centered on the pole.* Connor agreed with this concern. Cathy added that AT&T shared that the Muni engineer reviews each installation, as well as the company's engineers, so the company stated that they get adequate review.
  - *Pam Wright asked if the location on the map are residential areas? She commented that she noticed one around Dimond High School recently, and believe it detracts from the street and adjacent properties.* Yes, to date the ones on the map provided are residential installations. Connor agreed he is concerned about aesthetics as well as safety.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- **Spenard Beach Park Improvements:** The committee met on October 30 to review the draft flyer and recommendations for what to install. After the committee finalizes the draft flyer, including a vision for new amenities at the park and where they would be located, this draft will be brought to Turnagain CC and Spenard CC as well as the Parks Department and Anchorage Park Foundation. Once the materials are finalized, we can start fundraising!
  - Next meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 5pm. Contact Sara Haley for information.
- **West Northern Lights Traffic:** The committee met on October 30.
  - The committee is working to draft a letter to the State DOT Commissioner to request weight limit signs along Northern Lights. While some of the road is municipal, most is state-owned.
  - There has been some reduction in traffic along the road, but the committee still sees trucks particularly from Eagle Express. They are still working to contact the local Postmaster.
  - Next meeting: Monday, November 11, contact Patti Nielson for information..
- **Land Use:**
  - The 2020/Five-Year HLB Plan is out for review: this is earlier than in previous years, also making the comment deadline earlier than usual. The Land Use committee will briefly review comments and Cathy Gleason will prepare the draft comments for this plan for approval.
  - Marijuana on-site inhalation approved for Municipal April 2020 ballot (*see Assembly report*).

## Turnagain Community Council

- Next meeting: Thursday, November 14, 5pm, FCC Office at 1057 West Fireweed, 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Contact Anna Brawley for information. The committee will discuss the following:
  - PZC Case 2019-0142, Encourage building open-air front porches
  - PZC Case 2019-0143, Encourage retaining existing vegetation for landscaping developments, extend allowed growing season in code
  - PZC Case 2019-0149, Marijuana freestanding signage & regs

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE.

## CLOSING

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.
- The next regular meeting will be on **Thursday, December 5, 2019**.

*Minutes prepared and submitted by Secretary Anna Brawley on 11/10/19.*

*Minutes approved by Turnagain Community Council at its regular meeting on 12/5/19.*