

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC President Cathy Gleason — as of December 2, 2020

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Turnagain Community Council is on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/turnagainforum/>
Check for updates on our webpage: www.communitycouncils.org

ANCHORAGE & STATE OF ALASKA COVID-19 ORDERS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Get the most up-to-date information from the Municipality and from the State of Alaska:

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE: <https://covid-response-moa-muniorg.hub.arcgis.com/>

STATE OF ALASKA: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>

DECEMBER 2020 NOTICES:

VIRTUAL MEETING — December 3 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

TCC will hold this meeting virtually, using the Zoom program. Until further notice, TCC will hold our meetings virtually, using the Zoom program.

Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442

- **VIRTUAL MEETING — December 7 — Sand Lake Community Council Special Meeting, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** The topic for this special meeting is the IC Alaska Anchorage Airport Development project to be constructed along Raspberry Road (west of the old Kulis site).
Info: Sand Lake CC President Parker Haymans, slccpresident@gmail.com
To Join Meeting: <https://fb.me/e/34eTp7Akw>
- **December 10 — PUBLIC HEARING — Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission — 2021 HLB Annual Work Program and 2022-2026 Five-Year Management Plan, 11:30 a.m.** Testimony can be provided via email or telephone — send by 9:00 a.m. on Dec. 10th *Comments for approval consideration is on our December 3rd virtual TCC general membership meeting agenda. Comments are due December 9th*
To review the Draft Plan: <http://www.muni.departments/hlb/2014%20docs/20draft%20plan+appendices.pdf>
To provide testimony via email: www.hlb@muni.org **by 9:00 a.m. Dec. 10th**
Info: 343-7533 — **call to get details on how to provide testimony by telephone**
- **December 11 — COMMENT DEADLINE — R-4A Zoning Text Amendment.** The Muni Planning Dept. is proposing a text change to the R-4A Multifamily Residential Mixed-Use district. The intent is to create a more pedestrian-oriented environment, simplify and consolidate the district's requirements, and allow for higher proportions of commercial space within mixed-use developments in the district. *The TCC Land Use Committee reviewed the proposal change. Because there is currently no R-3A Zoned land within the Turnagain neighborhood, no comments will be submitted by the council.*
Info: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/Action-3-1.aspx>
- **December 14 — COMMENT DEADLINE — Anchorage Local Landmark Register Ordinance.** This proposed ordinance would create a voluntary program for anyone to nominate landmark resources (with owner's express permission), and outlines the nomination review and approval process. The purpose is to publicly recognize local landmarks that represent Anchorage history and culture. If a nomination is approved, the designation would place the landmark in the local historic register, but would not change the underlying zoning classification. **The Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Non-public hearing on January 4, 2021.** *Information on this proposal was presented at the TCC October 7th meeting. The TCC Land Use Committee will review the draft ordinance and submit comments by the Dec. 14th deadline; they will be on the TCC Jan. 7th meeting agenda for ratification.*
Info: <http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=17263>

Submit comments to: Corliss Kimmel, corless.kimmel@anchorageak.gov & Lori Blake, lori.blake@anchorageak.gov

- **There will be NO December Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting**
- **December — DATE TBA — TCC Board Mtg., 5:30 p.m.**
Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 248-0442

JANUARY 2021 NOTICES:

- **January 4 — Planning and Zoning Commission NON-PUBLIC HEARING — Anchorage Local Landmark Register Ordinance.** *See information above.*
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Submit comments to: Corliss Kimmel, corless.kimmel@anchorageak.gov & Lori Blake, lori.blake@anchorageak.gov
- **VIRTUAL MEETING — January 7 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**
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Info: TCC President Cathy Gleason, tccpresent@yahoo.com, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **January 19 — First Regular Session of the 32nd Legislature Convenes in Juneau.**
- **VIRTUAL MEETING — January 20 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.**
Info: FCC Office, 277-1977, communitycouncils.org

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Draft West Anchorage Snow Disposal Draft Site Selection Study**
The Municipality of Anchorage has collected info. on potential locations for a new snow disposal facility to serve West Anchorage and has prepared a draft study now available for review and comment. The preferred location — in Conner's Bog south of Javier De La Vega Park — is in Class A preservation wetlands designated as "Park or Natural Area" in the West Anchorage District Plan. *The TCC Land Use Committee submitted comments on the Draft Site Selection Study; these comments will be on the TCC Dec. 3rd meeting agenda for ratification consideration.*
- **Turnagain/Spenard CC APF Challenge Grant for Spenard Beach Park Improvements**
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** in 2019. *TCC voted to approve a conceptual site improvement plan at our December 5th, 2019, meeting.* Our fundraising flyer has been completed and is being distributed. We have also submitted to the APF both our request for a Grant Extension (Sept. 2021 completion) as well as our Progress Report (as of Sept. 30th). TCC and SCC have each donated \$2,000, with the remaining \$4,000 to be raised by the councils. Potential funding outreach will 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: Spenard Beach Park Committee Chair Sara Haley, haleyjayes@gmail.com

\$\$\$ PLEASE CONSIDER A YEAR-END CHALLENGE GRANT DONATION
to improve this great neighborhood park! \$\$\$

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2021 OFFICER/BOARD ELECTION RESULTS**

Congratulations to the following, who were elected at our November 5th TCC meeting to serve the 2021 calendar year:

- President — vacant
- Vice President — **Cathy Gleason**
- Secretary — vacant
- Treasurer — **Jackie Armstrong**
- Board Member At-Large — **Pam Wright**
- Board Member At-Large — **Pat Redmond**

*Many thanks to current Treasurer SANDY RABINOWITCH
for serving on the TCC Board for several years — we wish him well in the New Year!*

• **ALASKA DIVISION OF ELECTIONS RESULTS**

The Alaska Division of Elections has finished ballot counting and has certified the results of the November 3rd general election.

For full election results, go to: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/results/20GENR/index.php>

Congratulations to Candidates representing Turnagain neighborhoods:

Representative Harriet Drummond House District 18
Representative Matt Claman House District 21

for their reelection in the November 3rd 2020 Alaska General Election!

• **FREE REUSABLE COTTON MASKS AVAILABLE!**

The Federation of Community Councils Center has been given thousands of reusable masks to distribute to Anchorage residents! They are white washable cotton masks in a package of five. Available free to any group or individuals, but are not to be sold.

Info. and to Request Masks: email FCC at info@communitycouncils.org

• **FREE ANCHORAGE BIKE HELMET PROJECT & CHILD CAR SEAT INSPECTION INFO.**

The Anchorage Fire Department is part of the Anchorage Bike Helmet Project, which provides — **at no cost** — bike helmets for children under 15 years of age.

- Seven days a week, between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., families may visit a Fire Station to have children fitted with bike helmets.

Certified personnel at Fire Stations also provide child car seat inspections **at no cost**.

- The inspection can determine:
 - if your child is in the appropriate car seat;
 - whether it is properly secured in the car,
 - whether your child is secured properly in the car seat, and
 - if it is on a recall list or outdated.
- *Alarming fact: four out of five car seats ARE NOT used correctly!*

Thank You to the COASTAL TRAIL NEIGHBORS PUBLICATION or providing this important information!



*Congratulations & Thank You to the Anchorage Park Foundation
for 15 YEARS of helping make Our City a great place to Live, Work and Play!*

• **SNOW PLOWING INFO.**

Winter is finally here, and that means snow!

- The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has many winter season resources for you to stay informed: <http://dot.alaska.gov/winterconditions.shtml>
- Municipality of Anchorage snow removal and other resources: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/operations/streets/Pages/default.aspx>
- Anchorage Snowplowing Hotline: 338-1466

● **AnchorRIDES PROVIDES FREE GROCERY DELIVERY SERVICE**

The Municipality of Anchorage is offering a free grocery delivery service for senior citizens, age 60 and over, and for people who have disabilities that prevent them from using People Mover buses. Service is available for a fee (\$3.50-\$5.50) for all other eligible riders within the AnchorRIDES service area. Pick-up times need to be scheduled one to seven days in advance.

To determine if you are eligible, contact:

AnchorRIDES Eligibility Office, 343-6543, option 2

● **PEOPLE MOVER CUSTOMER SERVICE & RIDELINE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED**

The People Mover's Customer Service office has temporarily relocated to 517 W. 7th Ave., Suite 200, in preparation for Anchorage Community Development Authority's upcoming Sixth Avenue Redevelopment Project. Riders will be able to continue to board and exit buses at the Downtown Transit Center.

- The temporary Customer Service office will be open 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- There will be no indoor waiting area or public restrooms at the temporary location.

For more info, go to:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/PeopleMover/Pages/CustomerServiceTemporaryRelocation.aspx>

● **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

● **NEW PEOPLE MOVER BUS ROUTE 85 THAT WOULD ADD ACCESS TO TURNAGAIN/ LOUSSAC LIBRARY DELAYED**

The new bus route (85) that People Mover was planning to introduce in August has now been put on hold until 2021. This route would have provided bus service back to Turnagain and the Loussac Library. This new bus route resulted from a year and a half of public outreach and advocacy leading to an increase in matching funds approved by the Anchorage Assembly in the 2020 budget.

For updates and more information as it becomes available, go to: peoplesmover.org

● **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>

- **UPGRADES TO ASSEMBLY AGENDA AND MEETING MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS**

The Municipality has upgraded the agenda and meeting management applications that are used in the Assembly Chambers at the Loussac Library.

To navigate to the new *Municipal Meetings Page*: www.muni.org/meetings

For more info, contact Municipal Clerk Barbara Jones at: Barbara.Jones@AnchorageAK.gov; 343-4312

- **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