

Turnagain Community Council
Meeting Minutes October 2, 2008

Mark Wiggin, TCC President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

I. *Approval of Minutes*

September minutes were not available.

II. *Announcements*

A lawsuit has been filed by property owners against the Municipality claiming rights to land east of the Lyn Ary Park ball fields, including the memorial park now considered parkland by the community. A resolution may be considered at our November meeting supporting the Municipality.

TCC Officer and Board of Director elections for 2009 will be held at the Nov. meeting.

There will be a Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing on the Municipality's Title 21 Rewrite Economic Impact Analysis on October 6, 6:30 p.m., Loussac Library.

The city's response to the community council's Capital Improvement Project priority road list will be available by our Nov. meeting and will be on the agenda.

The Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport has scheduled a Firefighting Training Exercise on October 9, starting at 3:00 p.m. For questions, call 266-2407.

There will be a special Turnagain Traffic Calming meeting on Oct. 9, 7:00 p.m., at Turnagain Elementary to present preliminary designs for a raised intersection and choker at McKenzie Dr. and Milky Way Dr. and at McKenzie Dr. and Clay Products Dr. Flyers will be distributed to homes in these areas to announce the meeting.

III. *Assembly Report*

Harriet Drummond gave the Assembly Report. The Assembly passed a resolution seeking its withdrawal of support for the Knik Arm Bridge. They also want to take a closer look at the cost/benefit analysis of the project.

Chapter 5 of the Title 21 Rewrite, which includes zoning regulations, was passed. The creation of an Airport District has been moved to Chapter 7. The Economic Impact Analysis for the rewrite is now out for public comment. The Assembly also passed Chapter 6, which dealt with dimensional standards, height restrictions and sun and view protections.

The new Convention Center has opened; an Open House will be held Oct. 18.

The Assembly received a presentation of the 10-Year Homelessness Plan. There is a severe shortage of affordable housing.

Problems have been reported with the Players House of Rock (old Fly-By-Night Club). The Assembly is looking into their permit that extends hours of operation into the early morning, as it is causing disturbance to neighbors at those hours.

IV. Legislative Report

Senator Hollis French provided the Legislative Report. The Troopergate case was in court today. The judge heard arguments and issued a late afternoon opinion: he will allow the Legislative process to continue. A report by the special investigator will be issued by Oct. 10. Next legislative session will no doubt address issues that have arisen as a result of this case.

Sen. French gave an update on the TransCanada Gas Pipeline project process.

Rep. Lindsey Holmes is currently in Kentucky at a leadership conference.

V. Transfer of Ownership of Brown Jug Liquor Stores

Bob Klein of Brown Jug discussed the transfer of ownership of the liquor stores to a Canadian company. He is assuring community councils that community-minded efforts will continue and the business will remain a member of the ARBRA (Anchorage Responsible Beverage Retailers Association).

VI. Property Owner Lawsuit Against MOA

Bob Owens, Municipal Attorney, discussed the lawsuit that has been filed by private property owners, claiming their property boundaries extend into land that is now considered parkland west of the Lyn Ary Park ballfield area. Because land topography was altered during the 1964 earthquake, people who owned land on top of the bluff now feel the land that slid into the inlet belongs to them. The area has been used as parkland since the 1970s and the Coastal Trail was built in 1986 through this area. According to Mr. Owens, the city bought the land in 1996. A memorial park was created in the eastern area and TCC coordinated with the parks department last year to do a tree planting project. The trial is expected to take place in November '09. TCC expressed its support for the Municipality and wants to be kept informed of this issue.

VIII. Anchorage Parks Report Card

Jeff Matthis, Northwest District Park Manager, discussed the city's Anchorage Park Report Card program, which allows residents to fill out a report card to assess park needs and suggest improvements. Consultants will compile information and park planners will develop a maintenance list based on the information they receive; health and safety issues will get top priority. Report cards can be submitted to the Parks Department at any time. You can download a report card by going to [anchorageparkfoundation.org/projects/Report Card.htm](http://anchorageparkfoundation.org/projects/Report%20Card.htm).

IX. Marston/Foraker/Pump Station Update

Bruce Robson, MWH, presented an update of the construction phase of the Marston/Foraker/AWWU Pump Station project. All right-of-way and Pump Station areas have been cleared. Piping subdrain and sewer work is being done. Work will continue on mechanical items this winter. Truck traffic issues have occurred and are being dealt with. Street cleaning is taking place. EPA has done their check for compliance as part of the stormwater pollution prevention program. Soils are close to what was expected; less is being hauled out than anticipated. Four notice boards are providing updated information. The main contact number is 564-2745. Any claim of damages can be coordinated with the city's Risk Management department.

VII. Didlika Park Update

Cathy Gleason presented a Progress Report on improvements to Didlika Park, prepared by Chris Habicht. Items accomplished this year include 1) assembled committee; 2) met with Municipality-provided landscape team; 3) worked with city to erect new fence; and 4) conducted a garage sale in the park to raise grant matching funds and get feedback from the community on the proposed design elements. Two-thirds of the money for the grant match have been raised, totaling \$2,555. Pat Redmond asked if that number includes the \$1,000 we have had in the TCC account for quite some time. No one was sure; Chris will need to be asked. Volunteer hours also are applied as a match. A one-year extension was requested for the Anchorage Park Foundation grant, so work can be completed next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy L. Gleason, TCC Vice President