

Turnagain Community Council  
Meeting Minutes October 1, 2009

Breck Tostevin, TCC President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

I. *Approval of minutes*

Both the June and the September minutes were approved unanimously.

II. *Treasurer's report*

Chris Habicht provided the treasurer's report:

Assets

Didlika Park Fund	\$1,720.00
Community Patrol	\$1,654.72
TCC Discretionary	\$869.44

Total Funds in First National Bank Account \$4,244.16

Income between 12/6/08 and 10/1/09

Friends of Didlika Park garage sale	\$720.00
Donations toward Lady of Guadalupe room	\$31.00
Interest	\$0.74

Expenditures between 12/6/08 and 10/1/09

Brass plaques for board members/officers	\$67.76
Mayoral Candidate's Forum snacks	\$31.45
Our Lady of Guadalupe room donation June, 2009	\$50.00

Cathy Gleason proposed a donation to the Anchorage Senior Center for \$25 in memory of George Sullivan, who passed away. All were in favor, none opposed. Chris Habicht wrote a check and passed it to Cathy for delivery.

III. *Announcements*

Cathy Gleason (TCC Board member) made the announcements:

- **West Anchorage District Plan.** The plan has a draft of the background information and an issues, goals and objectives table. See Breck for copies and to provide feedback by next Tuesday. The Planning Group will be meeting at City Hall room 155 at 5:30pm on Tuesday. Public workshop to discuss issues, goals and objectives will be Calvary Church from 7-9pm on October 8. A discussion ensued about the dissatisfaction about the process: the schedule has been pushed back, now the goal is have a draft plan by the end of the year, rather than an approved one. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting next week and all are welcome at the public workshop

Budget for the plan has been cut by 20%. There was concern that it will be cut more due to the current MOA fiscal situation. Cathy Gleason moved to pass a resolution to ask the Assembly and administration to provide adequate funding for the plan. Seconded by Mark Wiggin, Friendly amendment proposed to change the language to “restore full funding”. Voted 11 in favor, 0 opposed.

- **Federation of Community Councils** delegates passed a resolution that any community council that wants to do an areawide mailing for the rest of 2009 would need approval from the FCC delegates, due to budget constraints.
- Planning and Zoning will hold a public hearing on October 12 on the **2010 to 2015 Capital Improvement Plan**. It's at 6:30 p.m. at the Assembly chambers at Loussac library.
- **AMATS Long Range Transportation Plan** comments deadline is October 23 on an amendment to remove the Knik Arm Crossing from the plan.
- Planning and Zoning will hold a public hearing on November 4. Petitioner wants to **plat two lots into four at 3800 W 42 Avenue**.
- **TCC is looking for nominations for officers.** Pat Redmond and Frank Keen are on the nominating committee. Elections will be at the November meeting. At this point, Breck Tostevin will run for president for one more year, Patrick Kelly will again run for VP, and Barb Jones will be running for secretary. Chris Habicht and Cathy Gleason will run for the Board. Need to know by Oct 18 for other nominations. There are lots of opportunities to serve both on the board and off.

#### IV. *Legislative Report*

James Waldo, a representative for Rep. Lindsey Holmes, provided the legislative report. Last Saturday the **Senate Transportation Committee held a hearing on community concerns regarding the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport**. TCC members testified, with the overriding message that the current public participation process is dysfunctional and we hope that the Legislature can provide guidance on improvements.

Mark Wiggin asked what the big issues coming up were. Waldo responded with:

- Open season for big gas lines
- Bullet/spur line to Anchorage
- Expected a quieter session

Cathy Gleason asked if Rep. Holmes had come up with any suggestions on how to improve public process with the airport after hearing TCC's testimony; Waldo responded he will ask her.

V. *Marston-Foraker and Pump Station 10 update*

Jeff Coleman from AWWU provided the last time update on this project.

Down to the punch list, survey, and landscape details. Project will be completed by the end of the month - on schedule. Some discussion ensued about the driveway on the Iliamna right-of-way. Mr. Coleman said that the driveway was in the original plans, then dropped and then added back in last month and that it was paid for by the RID to provide access to lots that would otherwise have no access.

Final figures for the project are not in yet, but it appears that some of the components will come in above some below estimates, but that the overall is likely to come in below the 10% allowable overrun.

Members of the TCC said that they want the gate replaced on the parking lot at the base of Foraker Drive. Mr. Coleman said that the replacement of the gate is in the plan.

Mr. Coleman also said that bollards will be placed at all trail heads.

Arborist has inspected the plantings and there are no more plans to add more trees because trees were put in with room to grow. The landscape plan went through a lot of scrutiny and any change would get pushback from other members of the community. Although some of the trees were undersize, arborist felt that smaller trees establish faster. The ad hoc committee of TCC members that went on site to look at the landscaping noted that there should be evergreens planted along the fence near the Coastal Trail to provide a better visual buffer; the lilac bushes could be moved to another area. TCC asked that Coleman notify us with he meets with UDC one last time to get approval for the smaller trees, so we could discuss adding the evergreens. Sherry Tomlinson said that she was happy with how truck traffic was handled through the neighborhood during construction and Mr. Coleman said that Don Waygart (spelling?), the contractor with Pruhs deserves the credit for doing a good job of keeping impact on the neighborhood to a minimum.

VI. *Lyn Ary Master Plan*

Master planning process has been going on for one year. Many community members have been involved and put a lot of effort into the process. These community members include Breck Tostevin, Mark Wiggin, Blythe Marston, Derek and Sherri Tomlinson, Ray Bradbury, Willis Lyford, Bill Britt, Kathy McArthur, and Dave Scarborough

MOA Parks and Recreation had a presence at the street party where they had the draft plan and were looking for comments.

Plan will be rolled out in a week or two for comments. Issues and discussion will take place in advance of the November TCC meeting. Comments will be accepted after the meeting and a resolution will be put forth and voted on in December. Two issues that still need to be addressed.

- 1) There is support for installing the gate into the parking lot at the end of Foraker Road, but decisions still need to be made on when it will be locked and who will be responsible.
- 2) Decisions need to be made concerning development of a trail from Susitna Place through the ball fields.

A history of the park has been compiled by Blythe Marston and Suzanne Little and copies were passed out at the meeting.

## VII. Proposed EPA Regs. On Airport Deicing

John Parrott and Scott Lyle from Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport provided an overview of the proposals.

EPA has proposed new effluent guidelines for deicing in August – comments due by December 28.

Options include technologies to reduce, treat, or recycle deicing chemicals. Airports wouldn't be able to use urea on runways anymore, but urea is not being used at TSAIA now due to cost. Once deicer drips off the plane, it enters into common storm water system and is treated by the airport.

Infrared could be one of the technologies to reduce at airport - cuts glycol use by 90%. Drawback is that only one plane can be treated at a time.

Janet Riser spoke up and stated that the company she represents plans to have a proposal for tenants within a year.

Handout of the EPA guidelines along with Websites were handed out.

According to Mr. Parrott and Mr. Lyle, airport uses between 250,000- 500,000 gallons per year. Most runoff goes into Cook Inlet, some into lake. Ethylene and Propylene glycol break down quickly. At concentrations released, studies from other areas show there are no adverse effects to waterfowl.

Merl Akers asked about other contaminants from parking lots – Mr. Parrott said that skimmers are available for petroleum product cleanup. The lake now meets the dissolved oxygen standards 90% of time and the airport is trying to get it delisted from impaired waterbody status.

VIII. *Assembly Report*

Assembly members Matt Claman provided the report

Big issues:

**Budget.** Now looks like less of a deficit than they thought. Assembly had different information when the labor contracts were drawn up last year, however the city has high ratings for tax advance notes and is dealing with budgets well. Message: things are all under control and far better than most cities. Sullivan and Assembly working hard to make sure budget is taken care of. There will be a work session on October 13 at 11:30 on the budget, followed by two public hearings; Assembly will be approving the budget in November.

**West Anchorage District Plan** is still in the budget, but for reduced funding – the East Anchorage plan was not funded. Cathy said that she would e-mail the resolution passed by TCC earlier in the evening to Mr. Claman.

**Airport-West Anchorage Communications Committee** met last week. Next meeting will be on December 9 from 12:00 to 1:00 or 1:30pm. Meeting is open to the public but only appointed members of the Spenard, Sand Lake, and Turnagain community councils may speak. This is a communication committee not a policy setting group and will meet quarterly. Mr. Claman will make sure that this meeting is put on the muni calendar.

**Turnagain resident Steve Strait has been appointed to the state's aviation advisory board,** representing the mayor's office. Breck will invite him to speak at a future meeting.

**Ordinance on extending bar hours with the goal of increasing safety.** Assembly will be having work session in the next couple of weeks. The idea is to stop serving alcohol one hour before closing to stagger departing patrons needing cab rides home. Law enforcement doesn't support proposal.

Assembly is being kept informed on what the Mayor's office is doing to deal with the **gas shortage issues.** Dan Coffey is the point person. Among the options: storage would be a solution, but not financially acceptable. Upgrading turbines increase efficiency by 40%. MLP plants have had upgrades. Takes time to install new turbines once the decision is made – 70 weeks.

IX. *End of meeting*

Adjourn 9:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Habicht, Secretary-Treasurer