

Turnagain Community Council Minutes
February 2, 2007

Mark Wiggin, TCC President, called the meeting to order.

I. Bob Durst Memorial

Mark Wiggin, Cathy Gleason, Pat Redmond and others spoke about the recent passing of TCC Board Member Bob Durst. The council discussed the idea of some type of memorial at Lynn Ary Park in remembrance of Bob Durst. Cathy Gleason discussed the idea of planting trees at Lyn Ary as part of the Treerific planting project to honor Bob Durst. Tom Turner of the Hillside Rotary, an organization of which Bob was also a member, stated the Hillside Rotary's support of a joint effort with TCC to honor Bob. Additional meetings will be held to work out a joint effort with the Rotary Club. The Anchorage West Little League may also be making plans to honor Bob Durst's contributions to little league as well.

II. Announcements.

Mark Wiggins announced that Chris Habicht had agreed to serve as a Board Member on the Council. A candidate's forum for Assembly candidates will be held at the next TCC Meeting.

Mark Wiggins announced that a conditional use permit application for the Pump Station 10 project would be heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission on February 5 and that the TCC would present the Council's recommended stipulations concerning the construction traffic issues for the project.

The December 7, 2006 minutes were approved.

III. Assembly Report

Assemblyperson Pamela Jennings presented the assembly report. She discussed several measures on the April Municipal Elections Ballot. The Assembly approved a \$4.9 million parks bond including measures for building a skateboard park by the Spenard Recreation Center and improvements to Jewel Lake Park and areawide neighborhood park playground safety improvements. A ballot measure to approve a non-exclusive long-term lease of the William Clark Equestrian Center to the Rainbow Connection disabilities program will be on the ballot to enable the program to secure a grant for continued support of its program.

The City won an award for its Salmon in the City program of improving salmon habitat in Ship, Chester and Campbell Creeks.

She announced a United Way survey of local residents concerning quality of life in Anchorage being held at the Wilda Marston theatre on February 14 from 10:30 to noon.

The 262 page Anchorage Community Assessment Project Comprehensive Report can be viewed and/or downloaded from www.unitedwayofanchorage.org or www.muni.org.

She also asked attendee's reactions to the newly announced "Big Wild Life" brand for promotion of the City. Attendees seemed to generally favor the old "Wild About Anchorage" slogan.

She discussed the Assembly's action approving a \$250,000 historic preservation grant to purchase the 4th Avenue Theatre to be operated by the Downtown Business Partnership.

IV. Legislative Report.

Senator Holis French and Rep. Lindsey Holmes gave the Legislative Report.

Sen French stated that he will be chairing the Senate Judiciary Committee this session. The Senate Judiciary Committee passed two ethics bills: the first defining what is a conflict in terms of ownership of stock or a business and the second requiring disclosure of work done as a consultant or in other outside employment by a Legislator.

Rep. Holmes stated that she would be serving on the House Judiciary Committee and the Health and Social Services Budget Committee, Fisheries Committee and the Select Committee on Ethics. She discussed cosponsoring a bill authored by Rep. Crawford concerning repeat alcohol offenders. She also sponsored a bill to provide money for the intertie for the Fire Island Wind Farm from the Railbelt Energy Fund.

Sen French discussed the possibilities of capital project funding and said he would welcome input from the Turnagain Community Council.

V. Crime Issues

Residents from the Orion area expressed concerns about local burglaries at Turnagain Elementary School and in the Orion area south of Northern Lights. A Neighborhood Watch Meeting has been scheduled for February 12 at Lake Hood Elementary School at 7 pm.

VI. TCC Capital Project Proposals

The TCC discussed capital project proposals from the council's CP priority list developed last year. One resident discussed the need form traffic safety improvements related to West High School students crossing mid-block on Northern Lights and the Spenard-Hillcrest crossing.

Cathy Gleason advocated Earthquake Park lighting/security improvements which had been on the TCC list for some time.

VII. Renaming of Anchorage Town Square to Honor Ruth Moulton

John Blaine, Pat Redmond and Ron Anderson discussed the proposal to rename Town Square as Ruth Moulton Town Square to honor her efforts to establish that park. Pat Redmond moved and Cathy Gleason seconded a motion to lend the TCC's support of these efforts. The resolution passed by a vote of 20 to 0.

VIII. Traffic Calming

Jenny Sauterfield of the Municipal Traffic Department discussed implementation of the 2006 traffic calming study. She discussed the installation of speed humps at Milky Way Drive, St. Elias and one west of 40th.

She stated that drainage issues at Knik, Douglas, Illiamna and Turnagain/Knik intersection would require additional funding before the traffic calming measures in the study could be implemented.

IX. Pump Station 10

Mark Wiggin and Cathy Gleason discussed planned TCC input at the Planning and Zoning Commission hearing on the Pump Station 10 project. The TCC was going to thank AWWU for its improvements on the screening landscaping for the project and its efforts to work with the TCC on the project. The TCC was going to note the lack of soils analysis in the application, TCC's concerns about odor from the pump station and AWWU's assurances it would not be an issue, and the TCC's stipulations concerning construction traffic.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Breck Tostevin, Secretary