

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

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APRIL 2015 NOTICES:

- **April 2** — **Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Turnagain Elementary School Library, 3500 W. Northern Lights Blvd.**
Info: TCC President Danielle Bailey, daniellebmt@gmail.com, 406-270-4770
 - **April 7 — VOTE!** — **Municipality of Anchorage Elections — Mayoral, School Board & Bond Propositions on Ballot**
Info & Early Voting Sites: Call 243-VOTE (8683) or e-mail elections@muni.org.
 - **April 9** — **TCC Bylaws Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Federation of Community Councils Conference Room, 1057 W. Fireweed Lane**
Info: Committee Chair Bill Wortman, wort0422@yahoo.com, 245-1634
 - **CONTINUED to April 14th** — **Assembly Consideration (*Public Hearing Closed*) on Resolutions Reconciling and Levying Special Assessments for Marston Dr. and Foraker Dr./Turnagain Heights, 6:00 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.**
 - Resolution No. AR 2014-193, a resolution reconciling and levying special assessments for Special Assessment District 1P03, which constructed road improvements to Marston Drive and Foraker Drive, and setting the date of assessment installment payments, interest on unpaid assessments, and providing for penalties and interest in the event of delinquency, Public Works Department.
 - Resolution No. AR 2014-194, a resolution reconciling assessments for the Turnagain Heights Water Improvement District 1416 and establishing the date of payment, interest on unpaid assessments and providing for penalties and interest in the event of delinquency, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility.
 - Resolution No. AR 2014-195, a resolution reconciling assessments for the Turnagain Heights Lateral Improvement District 1415 and establishing the date of payment, interest on unpaid assessments and providing for penalties and interest in the event of delinquency, AWWU.
- Please Note:* On March 24th, the Assembly approved the “Decision of Remand and Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law” related to the above. See Project Updates section below for more detail.
- **April 15** — **Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Federation of Community Councils Conference Room, 1st Floor, 1057 W. Fireweed Lane**
Info: Mark Butler, FCC Manager, info@communitycouncils.org, 277-2977
 - **April 16** — **TCC Bylaws Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Federation of Community Councils Conference Room, 1057 W. Fireweed Lane**
Info: Committee Chair Bill Wortman, wort0422@yahoo.com, 245-1634
 - **April 28** — **Assembly Public Hearing on a Resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly Establishing a Structured Process to Sell Solid Waste Services’ Collection Business (AR No. 2015-72(S)), 6:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.** This ordinance — introduced on March 24th, lays out a structured process for the potential sale of the Municipal-owned collections operational component of the Solid Waste Services Department. One of the of the steps in the process includes a consultant-provided report on the highest and best taxpayer and ratepayer benefit analysis of the solid waste services, including a valuation of the Collections Utility and a range of values for the sale of the utility using industry standard valuation methods.

- **April Date To Be Announced — TCC Board Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., Title Wave Books, 1360 W. Northern Lights Blvd.

Info: TCC President Danielle Bailey, daniellebmt@gmail.com, 406-270-4770

MAY 2015 NOTICES:

- **May 7 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Turnagain Elementary School Library, 3500 W. Northern Lights Blvd.
Info: TCC President Danielle Bailey, daniellebmt@gmail.com, 406-270-4770
- **May 14 — Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission Public Hearing on 2016 Work Program & Five-Year Management Plan**, 11:30 a.m., MOA Permit & Development Center, Conference Room 170, 4700 Elmore Rd. TCC has traditionally submitted comments on these plans, as there is HLB land located within the TCC boundaries. **Approval of TCC comments would be on TCC's May 7th meeting agenda.**
Info: MOA Real Estate Department, 343-7533. The draft documents are available for public review at: <http://www.muni.org/departments/hlb/pages/default.aspx>
- **May 16 — Spenard Farmer's Market Season Opening**. Details coming!
Info: Mark Butler, [mdbContext@gci.net](mailto:mdbutler@gci.net), 240-3868
- **May 20 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting**, 6:00 p.m., Federation of Community Councils Conference Room, 1st Floor, 1057 W. Fireweed Lane
Info: Mark Butler, FCC Manager, info@communitycouncils.org, 277-2977
- **May 21 — TCC Board Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., Title Wave Books, 1360 W. Northern Lights Blvd.
Info and to confirm: TCC President Danielle Bailey, daniellebmt@gmail.com, 406-270-4770
- **May 30 — Capital Improvements Project Ranking Deadline**. TCC approved a joint CIP/Safe Routes to Schools ranking list November 6, 2014. **Any amendments to this list would need to be made at TCC's May 7th meeting.**
Info: TCC CIP Committee Chair Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442.

SAVE THE DATE — PARK FOUNDERS DAY — JUNE 13TH, Noon-3 p.m., west end of DELANEY PARK STRIP. The Anchorage Park Foundation will be celebrating its 10 years of service, thanks to residents who have made a difference for our parks and trails. Expect live music, outdoor fun and games, food trucks. Share with APF what you think makes Anchorage parks special: <http://anchorageparkfoundation.org/events/parkfoundersday/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES. The AARP Foundation Tax Aide program is offering free tax preparation services between now and April 15th. Anchorage residents can drop in to any of nine sites on the days they are open, meet with a tax counselor and get their taxes electronically filed. There is no income or age limit and AARP membership is not required to use this free service. **For information and specific site locations and times, call 2-1-1.**

AMATS BICYCLE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS. Two proposed projects included in the 2010 Anchorage Bicycle Plan — **a shared road designation for bikes on Turnagain Pkwy. & a designated bike lane on Wisconsin St.** — are included in the 2016 implementation project list. **For more info., go to:** <http://www.anchoragebikeplan.com/>

The **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE** is **SEEKING CITIZENS TO SERVE ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.** Each October, approximately one third (about 150) of the seats on municipal boards and commissions are appointed. Nearly all appointments are made for a three-year term. Throughout the year vacancies occur on many of our boards and commissions. Applications are kept on hand as a resource for those vacancies. You

may apply at any time. For more information, go to:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/Boards/Pages/default.aspx>

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **TCC Bylaws Revisions**

The TCC Bylaws Committee is currently working on a draft to present to the council at our May 7th meeting. Vote to approve bylaw revisions will take place at our June 4th meeting. See TCC's website for the latest committee draft.

- **West Anchorage Candidates Forum**

West Anchorage community councils, including TCC, co-sponsored a Candidates Forum March 25th, featuring School Board and Mayoral candidates running for the April 7th election. Five out of six School Board candidates and eight out of 11 Mayoral candidates participated in the event. The turnout was great – 84 signed in and head count was over 90 attendees!!

MANY THANKS to...

- *Those who organized and otherwise helped out with the event, including key volunteers Cathy Gleason and Chris Habicht, from TCC, and Andre Camara, North Star CC — who also did a great job as moderator.*
- *Timekeeper Pat Redmond, who kept things running smoothly!*
- *All those who helped with set-up/provided refreshments/greeted people as they came in, including TCC volunteers Dan Gleason, Jerry Trainor, and Breck Tostevin, and Spenard CC members, Bob & Peggy Auth, Allen Thornhill & his wife, and Jason & Carol Bergerson.*
- *Spenard Recreation Center and the Parks and Recreation Dept. for providing the facility for our event.*
- *The participating School Board and Mayoral candidates, for their participation in the forum.*
- *Everyone who attended the event!*

- **Assembly Approval of Its March 3, 2015, “Decision of Remand and Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law” RE: Reconciling and Levying Special Assessments for Marston Dr. and Foraker Dr./Turnagain Heights**

On March 24th, the Assembly approved the above document, which included the following conclusions:

1. Substantial evidence exists supporting the Assembly's Findings and Decision.
2. With one exception, the Special Assessments do not exceed the value of the benefit conferred upon the Property Owner taxpayers.
3. The exception is in regards to the Hitchens' home lot property. An offset or equitable adjustment must be made to the Hitchens similar as was made for the MacLeods, consistent with this Decision.
4. One Million Dollars of the costs of constructing Pump Station #10 was not improperly shifted to the Improvement District; those costs benefited the Improvement District and were a result of the deep subdrain design mandated by GAC [Geotechnical Advisory Commission]. Appellant Property Owners have presented no persuasive evidence sufficient to refute this finding and conclusion.
5. MOA properly permitted the withdrawal of RHC's [Roger Hickel Construction] unenforceable, erroneous project bid.
6. MOA was not obliged to re-bid projects at Property Owners' request and Property Owners failed to dissolve the Improvement District.
7. MOA properly implemented and administered its bidding procedures.

To view copy of document, go to: <http://www.muni.org/departments/Assembly/Pages/default.aspx> — listed under “Items of Interest”

Please Note: The Assembly will finalize the tax-related/assessment ordinances associated with the Marston Dr./Foraker Dr./Turnagain Heights area at their April 14th meeting (see more information under Announcements section above).

- **Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update**

At our March 5th meeting, TCC approved initial position statements related to the Lake Hood Seaplane Base, which were developed by the TCC LHSB Master Plan Update Committee. These position statements are posted on the TCC website. The committee will continue to meet periodically and follow the master plan update process on behalf of the council. For more information on the Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update, join the automatic email update list, and receive meeting notices, go to www.lhdmasterplan.com. Questions should be directed to Teri Lindseth, Airport Planning, 266-2544, teri.lindseth@alaska.gov.

- **Anchorage Airport Master Plan Update Completed**

Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport has completed its Master Plan Update, which will help guide future airport development. **It is available online at www.ancmasterplan.com/library.**