

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Minutes December 5, 2024

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

Zoom recording link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLPbOC4djJQ>

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

Lamar Cotten moved to approve, Steve Montooth seconded. No objections: agenda approved.

Announcements

No announcements

Note: no November Minutes were produced as no recording of the meeting was available.

(4:23) What's New in Turnagain? Brief sharing, any member

Nobody had anything to share

(4:50) Executive Board Report

Next TCC Board Meeting: Date TBD

TCC January 2025 Meeting: **SECOND THURSDAY — JANUARY 9TH**

Federation of Community Councils Delegate Report/Townhall Series

Kathy provided a summary: Held final town series meeting, reviewed the purpose of CCs, Muni will provide Capital Improvement Projects in January so that councils have a couple of months to prioritize and report back.

TCC 10-Yr Boundary Change Proposals: Spenard CC Resolution December 4/TCC Resolution January 2025 mtg.

Kathy provided a review: Coastline acreage proposed to be reduced (high vs low tide; mudflats would be outside of CCs). Spenard Community Council (SCC) supports the inclusion of Spenard Beach Park within boundaries of both SCC and TCC.

Fish Creek Trail Connection Project Team Update — TBD

Noah King from D.O.T. reached out to TCC to provide an update, Board decided that they were not ready for the presentation at this meeting (Noah was relieved as things are in flux and he was not prepared) . Noah agreed to reach back to the Council when ready to present.

Recreational Trail Plan Nov. 21st Open House Report

Cathy provided a report: Stressed that trail maintenance and connections are important.

(16:05) REPORTS Brief Updates

Assembly Report

Anna Brawley and Kameron Perez-Verdia did not attend

Mayor's office

Graham Downey was in attendance and available for questions; not prepared with a report

Legislative Report

Skipped, but returned to later in the meeting:

(1:40:00) Carolyn Hall (elected) wanted to mention the Meet and Greet on Jan 14 at LIO conference room from 5-6pm

Heard from Zac Fields during the Fish Creek Trail discussion.

Someone was present to represent Matt Claman, but no longer present: left a chat regarding the upcoming Meet and Greet.

School Board Report

Dora Wilson did not attend

Council members provided some concerns over school closures; December is when decisions on closures will be made.

(26:12) Airport Report — Including Status Updates: Current lease applications, development plans, future projects

Erik Peterson provided a report:

New airline: WestJet to Calgary during the Summer

School art will be hung in public area of airport for voting

Pizza Hut opening in mid-December

Council members asked a few questions.

Can non-ticketed people access - No. Non-ticketed people can go through security to meeting passengers with mobility issues at the gate.

Breaking ground for new tower next summer

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

(33:12:00) Election Voting 2025 TCC Officer/Board Elections

*Running for Re-election

— President * Cathy Gleason — Treasurer *Kathleen McCoy

— Vice President * Karen Pletnikoff — At-Large Board Member * Jon Isaacs

— Secretary * Chris Habicht — At-Large Board Member *Lamar Cotten

Nominations will be accepted from the floor as well

Cathy handed off the election agenda item to Pat Redmond. Opened each office for nominations. No nominations were made for any office. Incumbents were nominated for each position. **Pat Redmond moved to unanimous consent to elect nominated incumbents. Sara Haley seconded. No objections: Nominated slate of officers are elected for 2025.**

(39:30:00) Election Voting Federation of Community Council TCC Delegate Election

Cathy handed off the election agenda item to Pat Redmond. Open to TCC any member.

Pat Redmond Moved to move the Fish Creek Trail Connection agenda item up due to availability of Casey Sullivan. Karen Pletnikoff seconded, no objections: agenda item moved.

(1:40:40; 1 hour later) Need to elect a delegate and an alternate for the 2025 season. Opened the nominations: Cathy Gleason nominated.

Pat Redmond moved to unanimous consent to elect Cathy as the delegate to the Federation of Community Councils. Karen Pletnikoff seconded. No objections: Cathy Gleason elected delegate of the Federation of Community Councils.

Cathy nominated Karen Pletnikoff as alternate, Pat Redmond seconded. No objections. Karen Pletnikoff elected as alternate delegate for the Federation of Community Councils.

(1:44:23) **Forest Park Dr. Rehabilitation Update / Neighborhood Greenway Program**
Municipality PM&E & Traffic Engineering — *Potential Turnagain Roadways: Forest Park Dr./Turnagain Pkwy/Barbara St.*

Donovan Camp from the Municipality of Anchorage provided a slide presentation of the program. Interactive survey available on-line. Looking for community feedback.

(1:57:30) David Darrington, Project Engineer for Forest Park Drive presented slides on an update to that project.

Members had questions:

What side of the street will the bike paths? There will be enhanced shoulders on both sides for pedestrians and bicycles, but not labeled as bicycle lanes.

Any traffic calming? Yes, speed humps in traffic lanes.

Construction start time? Construction starting summer 2025.

How to make it comfortable for many different user types? Speed limit 20mph

Already budgeted? Yes, it is funded

Forest Park: will any property be needed? No

Forest Park: will it go to West High? Will add to comments

Hillcrest: used for pedestrian traffic and a lot of speeding, so needs to be added

Pat Redmond moved to extend the meeting by 20 minutes, Sara Haley seconded, no objections: Motion approved.

(2:27:00) **Vision Zero-Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Presentation** Anna Bosin, DOT&PF

Anna Bosin, Central Region Traffic Safety Engineer for DOT, provided a slide presentation of the plan. Comprehensive approach. Infrastructure and speed are primary variables. Public buy-in and enforcement are critical. Developed a prioritized list of locations. Many options: dropping lanes, feedback speeds, crosswalks, adding bike/pedestrian and snow storage in dropped lanes. Links provided in slides.

Members had questions/comments:

Jaywalking policy should be changed

Still illegal to step in front of traffic
Strict attendance policies can lead to speeding
Victim Impact Panels may be useful to young drivers
Ask “What can I do” to make conditions safer

**(42:03:00; moved up in agenda) Fish Creek Trail Connection Info: Marathon Project
Position Casey Sullivan Other Updates John Haxby**

Casey Sullivan, Urban and Public Affairs Officer for Marathon Petroleum, provided the company perspective relative to the Fish Creek Trail Connection project. Supports the project, but has concerns over safety, security, and added costs for the project as proposed. Main concerns with location of the pipeline and the Block Valve in this area. He offered a new alternative along RR berm on the East side of track. Call with questions at (907) 230-9614.

Cathy: Can you provide a better description of the new alternative? Casey will share the AMATS presentation.

(1:04:56) John Haxby provided an update on the project. Parks and Recreation provided a presentation at the AMATS meeting today: S1 and S2 preferred routes. DOT has put the project on pause.

Zac Fields provided an update on the history of the project: this is a critical missing link for the Anchorage trail system. A small group of people are working to kill the project. If you want the project: make sure you voice your support.

Cathy provided a history of TCC involvement in the planning of this project and expressed frustration regarding the lack of information.

Carloyn Hall, Matt Moser, Justin Therriault, Dianna Rhodes and Pat Redmond provided comments in support of the project.

Graham Downey of the Mayor’s office offered to help with providing information to the TCC.

Steve Montooth was surprised that this is the first time he’s heard of Marathon Oil concerns.

TCC COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Skipped) Land Use Committee | Cathy Gleason and Jon Isaacs, Co-chairs

- **TCC Follow-up: Charlie Parking GA & Lake Hood Dr. Relocation: CORPS Wetland Fill Permit**

(2:47:38) Adjourn

Pat Redmond moved to adjourn, Marnie Issacs seconded, no objections: meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Habicht, Secretary