

Turnagain Community Council
Meeting Minutes September 4, 2008

| Mark Wiggin, TCC President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The June 5, 2008 minutes were unanimously approved.

II. Announcements

Mark Wiggin announced that the Turnagain Community Council offices are up for election in November and encouraged people to volunteer. He provided a litany of victories the TCC has had recently.

Cathy Gleason updated the Council on the following items:

- 1) Sport field renovation at Lloyd Steel Park will be finished soon.
- 2) Thank you to Kyle Zency for putting recycling bins at Lyn Ary and Balto-Seppala Parks – will see how it works.
- 3) Thank you to ACS, who incorporated TCC input and will install fiber-optic line along Northern Lights in such a way to reduce the number of trees to be cut in the road ROW.

III. Assembly Report.

Harriet Drummond gave the Assembly Report.

- 1) Town is aging and infrastructure rebuilding will be required. Sand Lake and Jewel Lake roads are a good example of what is to come.
- 2) Bridge across Knik Arm is hitting resistance from Mayor and community groups (especially Government Hill).
- 3) Capital Improvement List input by community councils is valued. Turnagain Street was mentioned as a priority by multiple members of the audience.
- 4) Outlined the highlights from the June, July, and August meetings.
- 5) Title 21, Chapter 5 will go before the Assembly next week.
- 6) A joint power plant with ML&P and Chugach Electric has been approved.

IV. Legislative Report

Representative Lindsey Holmes provided the Legislative Report. A special summer session was held to approve a gas line bid with TransCanada. Also approved was \$1200 added to the PFD to offset high energy costs, \$50M for renewable energy and additional moneys added to the home weatherization program. Hollis French and Lindsey Holmes felt that more middle and long-term solutions should have been looked at. She is looking for feedback on road/park needs and will work with Jim Lamson on the CIP list.

V. Westchester Lagoon/Chester Creek outlet project

Brad Dunker, Creeks Coordinator for the Municipality, provided an update on the Westchester Lagoon/Chester Creek outlet project:

- 1) Project is underway – trees have been cleared - you can't miss it if you go along the coastal trail.

- 2) Includes new weir, a 12-foot box culvert, and a restoration of the creek channel for flood control and fish passage. Some discussion ensued about whether the project should increase fish numbers entering the creek, considering the bear/salmon conflicts that occurred this summer. Mr. Dunker said that that was not an objective, while some members of the audience said that the public was told that increasing the salmon run was the primary objective of the project. Cathy Gleason, TCC rep. on the project advisory committee, confirmed increasing fish numbers was the primary objective.
- 3) Installing a temporary bypass trail is the result from public process that took place in 2007.
- 4) Fish monitoring took place this summer – 375 salmon made it through weir.
- 5) Brochures and weekly postcards will be available at the north and south ends of the project.
- 6) The lagoon will be drained for a short period of time.
- 7) Mr. Dunker can be contacted at 343-4504 for further questions.

The Skate park at Spenard Recreation Center has been successful and resulted in very few and no recent complaints.

VI. Marston/Foraker RID/LID/WID

Clearing of trees started on August 25, the same date as a public meeting for the project. Many concerns were expressed. As a result, Mark Wiggin and Assemblyman Matt Claman met with PRUHS (the contractor for the project) and AWWU earlier in the day. As a result of this meeting, PRUHS has agreed to follow most of the mitigations that were developed through meetings between a committee from the TCC and representatives from AWWU in 2007 to maintain safety and reduce impact on the community during the construction of the Pump 10 relocation project. The only mitigation that was not implemented was the use of flag persons at intersections. Among the mitigations that will be implemented are: 20 MPH speed limit along the construction routes, operating hours to exclude 30 minutes before and after Turnagain Elementary School is open and closed, respectively.

One member of the audience recommended that the operating hours exclude 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. rather than 8:20 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. because many kids are hurrying to school between 8:50 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. This new time schedule was accepted by the project manager.

Jeff Colman, project manager, provided information regarding the project.

- 1) Timeline: August 31, 2009 end date
- 2) No crosswalks at Didlika Park because there are no sidewalks.
- 3) Lyn Ary Park will have crosswalks and a corridor set up during periods of truck traffic.
- 4) PRUHS provided handouts to schools that outline the project.
- 5) PRUHS will provide truck drivers with the bus stop locations and times.
- 6) Access to the Coastal Trail will be maintained at all times either through Pete's Place OR Lyn Ary Park, but at time one of these will be closed.
- 7) Call line will be set up. People should call both the call line and Mark Wiggin so that the TCC is kept up to date on complaints.
- 8) Bike trails will not be used for truck traffic.
- 9) Compliant line will be checked every four hours, including weekends.
- 10) Complaint line will be changing – the phone system is being updated.
- 11) PRUHS and the TCC web page will have the new complaint phone number.
- 12) Current complaint numbers: 279-1020 and 770-6838.
- 13) Safety fencing will be installed along the bike trails.
- 14) A lot of the fill on site will likely be redistributed to private lots, which should reduce truck traffic.
- 15) Saturday will be the first day for hauling material off site, this will include mulch and grubbing.

- 16) Next 4 to 5 weeks, expect frequent trips to haul out unclassified fill and haul in classified fill.
- 17) Mid-November shut down for winter, mid-May start-up next summer.
- 18) Lyn Ary Park trail realignment will be next year.

Adjourn 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Habicht, Secretary-Treasurer