

**Turnagain Community Council Minutes
Regular Meeting December 1, 2005**

Mark Wiggin, President, called the meeting to order and made opening remarks.

Mark asked and the Council approved a motion to add Assemblyman Alan Teshe's cyclotron ordinance to the agenda.

I. Treasurer's report.

As of Dec. 1, TCC has a \$4809.45 balance in its check account. Of that balance, the following funds have been previously dedicated: \$1,000 for Didlika Park, \$500 for the Turnagain Elementary School Hockey Rink project and \$1,654 for the Turnagain Community Patrol.

II. Announcements.

Curbside Recycle Pick-Up is Sat, December 3. A new drop-off place is needed for cans to be deposited until they can be taken to Alaska Metals Recycling. If anyone can offer a place in Turnagain, please contact Cathy Gleason at 248-0442.

III. Assembly Report.

Assemblymember Pamela Jennings gave the Assembly report.

Anchorage Parks Foundation catalog is available, which showcases equipment or items for local parks that can be purchased by the public. Available at www.anchorageparkfoundation.org.

There will be a February 2 Public Meeting on trails, sidewalks, and bike trail connections at Romig Middle School between 7-9 pm. She discussed Mark Fenton's recent inspirational talk about walkable cities and shared a menu of walking options, traffic medians and roundabouts. There was a discussion about the need for a sidewalk along the southern edge of W. Northern Lights between Forrest Park Drive and Lois Drive.

Discussed Sign Ordinance amendment proposed by Assemblyman Dan Sullivan.

A public hearing before the Platting Board on the replat of the Simonson land for the AWWU new sewer pump station will be held Jan. 4th. She indicated that the upgrade was needed irrespective of the new subdivision development. Community Council comments are needed before December 23. She also suggested speaking to someone on the platting board about the replat before the meeting.

Municipal Budget. Assembly passed a final budget of \$363 million for 2006. Increases in the budget were due to health care and employee benefit increases and museum operations/maintenance approved in the bond measure. Assembly added to \$500,000 to the Mayor's budget. Property tax increases would be about 3%.

Assemblyman Chris Birch is proposing an Eminent Domain Ordinance that would prohibit the Municipality from using eminent domain to acquire private land for projects used for leisure activities, such as the southern coastal trail extension.

Traffic Calming Measures. Pamela Jennings stated that she was successful in adding \$1 million to the Capital Improvement Program to implement six traffic calming studies already completed and to complete four additional studies.

Merle Akers asked about the draining of Lake Hood as part of the Airport's efforts to control aquatic vegetation. Diana Rigg from the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport explained that little water had been diverted to Fish Creek; no property owners along the lakes had been noticed of the action. A larger swather was being purchased to remove vegetation next summer. No permit is required.

IV. Airport General Aviation Master Plan

Diana Rigg from the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport made a presentation on the status of the General Aviation Planning process. The process began in April 2004 on how to facilitate general aviation expansion at the Airport and what facilities are needed. In April/May 2005 alternatives were developed. In July 2005, the Airport collected comments from the public. A response summary to the comments were submitted to the Technical Advisory Committee in September. The Airport has retained the UAA Aviation Department to do a study of air traffic operational and safety models if two new runways were built east of Postmark Drive, as proposed in Alternative D. She explained that some of the items likely to be included in the Preferred Alternative under development would allow access in the area of Lake Hood and access to Spenard Beach. The airport would like to reduce pedestrian use of the area and propose some fencing. The Airports is also considering a proposal to remove some homes in the Wendy's Way area that are in the safety area near the gravel strip and is working with FAA. An aviation terminal is no longer in the plan.

TCC members asked whether there was indeed an increased need for General Aviation facilities at the Airport considering projected 20-year operations won't be as high as they were in the '80s. Diana Rigg indicated that new FAA sport licenses

might increase GA use, but conceded that changes in demographics, aging pilot population and higher expenses have resulted in decreased GA facility use. Questions were asked about responsibility for responding to general aviation accidents between the Airport Fire Department and the Municipality. The question was asked if the Anchorage Fire Department was responsible for responding to overturned GA planes leaking fuel after windstorms. Pamela Jennings said she would ask the Anchorage Fire Department and Diana Rigg stated she would contact the International Airport Fire Chief about it.

Diana Rigg indicated that there would be a public comment period once the draft preferred alternative is released in February '06, A Final Plan will be completed in Spring '06.

Some council members expressed concern about the Airport's construction of a trail behind the Lion's Club and that the TCC did not know that the Airport intended to pursue an incremental construction of this trail. (TCC opposes a trail in this location.) Diana Rigg explained that maintenance had put in the trail, but there hasn't been a decision to put in the rest of the trail north along Turnagain backyards.

Merle Akers asked why the Echo Parking Extension was not part of the General Aviation Master Plan Alternative A, which included another already planned project and questioned the need and wisdom of the expansion. Diana Rigg stated that the project was already in process and the Airport did not want to delay it.

Merle Akers moved that TCC again go on record opposing the Echo Aircraft Parking extension and relocation of Aircraft Drive.

After discussion, including Diana Rigg stating that the expansion would add 70 more tie-downs and the cost of the project would be \$3 million, the Motion was adopted by a vote of 12 in support and 4 opposed.

V. Legislative Report.

Jenna Gruenstein stated that Sen. French and Rep. Berkowitz had other engagements. She stated that Rep. Berkowitz was considering legislation on eminent domain and was seeking input on the issue. Pamela Jennings asked if they could intervene with regard to the airport's Echo Parking lot expansion. Jenna stated Sen. French was on the Transportation Committee and she would discuss it with him.

VI. Community Policing Issues.

Anchorage Police Department Sargent Cindi Stanton asked about community policing issues. One member asked about legality of parking in the right-of-ways. Pamela Jennings requested that the Police Department patrol Turnagain Parkway to address speeding and racing late weekend evenings.

VII. Westchester Lagoon Park Land Encroachment Issue.

Paul Provencio made a presentation concerning the municipal park land encroachment issue on the southwest end of Westchester Lagoon. He explained that the adjoining private landowner expanded a water feature in wetlands that are part of the municipal park lands. The landowner has moved the gazebo that was on municipal park land. Council members expressed concern that the encroachment was designed to remove the public access to this parkland and the shore of Westchester Lagoon and that the Municipality's negotiated agreement with the landowner did not satisfactorily resolve the encroachment problem. The council considered a motion to approve a resolution premised upon language considered by the South Addition Community Council. Bob Durst suggested that the resolution include direction that the Department of Parks and Recreation work with the TCC and South Addition Councils to plan for the public use of this area. The council discussed whether the incursions should be "removed" or "remedied" given that the Army Corps of Engineers had initiated a wetlands fill enforcement action against the owners. A motion was made to approve the reworded resolution which was approved by a unanimous vote of 17.

VIII. Sign Ordinance Amendment.

The council discussed Assemblyman Sullivan's proposed ordinance (AO 2005-163) to grandfather nonconforming large signs that are due for removal under the existing sign ordinance. Pat Redmond moved that TCC opposes AO 2005-163. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 17 to 1. The approved resolution is attached.

IX.. Municipality of Anchorage Proposal before the Platting Board to Subdivide the Simonson Homestead parcel east of Pete's Place for a new AWWU Pump Station.

Mark Wiggins introduced the topic by explaining that the Turnagain Slide Redevelopment Subcommittee had met the previous Tuesday to discuss the proposed replat. Doug Quist of the Subcommittee provided a proposed resolution drafted by the Subcommittee for TCC consideration. Cathy Gleason moved to approve the Subcommittee's resolution on the proposed subdivision. One member

questioned item 5 of the resolution concerning the condition that the remaining property in Tract B outside of the protected trail buffer easement remain in its naturally vegetated state until such time that the property owner proposes to build structures on the land. It was explained that the intent was to protect the existing vegetation and public trails on Tract B until such time as the Municipality approve further development. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 12 to 2. The resolution is attached.

X. Proposed Ordinance Prohibiting Particle Accelerators and Cyclotrons in Residential Areas or In Home Occupations.

Mark Wiggin discussed plans to install a particle accelerator (cyclotron) into a garage at private home in downtown Anchorage. The individual plans to manufacturer and distribute radioisotopes to local hospitals for use in PET scanning facilities. Mark made a motion to support Assemblymember Tesche's proposed ordinance prohibiting such activities in residential areas or as in-home occupations, noting that these are activities that should be in industrial areas or in shielded and protected areas of hospitals. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 13 to 0.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Breck Tostevin, Secretary/Treasurer.

Resolution of the Turnagain Community Council

Resolved: The Turnagain Community Council opposes the expansion of Echo Parking at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport.

Passed this day, December 1, 2005 by the Turnagain Community Council at its regularly scheduled meeting.

Signed Mark Wiggin,
Turnagain Community Council President

Date: December 1, 2005

December 8, 2005

Mr. Jeff Dillon—Parks and Recreation
PO Box 196650
Anchorage, AK 99519-6650

Dear Mr. Dillon: *Jeff*

I send for your information the resolution recently passed by the Turnagain Community Council at the regularly scheduled December meeting. This resolution is related to the Westchester Lagoon park encroachment issue, about which you and I and many others have been speaking for months. The resolution was offered for consideration, debated, and then voted upon after the body heard a very good presentation by a South Addition Community representative.

I believe the resolution passed unanimously. If you need me to confirm this, I will get the December meeting minutes to confirm the actual vote count. What I can say with certainty was that nearly everyone who spoke asserted some variation of “the status quo between the Muni and the property owners is inappropriate, unacceptable”—hence the wording of the resolution.

I realize this has been a challenging issue, one that has taken “a whole bunch of” Muni personnel time and effort. However, all that aside, I also realize the vast majority of folks who are presented the facts about this issue—facts as I understand them and as was presented the other night—say much the same thing: i.e. “there should be some mitigation or some compensation or some fix for what the landowners have done.”

Thanks for all your time and your efforts.

Sincerely,

Mark Wiggin

Mark Wiggin, President of Turnagain Community Council
2213 Douglas Drive
Anchorage, AK 99517

Resolution of the Turnagain Community Council

Resolved: The Turnagain Community Council opposes the negotiated agreement between the Municipality of Anchorage and the property owner of Lot 8, Lagoon Estates Subdivision.

The incursions into public land at the southwest end of Westchester Lagoon shall be remedied and the land made available for general public park use.

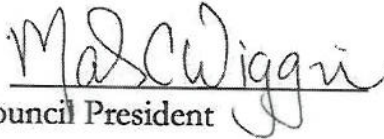
The Turnagain Community Council supports the establishment of a rest and wildlife viewing area in the Margaret E. Sullivan Park on the shore of Westchester Lagoon adjacent to and immediately to the east of private property described as Lot 8, Lagoon Estates Subdivision.

The Department of Parks and Recreational will work with the Turnagain Community Council and South Addition Community Council to plan for the public use of this public area.

Passed this day, December 1, 2005 by the Turnagain Community Council at its regularly scheduled December 2005 meeting.

Signed: Mark Wiggin

Turnagain Community Council President




Date: December 5, 2005

Resolution of the Turnagain Community Council

Resolved: The Turnagain Community Council opposes proposed ordinance AO 2005-163 to grandfather nonconforming large signs.

Passed this day, December 1, 2005 by the Turnagain Community Council at its regularly scheduled meeting.

Signed Mark Wiggin,
Turnagain Community Council President

Handwritten signature of Mark Wiggin in black ink.

Date: Dec. 8, 2005

**Turnagain Community Council
Resolution Regarding Subdivision of Simonson Homestead**

Whereas, the Platting Board is accepting community council input on S11438-1, which proposes to subdivide land known as the Simonson Homestead into two parcels to accommodate Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility's new Pump Station 10 facility; and

Whereas, the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and access to the trail from the Turnagain neighborhood will be directly and/or indirectly affected and potentially negatively impacted by this proposal; and

Whereas, the Coastal Trail is one of the most popular and widely-used Municipal recreation assets, not only by the Turnagain neighborhood, but by residents from many other areas of the city, and by many Anchorage visitors; and

Whereas, the Simonson property has been used by the public for recreational enjoyment since 1964 by Turnagain residents because of its naturally vegetated condition, wildlife habitat, coastal location and the fact that the Coastal Trail runs through this property; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the Turnagain Community Council for this land to remain in its naturally vegetated condition to the greatest extent possible for future generations to enjoy;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Turnagain Community Council supports the above proposed plat only if the following conditions are added as Plat Notes to the subdivided parcels:

Tract A

1. The platted easement along the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail shall extend 25 feet from the southern edge of the Coastal Trail pavement and be permanently preserved as a naturally vegetative buffer.
2. If the buffer vegetation within the easement is disturbed and/or compromised by removal of plant matter whose roots lie south of the 25-foot easement, comparable vegetative buffer matter shall be added to replace what has been disturbed/removed.
3. The MOA has the authority to revegetate and maintain the easement buffer.
4. The eastern boundary of Tract A shall preserve a 25-foot natural vegetative buffer from the edge of the easement.

Tract B

1. The platted easement along the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail shall extend 25 feet from the southern edge of the Coastal Trail pavement and be permanently preserved as a naturally vegetative buffer.
2. If the buffer vegetation within the easement is disturbed and/or compromised by removal of plant matter whose roots lie south of the 25-foot easement, comparable vegetative buffer matter shall be added to replace what has been disturbed/removed.
3. The MOA has the authority to revegetate and maintain the easement the buffer.
4. Access issues from the Turnagain neighborhood are appropriately resolved to ensure continued public access to the Coastal Trail.

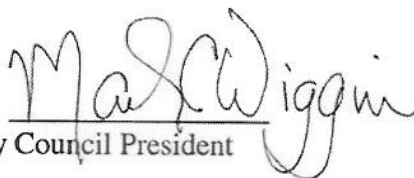
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5. The remaining property within Tract B outside of the protected trail buffer easement remain in its naturally vegetated state until such time that the property owner proposes to build structures on the land.

In addition, Turnagain Community Council support of the proposed subdivided Plat is contingent upon review of TCC questions, and providing answers.

Passed on this day, December 1, 2005, by the Turnagain Community Council at its regularly scheduled meeting.

Signed Mark Wiggin,
Turnagain Community Council President



Date December 2, 2005

Turnagain Community Council Resolution

A Resolution of the Turnagain Community Council urging enactment of an ordinance prohibiting particle accelerators and cyclotrons in residential areas or in home occupations.

WHEREAS, Turnagain Community Council has learned of plans to install a particle accelerator (cyclotron) into a garage at a private home in downtown Anchorage where the individual plans to manufacture and distribute radioisotopes to local hospitals for use in PET scanning facilities, and;

WHEREAS, the owner claims his machine can be lawfully operated in a residential area as part of a "home occupation" under AMC 21 and if he prevails in that position, will open the door to the introduction of similar industrial operations in residential neighborhoods, and;

WHEREAS, particle accelerators, including cyclotrons used to manufacture radioisotopes for use in medical procedures are most commonly located in protected, vaulted areas of hospitals or in industrial areas where safeguards for security and radiation safety can be easily accommodated;

NOW THEREFORE, the Turnagain Community Council strongly urges the Anchorage Assembly adopt AO 2005-178, confirming the Assembly's intent to prohibit particle accelerators, including cyclotrons, in residential areas or as home occupations. Turnagain Community Council recommends that industrial cyclotrons used to produce radioactive materials be located in shielded and protected areas of hospitals or in industrial areas as they are throughout the world.

PASSED THIS 1st day of December, 2005.

Mark C. Wiggin, President of Turnagain Community Council

