

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Minutes April 3, 2014

Bill Wortman, TCC President, called the meeting to order at Turnagain Elementary School Library, 3500 W. Northern Lights Blvd. at 7:04 pm.

I. Opening Remarks/Announcements/Treasurer's Report/Approval of Minutes

Cathy Gleason noted that the announcements were on the back of the printed agenda and highlighted the following ones:

- **POSTPONED TO APRIL 14** — Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing on Amending Municipal Code, Title 21, to repeal “Severe Alcohol Dependency Housing” section in the Group Living Uses, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St. Info: Erika McConnell, 343-7917, McconnellEB@muni.org. NOTE: This is a revised and very limited change to the Code that differs from the draft TCC voted to support at our March 6th meeting.
- **April 17 — West Anchorage Land Trade Task Force**, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., United Way first floor conference room, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln. Info: Thede Tobish, 343-7918, tobishtg@muni.org. PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.
- **April 24 — Airport Part 150 Noise Study Public Open House**, 5:50-7:00 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center. This will be a workshop-style discussion of land use and administrative mitigation measures. Info: anc150study.com
- **June 5 — TCC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Location TBA** — Turnagain Elementary School will be CLOSED and unavailable for our meeting
- **Fairview Community Council and Fairview Business Association is asking for TCC residents to Support an Alaska Legislative Grant Request** of \$5,043,697 from of State Alcohol Tax Revenue (totals approx. \$40M per year)
 - This would fund outreach and court diversion, increased detox services, residential and outpatient rehabilitation, reentry job training and placement, case management and administration/accounting and reporting. INFO: www.fairviewrising.com, 351-0407 or 947-9438Gloria moved to support the Fairview Community Council in their Alaska Legislative Grant Request. **Motion was approved with no dissentions.** .

II. Committee Reports/Project Updates

- **Balto Sephala** – construction will occur this summer. Design was done in-house.
- **Safe Routes to Schools.** Meeting on Monday. Will be formulating outreach plan including a brochure. 1) Outreach in May; 2) back to council in June to approve brochure and to support asking for funding. There are 13 items on the brochure (flyer). These include crosswalks to sidewalks, clearing vegetation from roadways – purpose to improve access to Romig MS and West HS. No new bike paths or walkways proposed.

- **CIP committee** – Cathy passed around signup sheet if you want to work with the board to prioritize projects. Examples: parks and recreation, road construction/reconstruction and drainage. June 15 deadline for comments. Will need to be approved in the May meeting.

III. Airport Report

John Johansson provided the report and highlighted the following items from the handout:

1. **Part 150 Noise Study**
2. **Master Plan**
3. **Concessions**
4. **Airport Clean-up Day**
5. **Great Alaska Aviation Gathering**
6. **2014 Summer Construction Update**
7. **Air Cargo Award of Excellence**

Questions from the audience:

Question: This was the first we heard of the warehouse building at Kulis Business Park being sold to FTFGC, LLC. We would have wanted to know answers to questions related to noise issues before the contract was signed so that we could have a say on what happens.

Response: Building not accessible to aircraft. 25 year term. No auxiliary power there. Only tugs. Airport does public notice rents and sales. Not advertised to the councils. There will be increased traffic on Raspberry. I will look into what other outreach we can do to the community for future leases/sales at Kulis.

IV. Legislative Teleconference

- Berta Gardner – Not present.
- Lindsay Holms - Not present.
- Harriet Drummond – Not present
- Hollis French on the telephone:
 - HB77 permitting bill is dead for the year.
 - Education funding: Coming to head. Out of finance committee tomorrow then goes to senate. Issues include vocational education, retirement funding, and base funding. Governor wants base funding increase of \$85/pupil; others want more.
 - 17 days left in the session.
 - Session may finish late. If so, petitions may be delayed from August to November.
 - Fighting over whether non-Alaskans can serve on boards and commissions. Already have exemptions for Rocket Science Corp. Seems like an oil state should be able to find a resident for the Alaska Gasline Development Board. Governor wants a guy from TX. Change law? Exception would be just for this board.
- Questions/Comments:
 - Cathy fully supports HB360 smoke free workplace.
 - Capital budget – how will it play for West Anchorage? Response: Currently taking public testimony. Not clear what house and senate will add. Loussac Library? Expect small grants to schools - no big projects.

V. Assembly Report

Ernie Hall provided report, Tim Steele was present.

- Tim Steele won election and we work well as a team. Election went well. Thursday running absentee ballots. Two races are close and Library still up in air. Some things connected to the library bond – hard to believe it did not pass easily - library really needs help.
- Agenda has been light in advance of the election. Passing the Anchorage school budget has been problematic. Assembly decided to allow public hearing will continue for one more meeting, but after the meeting, got a call from legal with a procedural issue: there is a time limit in which to pass the budget. April 2 was last day to get decision made. Therefore, we had special meeting on Friday 1:00pm. This is a bad time for a special meeting. The other option was to poll body to change the code (waive the code). School budget passed as proposed by school board. Budget is \$743M plus \$180M retirement = \$929M. The whole budget for the city is \$473M, for comparison. Much of the school budget is dictated by Federal law.
- Absentee voting – all information you supply is public information. We do not want to release some information like the location from where folks sent in ballot. Next year, if you apply from out of state there will be a check box that allows the voter to tell people that this information is confidential. Military folks are at a disadvantage. Now city law matches state law.
- Juneau – no hard decisions made yet. Will change the allocation per student, but don't know by how much. Muni will increase to match to the maximum the state allows. Why not inflation-proof education? Education calendar does not match the Juneau timeline.
- Liability for retirement pensions is \$13B. Governor proposes paying down \$3B now. This would lock future bailouts at \$0.5B/yr; otherwise will rise to \$1B/yr. Would be good for municipalities. Currently, municipalities pay 22% for liability, but it could go up to 24%.
- Alyeska Pipeline Co. protested valuation for tax; now lower taxes. Have \$4M from last year that can be moved into endowment.
- Upcoming Assembly meetings: 8th light agenda; 16th certification of ballot; 22nd reorganize, 1st quarter budget revision and set mil rate.
- Questions/Comments:
 - What is going on with the assessments on landholders on Marsden? Response: City did assessment, landowners filed lawsuit. Assembly will hear both sides and have 15 days to make decision. May get appeal.
 - Thanks for supporting additional education. What can we do to increase voter turnout? Response: Eagle River was 15%, now 19%. About 21% turnout citywide. By 2016 a mail-in election might get higher turnout.
 - What is going on with the lawsuit over Lyn Ary land? Response: I have not heard - still in court. Paychecks are withheld if judges miss deadlines.

VI. Title 21 Change

Michele Wiley proposed a resolution Regarding Amendments to Municipal Code Title 21, Severe Alcohol Dependent Housing (Attachment A).

Meryl object to the proposal because it was not on agenda and not on the TCC website. Make motion to table the motion – no seconds.

Discussion followed including:

- History of the Severe Alcohol Dependent Housing language in Title 21 – discriminatory language
- Recent notification from the city that it was abandoning the previous draft amendments, which would have created a new "Supportive Housing" use category, required a Conditional Use Permit, including formal public notice and public hearing, before the Planning and Zoning Commission for housing proposals. The announcement was so recent that the Spenard Community Council was unaware.

- Cathy attended the SCC and they passed a resolution – the same one that Michele Wiley is presenting.
- Some questions and issues came up: resolution calls for indefinitely postponing public hearing in front of P&Z – some members felt it would be better to have in the resolution wording about working with the Planning Department.
- Many people felt that the types of services that the proposed Longhouse facility was going to provide is important – some people felt that the Longhouse location was not a good one to provide these services due to proximity to housing, schools, churches (children). Many felt that any such development needs to be regulated and be subject to conditional use permits.
- Some people made the point that severely mentally-ill are no more dangerous than the general population.
- An amendment was offered that included “Supportive Housing”, but that term does not exist in Title 21 now: “To oppose supportive housing in facilities greater than 25 units.” Vote: Yes 2; No 6: Amendment failed.
- TCC has already taken a position against the Longhouse.

Vote: Yes 11; No 4; Abstain 0. Motion passed.

VII. Didlika Park cleanup by the Polynesian Association of Alaska

Lucy Hansen, president Polynesian Association of Alaska, presented:

- The association dance group wanted to cleanup a park and chose Didlika. This is a family park.
- Parks and Recreation gave some money
- On June 7, from 8am to 4pm, will have crew and pull out roses and fill with soil and pull up trees along the fence so that more open. There will be a barbeque at same time.
- Next year the group wants to replace playground equipment.

Audience thanked with an applause.

VIII. Alaska Rush Soccer – Lloyd Steele Park

Scott Henry, a coach with Alaska Rush Soccer, presented:

- Alaska Rush Soccer has a Memorandum of Agreement with the city. Rush is a national organization. The organization waters and mows the soccer fields at Lloyd Steele Park.
- Park Foundation provided a \$20K matching grant.
- Want to make park better for all – increase signage, trash cans, dog poop dispensers at access points. Increase supplies for watering and mowing. Working with city planner to put in some shrubbery to separate out the soccer field from the picnic area.
- Neighborhood uses the park. Make park safer and user friendly.
- Looking for blessing. Did cleanup last year. 100 people helped out. Planned for weekend before memorial day this year – will have flyers out in neighborhood.

Cathy moved that the TCC support the improvement to the Lloyd Steele Park this summer. Pat seconded.

Vote: 12 yes, 0 no. Support Passed

IX. MUNI Transportation

Christine Sunday from Municipal Transportation planning presented:

- Reviewed the three components of the department:
 - Fixed routes
 - Para transit vehicles

- Vanpool share a ride
- Planning is in the process of a service change – modify routes schedules, bus stops, infrastructure improvements. Minor changes are proposed for this year – brought a packet outlining changes.
- Doing public outreach
- Public comments on service changes accepted until April 14. Implementation will occur on June 2.
- Public comment on federal aid projects 2014-2018 accepted until April 28. These are mostly capital budget for vehicle purchases and maintenance and for bus stop improvements. Go to Peplemover.org
- Questions from the audience:
 - What is going on with the downtown to midtown transit center idea? Response: Need to study if spending federal funds. Lots of planning and it will take a lot of time and take a lot of public comment. Downtown service will not be diminished. People Mover does not own the downtown center.

X. Energy Program Info Manager – AHFC

Jimmy Ord Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Information Manager presented:

- Programs are designed for energy savings and efficiency.
- Free weatherization through RURALCAP (\$ comes from AHFC); Low income limits: \$58K/year or less can qualify for free weatherization.
- Rebate program: I just went through program and got rebate. I invested \$13K, got \$10K back; spent \$4,500, now pay \$800 less per year in energy. It's like making 18% per year. Health and safety is also improved. 20K households have gotten rebate. 1 in 3 households have had an energy rating. There are also rebates for new home with 5STAR+ or 6STAR energy ratings.
- We also offer lots of education. Monday – Thursday of each week: free energy efficiency classes on different subjects.
- Brought flyer with information.

XI. Pt Woronzof Park Signage

- Cathy brought a resolution and gave background (Appendix B).

Vote: Yes: 13 No: 0, resolution passes.

- Looking for people to help out with the signage project.

XII. Public Comments

- Vicky Russell expressed frustration with traffic and parking problems associated with the Rustic Goat and asked for direction on whom to speak with.
 - There are issues with site line due to parking. There are no sidewalks or curbs on Turnagain Street. People are walking on Turnagain Street. With parking and snow on road, the road is effectively one lane. There are speeding cars. Employees of Rustic Goat are parking on 29th. Restaurant is open 6am to 11pm M-F, and 7-11 on the weekends. They serve wine and beer. Apartments not rented yet, but parking will be worse. We asked for Speed bumps. How about “No parking for non residents” signs on W 29th, installing mirrors to see down the street, or shortening hours? Employees are not allowed to park on Turnagain Street. Employees/customers should be given discounts for not driving. Will it work it out next year? Lots of kids live on the streets – I don't want to

see a tragedy. Think about how you might feel if you were within a block of something like this.

- I was expecting a person from the municipality to be here, but no city person here, so don't know. Bill Wortman said that someone from the city will come in next month.
 - A member of the audience suggested that the park across Turnagain Street could be converted into a parking lot.
 - Audience members suggested that Vicky contact the municipal ombudsman.
 - Cathy suggested that concerned neighbors and TCC board meet with the Traffic Department.
- June meeting will be held at the Church of Guadalupe – arrangements made by Pat Redmond.

XIII. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Habicht, Secretary

**Turnagain Community Council Resolution Regarding Amendments to
Municipal Code Title 21, Severe Alcohol Dependent Housing**

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage Departments of Law and Community Development have released a revised draft proposal to amend Anchorage Municipal Code Title 21, *Land Use Planning* (new code – effective January 1, 2014), to remove the group living use “Severe Alcohol Dependent Housing”; and amend Anchorage Municipal Code Title 21, *Land Use Planning* (old code – expires December 31, 2014), to remove the use “Severe Alcohol Dependent Housing,” but makes no other changes to this section of Title 21 at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Turnagain Community Council (TCC), through its February 6, 2014 Resolution, is on record supporting the previous draft amendments, which would have created a new “Supportive Housing” use category, required a Conditional Use Permit, including formal public notice and public hearing, before the Planning and Zoning Commission for housing proposals similar to the proposed Long House housing development; and

WHEREAS, the latest draft amending Title 21 was not received in a timely manner before the April 14, 2014, Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing to allow TCC adequate time to review and comment on the impacts of deleting one section, but not comprehensively making all large Group Living uses conditional in all residential neighborhoods and incorporating additional Conditional Use Standards and Procedures TCC previously recommended;

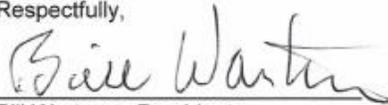
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Turnagain Community Council:

- 1) Does not support the revised draft provided to TCC April 1, 2014, that repeals only sections of Title 21 that refer to “Severe Alcohol Dependent Housing,” without additional amendments, including TCC’s recommendations;
- 2) Requests that the scheduled Planning and Zoning April 14th, 2014, public hearing on the revised draft ordinance be postponed indefinitely, so that TCC can have additional time to review and comment on potential impact(s) of the revised draft ordinance;
- 3) Requests a meeting with Erika McConnell, Manager, Current Planning Section, to discuss the revised, proposed draft and the Municipal Code revision process to Title 21, Group Living Uses section.

PASSED AND APPROVED by Turnagain Community Council at its regularly scheduled meeting this 3rd day of April, 2014.

This resolution passed by a vote of 11 in favor, 4 opposed.

Respectfully,



Bill Wortman, President
Turnagain Community Council