

Turnagain Community Council
December 7, 2006 Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order. November 2, 2006, minutes approved.
- II. **Community Police Report.** Sargent Cindi Stanton discussed the police academy and citizens academy training. She also discussed the gang information briefing held at Dimond High. The plan is for similar ones to be held at every high school, including West High. See communitycouncil.org for meeting dates/times. She also discussed the calls for service in the Turnagain area over the last 30 days; they declined from Oct. to Nov, probably due to the extreme cold temperatures experienced in Nov. She was asked about the 25 mph speed limit not being observed along Forest Park Drive and stated we should talk to Bob Kniefel at the Traffic Dept.
- III. **Legislative Report.** Rep-elect Lindsey Holmes introduced her new staff and explained that the new session would begin on January 16. The shorter legislative session approved by the voters will not take effect until 2008.
- IV. **Ted Stevens International Airport Construction & Master Plan.** Linda Bustamente discussed the A and B Concourse remodel for seismic safety work. It will be a three year project. Construction impacts include reducing the lower level traffic lanes in the passenger pick-up area and Continental moving to the North Terminal. Rich Wilson and Eric Murachery gave a presentation on the Airport's process for updating the airport master plan. The last plan was finished in November 2002. This update will be a 2-2 1/2-year process. The plan is a projection of air transportation needs over the next 20 years. An inventory of the existing facilities is underway, then a traffic forecast will be done. By the end of March, a list of facility requirements will be proposed. More information can be found at anchorageairport.com. Numerous questions were raised, including how the airport defines a successful master plan, how will community impacts be incorporated into the plan, how much more growth can the airport accommodate, how is the airport dealing with increased noise experienced in the Turnagain neighborhood and why don't community councils have representation on the technical advisory committee for the master plan, as they have in previous MPs. Cathy Gleason and Mark Wiggin stated that mass community call-out meetings were not effective ways to focus community input into the master plan process. A request was made to have community council representation on the Advisory Committee; the airport stated they will let us know if they can accommodate that request. Also discussed was the status of the General Aviation Master Plan and if the final draft would go before the public for a final review. The airport stated it will not. The issue of UPS trucks using (and speeding on) WNL was raised as well. Airport's response was they encourage UPS and FedX to use International Airport Road, but are not an expert on their operations.
- V. **Athenium School.** Tracey Perry and an Athenium high school senior gave a presentation concerning the private 6-12 grade Athenium school. The school focuses on classics and technology. The school also gives seminiar training to public school teachers on teaching of the classics.

- VI. **35th & McRae Redesign Update.** Glenn Preston gave an update on the 35th and McRae road improvement project. The neighbors met all summer and presented their recommendations to the Municipality last November. They include a road bed of 26 feet curb to curb and one 5foot walking path, with minimum property acquisition. The route would be posted and designed for 25 mph and involve traffic calming features. Feedback has been positive. There is to be a report from the Municipality in January and construction in 2009, if plans are approved.
- VII. **Web-Access to State and Municipal Information.** Allison Biastock from Sen. Hollis French's office gave an informative presentation on the Legislative Web resources for tracking legislation and providing input in the legislative process. Fred Carpenter and Terry Monigan gave a presentation on the Municipality's My Neighborhood online information services.
- VIII. **PS10 Traffic Resolution Reconsideration.** Mark Wiggin led a discussion of the Pump Station10 Traffic Resolution from the November meeting. A written draft of the resolution was presented for discussion. After a lengthy discussion, Keith Wiger moved to approve the draft motion. Breck Tostevin requested that two friendly amendments be made to the motion. The friendly amendments were agreed to. The first was to conform the vote numbers to the minutes. The second was to remove the term "one-way" from the 2nd resolve sentence so that the resolution requested "establishing a loop route" to avoid impacts on any one street. A friendly amendment by Lindsey Holmes to item #6 – replace "sight lines" with "safety" and add "work with residents along the route" was also accepted. The amended motion passed by a vote of 22 to 0.
- IX. **Turnagain Elementary School Donation.** Erica Roy with Turnagain Elementary thanked TCC for the ice rink maintenance donation and announced that a family night at the rink was scheduled for Dec. 16th. Mark Wiggin moved to donate \$250 to Turnagain Elementary School for student snacks as a thank you for allowing the TCC to meet in its Library. The motion was adopted unanimously.
- X. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Breck Tostevin
Secretary