

Turnagain Community Council
Meeting Minutes May 1, 2008

Mark Wiggin, TCC President, called the meeting to order, 7:07pm.

I. *Announcements and Upcoming events*

Harriet Drummond was introduced as a new assembly member.

II. *Upcoming events*

Anchorage Assembly will have a public hearing on their proposed recycling program and Chapter 4 of Title 21 on May 6th.

Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (TSAIA) will hold a public meeting on expansion needs and plans at the West Coast International Inn on May 21.

Heritage Land Bank will have a public meeting on their 1- and 5-year Work Plans on May 30. TCC board will meet to discuss issues – anybody interested should contact Cathy Gleason.

Municipality Fire Department is holding an open house at the Airport Heights Fire Station on May 31.

III. *AWWU Sewer Line Upgrade on Minnesota*

AWWU presented a project to repair/replace/upgrade a sewer line under Minnesota Drive between Bensen and Northern Lights. Minnesota will be closed Friday at 10 pm until Monday at 6am, August 15-17 and 22-24. Handouts were available.

IV. *Code Enforcement*

Frank Kelly from the Municipality Code Enforcement provided information on:

- Code enforcement hot line for land use and zoning information and reporting
- Junk vehicle program – limited Federal grant available on first-come-first-serve basis.
- Other code issues discussed included animals and non-permitted structures.

IV. *Assembly Report*

Harriet Drummond provided the report.

Highlights:

- Two weeks into this session with one full meeting accomplished
- Matt Claman is Chair for this year
- \$100M in bond issues were passed.
- 1st Quarter budget revisions increased \$3M due to increased fuel costs.
- West Anchorage Plan received scoping funding (\$25K)
- Road Construction updates can be found on the AnchorageRoads.org website.

Cathy Gleason will supply the TCC resolution on Chapter 4 of Title 21 to Harriet Drummond in the near future.

V. *Legislative Report*

Allison, from Hollis French's office provided an update.

- 90 days to get things done
- \$5B was placed in a reserve account

Bills discussed included education and identity theft.

Unfunded liability for State worker retirement equals \$8 – 9B. This liability will be chipped away over time.

Community revenue sharing – Anchorage will receive \$30M

AGEA – Special session starting June 3 in Juneau for 60 days. A hearing will be held in Anchorage May 28-29.

Capital budget - Governor Palin has 20 days to sign.

VI. *Airport Extension Project*

Robin Reich from HDR presented the runway 7R extension project at the TSAIA.

Highlights:

Heritage Land Bank will review for Right-of-way acquirement.

Three options

- 1) No build
- 2) 1,800' West extension
- 3) 1,500' West extension

Purpose is to increase efficiency.

Environmental Assessment stage – scoping.

Public and Agency comments are due by May 15.

Scoping will be complete by August

Public hearing will be in September.

Decision will be made in December

One ski loop will need to be relocated to accommodate the 1,800' option.

Nordic Ski Association is represented among reviewers.

Options not in Master Plan – did not anticipate need in 2002.

Lighting will extend closer to the Coastal Trail.

VII. *Airport Master Planning Update – Capacity Needs*

TSAIA presented their rationale and options to meet expected increasing demands at the airport.

Highlights:

Airport has assumed 5.2% annual cargo growth.

Off-site alternative is considered cost-prohibitive.

Benefit-cost analyses and delay curves presented for each option.

Under the do-nothing plan, grid lock will occur in 2020 or 2022.

Five options were shown.

Presentation was almost identical to the one presented to the TCC in March, 2008. This presentation can be found at:

<http://projects.ascg.com/anc-apmp/Source/Documents/Interim%20Airfield%20Alternatives%20Presentation%20March%202008.pdf>

There was much discussion along the following major categories of issues:

How robust were their growth predictions?

Why are off-airport options not on the list of options?

What mitigations were foreseen if parkland and/or coastal trail were impacted?

IX. *Adjourn and Approval of Meeting Minutes*

Meeting minutes for April were approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Habicht, Secretary-Treasurer