

Turnagain Community Council
Meeting Minutes December 3, 2009

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

I. Approval of minutes

No minutes are available for the November meeting.

II. Treasurer's report

No treasurer's report.

III. Announcements

- Breck Tostevin made the following announcements: A West Anchorage District Plan workshop on Airport issues is scheduled on December 17 during the lunch hour or evening with the location to be announced. Breck Tostevin and Cathy Gleason (TCC Board Member) are advisory members on the West Anchorage District Pan. The public can attend the meeting but may not be allowed to participate.
- Cathy Gleason made the following announcements: On December 9 the Airport Communications Committee will meet from 12-1:30 p.m. Pat Kelly (TCC Vice President) and Cathy Gleason are the representatives from TCC. This committee was put together by former Acting Mayor Matt Claman. The public is welcome to attend. The meeting is at the airport. If you need directions, contact Cathy Gleason. The agenda is not yet finished. One of the issues will be brown water. There was a request to include a report from Airport Communications Committee to TCC after meetings. Response was that there are minutes and the TCC reps will report back to TCC regarding the minutes.
- On January 13, 2010, a public hearing is scheduled before the Planning and Zoning Commission that includes a plan review for park improvements at Westchester Lagoon. This area is in South addition, but adjacent to TCC. This plan was already before Parks and Recreation Commission and was conceptually approved. Cathy suggested this topic as an item on the TCC January meeting agenda.
- Anchorage Press's Press Picks for 2009 Best Neighborhood was Turnagain! Cathy saluted people who attend community council meetings to help make Turnagain the best neighborhood in Anchorage.

IV. Legislative Report

Legislative report by Mr. Andy Moderow from Sen. French's office: Thanks to everyone who came to Halloween party. They are getting ready to get back to Juneau for the next legislative session that starts in January.. The gas storage bill will be an issue.[. ML&P turned on its diesel generators last month to bridge the gap. Kate Herring in Sen. French's office handles the capital budget requests. Cathy Gleason suggested that TCC review its Capital Improvements Project lists approved last May and that this be an item on the January TCC agenda.

Although taken out of order on the agenda after some initial discussion of the Balto-Seppala Boardwalk Plan Resolution, Rep. Lindsey Holmes gave a legislative report indicating that she has been very busy meeting with all of the schools, including Romig, West, Aquarian, plus all of the elementary schools in our district. The governor's budget will be due in the next few weeks, which will be an opportunity to see Gov. Parnell's budget and policy priorities for the next year. Deferred maintenance of state facilities is one item that the governor wants to see funded. The Legislature will have the budget in January and will give an update on their reactions in January.

Rep. Holmes is on the Labor & Commerce Committee and will be looking to emphasize unemployment and retraining programs.

V. Balto-Seppala Boardwalk Plan Resolution

Suzanne Little, MOA Parks and Recreation Department Planner, discussed the status of the Balto-Seppala Boardwalk. She explained the rationale for the ground-supported boardwalk versus a pile-supported boardwalk was because of the water lines below the easement. Instead, there is a proposal for a combination of ground-supported boardwalk and compacted gravel, which would still be easy to ride a bike on - but probably not roller blades. This is a Park Foundation project, so there will be a trails-specific contractor. There is also expected to be a volunteer workday to help with the gravel portion of the pathway. There was discussion about an additional trail to the north, but it was explained that the purpose of this project was only to tie the two parks together and to cover the boggy part. Construction is scheduled for summer 2010.

Cathy Gleason proposed a resolution supporting the Boardwalk/Trail project connecting Balto Seppala Park and Lloyd Steele Park. The resolution was seconded by Pat Redmond. There was discussion that there is need for a Corps of Engineer permit for putting down the gravel so there could not be many changes to the proposed project next summer. It was suggested that this could be phase one of the project and additional trails or gravel could be part of a phase two. The resolution passed unanimously.

VI. Lyn Ary Park Master Plan

Suzanne Little, Park Planner for the MOA Parks and Recreation Department, presented the Lyn Ary Park Master Plan. A subcommittee has been working on the plan for over one year and, among others, members included Breck Tostevin, Mark Wiggin, Blythe Marston, Ray Bradbury, Kathy McArthur, Willis Lyford, and Sherry Tomlinson.. Suzanne Little thanked the subcommittee members and the TCC for helping to codify the TCC resolution in 2008 regarding

Lyn Ary Park. The document is called the November 30 Draft of the Lyn Ary Park Master Plan. Suzanne reviewed all of the corrections to the Plan included in her memo of December 3, 2009. At the meeting, the following corrections were also proposed to the plan:

- Page 8 - change the word "pink" to "purple" under Recommended Actions
- Page 9, Figure 3 – tidelands should be platted and dedicated parkland
- Page 58, #7 - paragraph on history of park will be included
- Page 59, #11 - extra comma will be deleted

Pat Redmond moved that TCC approved a proposed resolution supporting the Lyn Ary Park Master Plan as revised with the December 3 memo and above suggested changes; Steve Strait seconded it.

Cathy Gleason moved and Frank Keen seconded to include on Page 7 of the Master Plan a new paragraph to acknowledge the efforts of TREErific Anchorage, TCC, and others regarding the memorial garden tree planting and installation of an arbor in memory of Bob Durst in 2007. Motion passed 14 in favor, no opposition.

Cathy Gleason moved and Pat Kelly seconded to add as a fourth bullet on page 17, Planting Areas Actions section of the Master Plan, the following, "Continue support of TREErific Anchorage, Turnagain Community Council and neighbors to water, prune, pull weeds and generally maintain memorial garden area." Motion passed unanimously.

Cathy Gleason moved and Pat Kelly seconded to add as a fifth bullet on page 17, Planting Areas Actions section of the Master Plan, the following, "As development occurs adjacent to park boundaries, identify areas where appropriate tree plantings may be needed to provide sight and noise buffers that retain the character of the park boundaries (as referred to on page 17 of the November 30, 2009, draft)". Motion failed with 4 in favor and 10 opposed.

Barb Jones made a motion to eliminate the last sentence on page 20 before the Actions section regarding baseball, which was seconded by Pat Redmond. Suzanne Little stated that she had the authority to report and represent that Willis Lyford of Anchorage West Little League supported the master plan as written; the motion and second were withdrawn.

A motion was made and seconded to table the resolution regarding the Lyn Ary Master Plan by Steve Strait. Breck Tostevin spoke against tabling the resolution and the motion to table and the second were withdrawn.

A friendly amendment was made by Cathy Gleason to the resolution to include the Anchorage Assembly in the bodies being urged to approve the plan; it was accepted. A vote was then taken on the amended resolution and it passed, 19 in favor; none opposed. TCC President Breck Tostevin thanked Suzanne Little for her work on the Plan.

VII. *Assembly Report*

Assembly members Matt Claman and Harriet Drummond provided the report.

Budget. Matt Claman said the budget is the big topic right now. He mentioned there is some concern about snow plowing getting done within the appropriate number of hours budgeted. Another budget concern is how police and fire will function in the future if there are no police and fire academies scheduled now. There were also concerns about budget cuts to libraries, arts, and buses. Harriet Drummond mentioned that Canada and other northern cities have better snow moving technology and she suggests improvements in technology like snow melters for shopkeepers to shovel snow into the sewer to melt instead of plowing away and storing tons and tons of snow. Matt Claman said that the Assembly has heard of the need for improvements in snow plowing for bicyclers and people in wheelchairs. The city was complimented on the "ice free" sidewalks downtown and the new porch on the Dena'ina Center. The budget has an S version that includes about \$535,000, but does not include additional money for police or fire training or libraries, and it does not include making the payment on the construction bonds due in the next year. Not including the payment on the bonds would not change the MOA's bond rating. Harriet Drummond reported that she made an amendment to add \$98,000 to fund the Federation of Community Councils, but it is currently not included in the S version.

Electronic Public Notices. Drummond noted that she asked to postpone the ordinance regarding switching to electronic advertising of public notices, because she is concerned that if the library gets cuts, the 13,000 MOA residents who don't have computers or Internet access and will not be able to find out what the city is up to. Since there are 90 elementary schools with computers in libraries with Internet access, she thinks there is some way to make this available to the public. Clark Middle School attempted to try to share with community and it failed. But if it was just to share computers after hours it would make sense. The library ordinance will come up in January 12, 2010, and the ordinance is AO 2009-34.

Cathy Gleason asked whether the Municipality could e-mail public notices to anyone requesting them (similar to the Action Notices now sent out).. Drummond said the Federation of Community Councils could handle this function with its list of 10,000 email addresses.

VIII. *Statewide Aviation Advisory Board*

Steve Strait, TCC Member, reported that he has been appointed by Mayor Dan Sullivan as the Municipality's Representative on the Statewide Aviation Advisory Board, which has nine members. The AAB was created in 2004; before that all airports were run by state DOT, unless they were Municipal airports. There are a large number of airports in Alaska. Former Governor Murkowski broke up DOT into three divisions, which runs 261 airports. *Anchorage and Fairbanks are run together under the Division of Aviation.* In the 1980s, the State of Alaska had oil money and built the 260 some airports; once you build an airport, the state is responsible for maintaining them for 30 years. Strait says the Deputy Director of the Anchorage airport, John Parrott, has good communication skills, is a good manager and he has seen him at the community council meetings. There were questions regarding collaborating with community councils and Strait responded that he can be a bridge

builder; he deals with Anchorage and Fairbanks when they hire someone, but otherwise he doesn't have issue with Anchorage International Airport or the Fairbanks Airport.

IX. De-Icing Resolution

Breck Tostevin proposed a resolution that TCC support the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed effluent limitation guidelines and new source performance standards for airport deicing and that TCC urge the Anchorage airport and air carriers to take proactive measures in advance of the adoption of the EPA rules to reduce deicing chemicals and include systems to eliminate discharge of harmful deicing fluids to our local waterbodies and aquifers. A motion was made by Pat Redmond to accept the resolution, seconded by Pat Kelly. There was discussion in support of the motion. It is very costly to deice planes and if you recycle the de-icer it might be cheaper. The resolution passed: 13 in favor, none opposed.

V. End of meeting

Meeting Adjourned 9:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Jones, Secretary-Treasurer