

Turnagain Community Council
Meeting Minutes January 8, 2009

Breck Tostevin, TCC President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

I. *Announcements*

Breck Tostevin announced that there was a fire on Lord Baranoff Street and that the renters did not have insurance. If you want to help the family involved, please contact Irene Tresser who is coordinating donations. Contacts are on the Turnagainneighbors.com website.

Solid Waste Services is having a quarterly recycling meeting. Tuesday, January 27, Noon to 2 pm, BP Energy Center. Please RSVP to Jeanne Carlson, carlsonj@muni.org. Find more recycling information on the web (<http://www.muni.org/sws/automated.cfm>)

The Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (TSAIA) is conducting an Environmental Assessment for the R7 runway extension and is looking for public comment on the realignment of the Sisson Loop trail. You can comment on the web: <http://www.anc7runwayextensionproject.net/>

II. *Turnagain Neighbors Association (TNA)*

Rachel Christy provided an overview of the mission of the TNA. The original reason for forming was to get neighborhood kids together who might attend different schools. The TNA is now involved with 0-5 age play groups, chess and Lego play groups, and adult groups including a book club and a knitting group. The TNA has a website (Turnagainneighbors.com) where it coordinates activities through a blog page – folks can subscribe to e-mail alerts through the web site. The TNA is involved helping out the renters displaced following the Lord Baranoff Street fire.

III. *Legislative Report*

Rep. Lindsey Holmes provided the report. Sen. Hollis French could not attend. January 20th is the gavel-in date of a 90-day session. Holmes expects to be on the Judiciary or the Finance Committee and Sen. French is likely to be the Judiciary Committee chair. Sen. French is planning to put in a health care bill “Universal Health Insurance Bill”, and Rep. Holmes is planning to put in a Do Not Resuscitate/living will bill. Much time is expected to be expended on determining the budget size, the assumptions regarding the price of oil and what to fund.

IV. *Lynn Ary Park trail and ballfield realignment*

Staff from Parks and Recreation were unable to attend the meeting. Breck said that the realignment of the trail west of Lynn Ary Park and ballfield realignment will be done in August and no design is available at this time.

V. *Lawsuit related to land north and west of Lynn Ary Park*

Municipal attorney Bob Owens provided an overview of the lawsuit by the landowners (Matthew Fink, Diane Wilke, David & Jacquelyn Wilder, and Annalesa Anderson Thomas) along the northside of Marston Drive, west of the McKenzie Drive alignment and east of Lynn Ary Park, who claim ownership of the land along the coastal trail and the memorial garden at the junction of the coastal trail and Lyn Ary park trail.

Mr. Owens is looking for information concerning the history of the area. In particular, information about why there were changes made to the plats between 1952 and 1957. He is also looking for any notices that might have been sent out to neighbors or landowners when the coastal trail was built. Finally, he is looking for information regarding the sale of this property by the Union Bank to the city.

VI. *Assembly Report*

Assemblyperson Harriet Drummond gave the assembly report. Matt Claman could not attend. Due to the departure of Senator Mark Begich, many assembly members are taking acting positions including Matt Claman (Acting Mayor), Harriet Drummond (Vice Chair and then Acting Chair starting January 6).

At the December 16/17 meeting, the Assembly approved a contract with Police and Fire Department staff and purchased land in the Sand Lake pit for preservation and for a potential new school site. Efforts are on to create a Regional Transit Authority with a Memorandum of Understanding between Anchorage and Matanuska-Susitna boroughs. A resolution on an energy policy was passed to increase the chances of getting space in a future North Slope gas pipeline if it is built.

Public Safety Meeting on issues associated with the Players House of Rock will be held at City Hall on Wednesday, January 14th at 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Community Police Action Program is focusing on these issues.

VII. *West Anchorage District Plan*

Tyler Robinson of the Municipality announced that the West Anchorage District Plan work has been funded and that Jon Isaacs from the URS Corporation has received the contract to put it together. Further information can be found at: http://www.muni.org/planning/West_Plan_main.cfm

Jon Isaacs outlined the process. He is looking for about 15 people representing all stakeholders to form an Advisory Committee. Of these, he is looking for one person from each community council and asked for the board to help identify someone from TCC by the end of January. Much discussion ensued about how the committee makeup was going to be decided and how the makeup will influence the final plan.

Breck Tostevin asked TCC members to contact him if they are interested in serving on a TCC West Anchorage District Plan Committee or on the Stakeholder Group as a non-

TCC representative position. Jon Isaacs said that he would provide to Tostevin a list of all the stakeholders that will be represented on the Advisory Committee. Tostevin let Isaacs know that Cathy Gleason thought the Committee should be called a “Working Group” rather than an “Advisory Committee.” Isaacs noted that while he envisioned one TCC representative on the Stakeholder Committee, additional members could attend meetings and he also planned focus groups on broader issues as well. Tostevin requested a meeting of the TCC board with Isaacs and Robinson to discuss ways for TCC participation in the planning process.

VIII. *North Airpark Development*

Breck Tostevin provided an update to the North Airport Development Lease Applications based on communications with the TSAIA since their December 2008 presentation to TCC. According to TSAIA, the lease applications at the request of the applicants are not moving forward at this time due to the economy. Copies of the two applications received from the Airport were also distributed.

The Council discussed a resolution entitled “Turnagain Community Council Resolution Regarding the Proposed Airport Development along Point Woronzof Drive”. After some discussion about whether to submit a resolution or a letter with a similar message, the Council rejected a motion to submit its comments in the form of a letter by a vote of __ in favor and __ opposed. Speaking in favor of a formal resolution was a resident from the Sand Lake area who attended the meeting and TCC members who stated that the TSAIA has not yet implemented many of its past promised mitigation measures for airport impacts on the community, such as updates to noise studies, funding of noise abatement measures and the like.

A motion was made to change the language at the end of the resolution to read: “We oppose any leases at these locations until global issues are resolved”. Joan McKinnen moved,, Pat Redmond seconded, and the resolution was adopted as amended by a vote of 11 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain.

IX. *Possible agenda items for next meeting*

- 1) Chester Creek Main repair on Turnagain Street (AWWU)
- 2) Traffic calming at McKenzie and Clay Products (Municipality roads)
- 3) Airport Concourse C redesign (Airport)
- 4) Vandalism at Lynn Ary Park (Parks and Recreation)

X. *Approval of Minutes*

The December 4, 2008 minutes were unanimously approved.

Adjourn 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Habicht, Secretary-Treasurer