

**Turnagain Community Council
Meeting Minutes October 3, 2024**

Cathy Gleason, TCC President, called the meeting to order over Zoom at approximately 6:34 pm.

Zoom recording link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNiG5m3JzQM>

Action items highlighted in **yellow**, time on Zoom clock (in parentheses).

AGENDA items are in **blue font**

**(0:00) Call to Order/Introductions Zoom Meeting Guidelines + Etiquette
Approve Agenda**

Jon Isaacs moved to approve, Steve Montooth seconded.

Item 1: Add under Executive Board Reports: Meeting in person or virtually?

No objections

Item 2: Under Land Use Committee report: Proposed Plan Unit Development. No objections

Approve as amended: No objections, amended agenda approved

(5:20) Approve September 5, 2024 Minutes

Karen Pletnikoff moved to approve, Kathleen Bielawski seconded. No objections. Minutes are approved

(6:35) Announcements

- 1) People Mover opted for Route Option B starting in October
- 2) Anna Brawley holding constituent meetings on Oct 17, Nov 9, Dec 6
- 3) DOT holding open house #1 for Fireweed Lane Rehabilitation Oct 30 5-7pm Stellar Secondary School
- 4) Spenard Community Council hosting Trick or Treat Fish Creek on October 31

(10:12) What's New in Turnagain? Brief sharing, any member

Nobody had anything to share

(10:42) Executive Board Report

Next TCC Board Meeting: Date TBD

Federation of Community Councils Delegate Report/Townhall Series

Cathy Gleason provided overview:

Sept 17 Workshop

Sept 18 Regular meeting -

Sept 23 FCC Town Hall Meeting on Demystifying Community Councils

Coming up:

Oct 21: Navigating Community Council Meetings

Nov 18: Guiding Community Council Meetings

(16:50) 10-Yr. Community Council Boundaries Review — Maps Delayed

Resolutions by councils will be put forward at some point in the future depending on when maps come out.

(20:00) WNL Alaska Railroad Overpass ‘CHAIR MAFIA’ Graffiti — Removed Tuesday!

(22:46) Anchorage Recreational Trails Plan Update

(23:55) Nov. 7th Potential Agenda Items — AKDOT&PF Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

Survey is on line

(25:15) Rustic Goat Municipal Liquor License 2025-2026 Renewal

TCC Board decided not to put this on the agenda. Oct 15 deadline for Public Hearing. Nobody spoke up as having any issues with this license.

(26:05) Tony Knowles Coastal Trail Realignment at Point Woronzof

Karen Pletnikoff and Matt Claman reported that it has been completed well

(28:44) Destruction/Removal of West Northern Lights Landscaped Islands

Cathy Gleason: Street Maintenance made the decision in order to reduce visual impairments: there are no plans to replant. TCC Board may follow up

(31:55) REPORTS Brief Updates

Assembly Report

Kameron Perez-Verdia provided a report for both him and Anna Brawley

Topics Included:

Budget season process

Homelessness solutions

Public Safety:

Police shootings

Pedestrian deaths

(42:00) Legislative Report

Matt Claman provided a report

Topics Included:

Election next month

Missed Federal funding for education and transportation

Questions from members:

Is Voting safe? No issues in Alaska

Are State positions competitive? No and legislation is moving forward to address issue using various options

Mayor's Report

Skipped

(52:07) School Board Report

Dora Wilson provided a report

Topics included:

2025 School bonds

Schools awarded by US Department of Education

Right-sizing

Visited Turnagain Elementary School

(53:50) Airport Report — Including Status Updates: Current lease applications, development plans, future projects, Airport Communications Plan Update

Eric Peterson provided a report

Topics included:

Play area installed

Parking garage

Cargo airlines - 4 new airlines

Honor Flights for veterans

Cathy Gleason: Was TCC input incorporated into the Airport Communications Plan? About 1/3 was included, 1/3 was not addressable and 1/3 was not included. Cathy pointed out that this should be a 2-way street. Eric said input will always be accepted.

Jon Isaacs: Airport Director replacement? In the works, maybe early next year

Update on Point Woronzof Road lease for Cargo Support Facility by Atlas Air Cargo in wooded area West of the runway. Accepting public comment. Early phase. Sara Haley (TCC member and Leasing lead at the Anchorage Airport) also provided details.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

(1:19:30) Ratification Consideration TCC Bd. 6/21/24 Ltr. – AO 2024-44 Limiting Public Input RE: Assembly Action to Amend Title 21/Implementation of HOME Initiative

Jon Isaacs provided an overview: Sponsors withdrew due to many concerns. Sweeping changes. The Assembly passed a resolution asking the Administration to

conduct a 2020 Comprehensive Plan and 2022 Land Use Plan.

Jon Isaacs Moved to ratify submitted letter, Kathleen Bielawski Seconded. No discussion. No objections, unanimously Approved.

**(1:23:05) Approval Consideration TCC Ltr. Wood Lake Subdivision Replat
October 15th Deadline**

Cathy provided an overview: Discussed in detail at the September TCC monthly meeting. Short platt. October 15 deadline for public comments.

Karen Pletnikoff Moved to ratify letter, Steve Montooth Seconded. No discussion. No objections, unanimously Approved.

(2:04:54 - out of time order) Continuing discussion regarding the comment deadline and process and e-mail distribution of resolution to others.

(1:27:00) Approval Consideration TCC Ltr. Forest Park Dr. 95% Design Surface Rehabilitation October 4th Deadline

Marnie Issacs provided an overview: Resurface road, enlarge pedestrian access, and improve sidewalks on WNL. Also includes some drainage and fencing. Comments: replace parking signage, “No Trucks” signs, and add bicycle insignia to widened lane. Comments due October 4 (with some wiggle room).

Marnie Issacs Moved to ratify letter, Sara Haley Seconded. No discussion. Vote: 16 Yes, 0 No. Unanimously Approved.

(1:34:51) Comments Consideration Town Square Park – Solar Protection/Reinstating Building Height Restrictions South of Park Presentation | John Blaine, Turnagain Resident

John Blaine (TCC member) and Dianne Holmes (Rabbit Creek Community Council) provided an overview: Assembly approved ordinance allowing tall buildings (200’) without stepback near Town Square Park. Inconsistent with previous actions protecting solar access. In favor of development, but not development that shades park. Graphics of various alternative building height stepbacks shown along with historic perspective. Sara Haley would like to hear from “both sides” of this issue before voting on a resolution. Assemblyman Foland would be a good candidate to speak in favor of the new 200’ ordinance.

TCC will consider asking proponents of both sides to present at a monthly meeting so that members can be informed.

(2:09:23) TCC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use Committee | Cathy Gleason and Jon Isaacs, Co-chairs • Fish Creek Trail Connection Updates/Potential Legal Issues Discussion LUComm Mtg. TBD

Jon Isaacs provided a review: Original proposal included a categorical exclusion for preferred route. Includes dogleg over wetlands. Will be completed in November and will be out for public review, but no changes will be considered. Some access and property issues still need to be resolved. They will need a wetland permit to extend northern end of the trail over the marsh.

(2:18:55) Added agenda Item: Proposed Plan Unit Development.

Jon Isaacs provided a review: Ordinance introduced at last Assembly meeting, Public Hearing on October 8, Work session October 4 at 11:50am. Amends the code for Planned Unit Development review and requirements/allowances.

(2:24:00) Jon Isaacs moved to extend the meeting until 9:10pm, Seconded by Dan Gleason, no objections, Approved.

TCC will ask for a postponement.

(2:25:49) Tony ? provided an update and request for direction on the Wagner Estates and Woodland areas for public safety and speed bumps

(2:34:00) Adjourn

Jon Isaacs moved to adjourn, Karen Pletnikoff seconded, no objections, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Habicht, Secretary