

Turnagain Community Council
Meeting Minutes December 4, 2008

Cathy Gleason, TCC Vice President, announced that Mark Wiggin, the outgoing TCC President, was out of town, and incoming President, Breck Tostevin, would run the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

I. Announcements

The next TCC meeting will be held January 8, 2009 (one week later than normal).

Mark Wiggin, the outgoing TCC president, has been appointed to the Anchorage Municipal Light and Power Board and will continue to serve on the TCC Board.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Title 21 Monday, February 2, 2009.

The Northwest District Park Manager and the Parks Dept. is encouraging people to fill out report cards for local parks (what you like/don't like; safety issues etc.). This information will be used to prioritize maintenance and improvements in local parks.

Assemblyman Bill Starr will present a resolution (AR 2008-253) regarding wildlife management in Anchorage at the Assembly meeting on December 16. This resolution proposes hiring a Wildlife Safety Specialist, who will be authorized to kill "nuisance or dangerous" bears, and proposes increases in hunting for moose and bear in the upper Hillside and Eagle River.

The Boys and Girls Club Teen program is looking for volunteers to help with an after school program to be established at West High.

II. Approval of Minutes

November 6, 2008, Meeting Minutes were approved.

III. Recognition of Pat Redmond and Cathy Gleason

Pat Redmond, stepping down from the TCC Board, and Cathy Gleason, stepping down as TCC Vice-President, were presented with plaques in recognition of their service. Cathy will remain on the TCC Board.

IV. Legislative Report

James Waldo gave an update for Rep. Lindsey Holmes. If there are any concerns you wish to bring to Rep. Holmes attention, please call. Oil revenues have been less than anticipated. Cathy Gleason will send the CIP wish list assembled by the TCC to Rep. Holmes. Kate Herring gave an update for Senator Hollis French. The new session starts on January 20th. No committee assignments have been made as of yet.

V. Pump Station/Marston/Foraker RID Project Update

Jeff Coleman could not be present to give a project update, but handouts were available. Sheet pilings will be removed from the pump station site on December 16; this will be noisy and a handout will be sent to residents. Work has been suspended for the winter and the site has been secured. Work on the pump station will continue for the next few weeks.

VI. North Airpark Airport Leases

Linda Bustamente, Communications Director, and Debby Herrick from the Airport Leasing Department, gave an update on projects at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. Please check the community interest link at the airport website, <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/anc/index.shtml>.

The Airport received two lease applications this summer for development at the North Airpark: one proposal for a three-bay hangar for 737-type aircraft and another proposal for four hardstands (parking places) for 747-type aircraft. These projects are still being vetted. If approved, the airport would stipulate that a 100-foot buffer from road center line to the south be maintained. AGLAD's lease for this area expired, but it still has the development lease at the Postmark Bog site. Attendees of the meeting asked: 1) if the airport has information on the buffer agreements between TCC and AGLAD; 2) if these new development proposals will increase W. Northern Lights traffic and air and ground noise; 3) how this will affect floatplane traffic and 4) what are the long term plans for the airport. Also expressed was a desire for the airport to consider cumulative impacts when evaluating lease applications. The TCC Board will discuss having airport representatives present airport plans and these projects specifically at the next TCC meeting.

There was also: 1) a question regarding what caused erosion at Lake Hood; 2) the Airport Land Use Map, which was approved by the FAA in 2006 and did not have to go through any public process; 3) creation of an Airport District in Title 21 is currently in "Reserve Status."; 4) \$50,000 was put in the MOA budget last spring to initiate the West Anchorage District Plan, but no progress since then has been made; and 5) the airport is still looking for an appropriate location for the proposed deicing facility.

VII. "TCC Reaches Out" Program

Methods to get more residents involved in the TCC and build up the TCC email list were discussed:

- Canvassing neighbors
- Outreach through school PTAs
- Have an "annual meeting" coinciding with officer elections
- Mark Butler, Federation of Community Councils Center, stated we could do an areawide resident mailing through the Center and that the Center is starting a new program called "Constant Contact" that allows better management of e-mail addresses.

- “Town Hall” style meetings with invited government officials

Also brought up were ways to improve TCC involvement, such as publicizing when the Board meets, asking at the end of each meeting if anyone has any other issues to discuss, involving more residents south of WNL, and asking for items to put on the next month’s agenda.

VIII. Agenda for Next TCC Meeting

Barbara Jones moved that TCC continue discussion at the January meeting of a TCC Reaches Out Program and a TCC position concerning the North Airpark proposed leases. Motion passed 8-yes, 2 no.

IX. Assembly Report.

Harriet Drummond and Matt Claman gave an Assembly Report. At the last Assembly meeting, second year of a two-year budget was passed. The Assembly approved 5-year police and firefighters union contracts.

The Spenard Community Council passed a resolution opposing the after-hours conditional use permit at the Player’s House of Rock on Spenard Road (at the old Fly by Night Club). Pamela Jennings moved to support the Spenard Community Council’s October 2008 resolution. The motion passed unanimously. (See Spenard Community Council webpage at minutes link for details).

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted by Penny Crane