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# TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting | May 7, 2015 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Turnagain Elementary School Library, 3500 W. Northern Lights Blvd.

Chaired by Danielle Bailey, TCC President

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. About 38 people were in attendance.
- The agenda was reviewed.
  - **Motion by Jonathan Tarrant to accept the agenda as amended; second by Dan Gleason.**
  - **Vote: all yes; none opposed, none abstain. Motion Passes.**
- The April meeting minutes were reviewed; Cathy Gleason had submitted amendments to the minutes for the council's review, which Anna incorporated, not seeing substantive changes requiring further discussion.
  - **Motion by Dan Gleason to approve April minutes; second by Jonathan Tarrant.**
  - **Vote: all in favor, none opposed, none abstain. Minutes approved.**
- Announcements:
  - *See Attachments flyer available as a handout in the meeting and on the TCC website.*
  - Next month the Turnagain Community Council will meet at Lady of Guadalupe Church at 3900 Wisconsin St, since the elementary school will be closed.
  - The Anchorage Park Foundation will host a celebration for their Challenge Grant winners this year at Town Square Park downtown on Friday, May 8.
  - There are two cleanup activities happening in early May:
    - The Citywide Cleanup, sponsored by the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, is happening through Saturday, May 9. Bags available from the Chamber or Fred Meyer.
    - May 9-16 is the Anchorage Waterways Council's annual creek cleanup. Please consider stopping by one of the cleanup locations on Saturday, May 16!
  - The Municipality has implemented a new system, CityView, which gives local information about projects, alerts and other items of interest to people in their area. Sign up here: <http://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/>

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT | REP. MATT CLAMAN AND SEN. MIA COSTELLO

- Rep. Claman
  - The Legislature is still in special session – he is disappointed that the body did not finish its job in 90 days.
  - Discussions have been difficult, and many issues have disagreement.
  - Approximately 60% of the state favor Medicaid expansion, with 30% disapproving; but the majority has not accepted this as part of the state budget. They are still negotiating.
  - There is a new Anchorage Legislative Office – you can stop by to take a tour or speak with the legislators and their staff.
- Sen. Mia Costello
  - The main priorities for the session were: to handle budget cuts given the state's fiscal situation; education funding; and marijuana.
  - The Senate has secured the 3-4ths vote necessary to access the Constitutional Budget Reserve (CBR) for the coming fiscal year.
  - Sen. Costello would like to keep education at its current funding level to give schools time to prepare for future cuts, and would like to make cuts in other areas of the budget.
  - The Senate Labor and Commerce Committee heard bills on Uber, the Marijuana Control Board and issues regarding criminalization, and various insurance bills.
- Questions and Comments

- *Jonathan Tarrant asked about the status of education funding currently, given that local school districts need to submit their budgets before the final numbers have been provided by the state. What are the legislators' views in this?*
  - The Senate Finance Committee submitted a budget with severe cuts, but there are many advocates fighting to reinstate the current level. Sen. Costello is working within her caucus to advocate for adequate school funding. She noted that schools have local control and have flexibility in how they can use the state funds they receive, so some of the decision is in their hands.
  - Rep. Claman shared that the Governor's budget introduced some one-time cuts, which the House restored; there have been other cuts in the Senate and House on the Base Student Allocation and other programs such as Pre-K and Parents as Teachers. Currently the House does not have sufficient votes in favor of accessing the CBR, and the discussion between the parties is around what level of cuts to impose.
- *Jerry Trainor asked why the CBR is accessible, but not the Oil Tax Reserve?* Sen. Costello shared that the CBR has been used in the past and has limited funds remaining; it may be spent within 3 years. There was a proposal discussed of moving \$6 million from the Earnings Reserve and funding education, including forward funding, with management still being handled by the Permanent Fund, and there would still be funds provided for the annual Permanent Fund Dividend. She shared that there are a few accounts which could be accessed; the Earnings Reserve would not require a 3-4ths vote, but is politically controversial. For this reason, the CBR may be more politically feasible to access at this time. There is also a provision regarding the Governor's veto of use of the Earnings Reserve.
- *Danielle Bailey asked what the legislators' ideas are for raising funds?*
  - Rep. Claman shared that there are proposals for a personal or corporate income tax, which will be considered in the following session (Jan 2016). One thing learned from the budget discussion: the number of employees is about the same as it was in the 1980s, but inflation and other rising costs have contributed to the budget.
  - Sen. Costello added that she has heard from constituents that government should be "right sized," but at the same time cutting too much can hurt the economy and the State overall which will have the opposite effect. In addition there are more complications in the budget regarding formulas, mandated minimums, etc. The Governor has discussed possibly holding a Conference of Alaskans to have more direct input from the public.
- *Ira Perman asked about an item he read about, "forward funding for education has been taken away," and "half of those funds (about \$1.2 bil) are paid toward oil tax credits." What does this mean?*
  - Sen. Costello shared that the situation is such that the State still needed to pay bills, so it accessed current funds available (since there are no dedicated funds, per the constitution). These funds will be replaced as needed.
- *Anna Brawley asked about the status of SB 99, the Title 4 revision (Alaska's alcohol control statutes)?*
  - It received a first hearing in the Labor and Commerce committee, but ran out of time before end of session. It will be taken up again in January.

## AIRPORT REPORT | JOHN JOHANSEN

- See airport updates on the handout provided at the meeting or online at: [www.anchorageairport.com](http://www.anchorageairport.com)
- **Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan:** Check out updates at [www.lhdmasterplan.com](http://www.lhdmasterplan.com). The next advisory committee meeting will be on May 13, 11 a.m. in the Airport Badge Office in the North Terminal. The meeting is open to the public. (Turnagain has a representative on this committee).

- **New Concessions:** There is a new clothing store, Moosetique in the C Concourse; there is also a new Kobuk candy and gift store, further down the C Concourse. Norton Sound Seafood is expanding non-security-area seating this year as well.
- **Point Woronzof Bluff Erosion:** The Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) contacted the Airport, they are doing a reconnaissance study to determine causes of erosion, the extent of the erosion, possible solutions and possible costs. They have completed a draft report; it turns out yes, there is erosion. The report recommends shoring up the Point with large boulders at the bottom of the bluff, and the ACE will work on a better cost estimate and 35% design work. The next phase of funding will require approximately \$3 million, funded half by the ACE and half to any other project sponsors (the Municipality, the Airport, and any other interested stakeholders). They do anticipate impacts to the Coastal Trail.
- **Summer Construction:** There are several construction projects coming up (*see Airport Report in the Handouts for more information*). Runway 7R/25L is closed for the summer for reconstruction, and there will not be maintenance on the other runways prior to that. Runway 1533 was shut down for approximately 10 days in April due to this, which resulted in more traffic over the city; there is another E-W runway open, so he does not anticipate as many flights over the city.
- Questions and comments
  - *Cathy Gleason asked whether the report is publicly available?* John has asked about this, and will verify when he receives an answer from the Army Corps and provide it if he can.
  - *Elaine Hulse asked whether the Airport developing any landing areas for drones at this time?* Not at this time. The Airport is waiting for the FAA regulations on drone aircraft, which will likely not be released soon. He believes in the long term this may be a part of the Airport, but not currently.
  - *Merle Akers asked whether the Airport has reviewed Turnagain Community Council's comments to the draft Master Plan and some long-running concerns about Airport operations and planning. He would like to see a further discussion between TCC and the Airport. This includes comments on the most recent Lake Hood Master Plan, two Noise Impact studies, and other long-running concerns.* John noted that the comments received on the Ted Stevens Master Plan have been responded to online, as have the Noise Study comments. The Lake Hood Master Plan comments will also be responded to. He would be willing to set up a meeting between the Airport and the Council's Lake Hood committee to discuss these concerns. Merle would like more assurances about issues of noise, who is responsible for operations, and more cooperation from the Airport beyond response to comments.
  - *Merle also asked about the work being done at Lions Park, and the A-380s planned for operations at the Airport?* Regarding the Lions Park, the field operations staff are installing new pads for the picnic benches/tables since they are sinking into the ground. Regarding the A-380s, the runway at JFK airport in New York is under construction, shortening its length and resulting in planes having to carry less fuel and less weight. So, the jets flying from Asia to New York will need to stop and re-fuel in Anchorage temporarily. John clarified that the runway in question is the north taxiway (R), east of the North-South runway.

## ASSEMBLY REPORT | ASSEMBLY MEMBERS TIM STEELE AND ERNIE HALL

- **School Board budget:** Tim and Ernie shared some of the potential cuts in the proposed school budget, including cutting the West High dance program (in part due to retirement of the program's teacher).
- **Budget updates:** the Assembly has been working on first-quarter budget adjustments, and is hoping to have an approved budget soon, and will likely be under the cap. The Assembly also made adjustments to the Solid Waste Services budget
- **Anchorage 4-5 project:** the owner of the Fourth Avenue Theatre has submitted a draft ordinance to the Assembly to receive Deteriorated Area designation for the theatre and other parcels in that block, to redevelop the property with a mixed-use project. Reps. Steele and Hall toured the property and

found that while it is not as bad as anticipated, its condition is definitely deteriorated and would require considerable funds to restore and rehabilitate it. The ordinance before the Assembly would grant designation of the area; there are only concept drawings now for the specific project. The ordinance also includes a requirement to demolish the Northern Lights Inn in Midtown within a couple years, as a condition of granting the designation.

- **Marijuana Regulation Committee:** The Governor signed the bill (HB123) to form the Marijuana Control Board, which is an important part of developing regulations. The Muni is also working to update municipal code to match the new statutes and other provisions regarding Ballot Measure 2. Rep. Hall also shared that they have gotten requests for a marijuana industry trade show, which the Mayor denied at the Dena'ina Center. Given that the industry has been legalized by the Alaska public, this did not seem appropriate, but Municipal regulations also do not allow for consumption of drugs on public property, and does not allow smoking indoors; the issue came before the Assembly. The Assembly drafted resolution to allow the product in the building but behind glass, no consumption, and only shown as part of the trade show. Rep. Hall raised some of the potential issues: having plants and other items as part of a trade show will be challenging for its odor and allowing the product in a public facility. The organizers have also not found an insurance carrier who will cover the liability insurance for that type of event. Washington and Colorado have not allowed this to date in their convention centers. The State (the ABC Board, led by Director Cynthia Franklin) is working on regulations to meet the November deadline. This is important for municipalities because in the ballot measure and therefore in law, if the State does not sufficiently act to make and implement regulations for licensing, businesses can approach the municipalities directly to apply for licensure. Muni staff (Legal, Planning and Zoning, Police, Clerk's Office) are now considering how to set up a rational system at the local level, in case the State does not complete its task, so that the Muni is ready to receive and process potentially hundreds of licensing applications. Ernie speculated that the Muni could receive 500 to 600 applications for marijuana business permits by May 2016. The Muni's deadline for finalizing and implementing the new system is December 24; APD would complete training in the new laws and regulatory structure by February 24, 2016.
- **Questions and comments:**
  - *A member asked about the banking and finance issues of legal marijuana businesses, and whether the Muni has developed a taxation structure?* Ernie noted that the question of banking is a federal issue because the restrictions on financing these businesses are due to federal law. The taxation issue has not been decided yet at the Muni level, but will depend in part on the state taxation system.
  - *Cathy Gleason asked on the status of dedicating Turnagain area parks which are currently only designated, and whether they will take action on this?* TCC passed a resolution in support of dedicating Turnagain's designated parks earlier this year. Rep. Hall shared that any formal designation of parks would come through the Muni Parks & Recreation Department, and would then come to the Assembly for consideration. He indicated support for the decision.
  - *Anna Brawley asked what the rationale is of the Muni for using land use permits versus conditional use permits for marijuana businesses?* Reps. Steele and Hall shared the rationale that rather than conditional use permits being considered for each individual business, the rules for these businesses would be made clear and areas where they can take place would be considered broadly across the city. The experience dealing with each individual alcohol conditional use permit has shown this is not the most efficient way to handle the process.
  - *Another member commented that she works for the State Historic Preservation Office and that she is concerned about the proposal to redevelop the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Theatre, because key historical elements of the building may be lost. She advocates that any ordinance from the Municipality should include specific requirements to preserve elements, and that the developer should work with the public historic commission. This agreement should be in writing, rather than rely on verbal agreement.* Tim and Ernie agreed that this would be beneficial to have in writing.

- *Another member asked whether the West High dance program is part of the Title 9 programming requirements?* Rep. Steele noted that he is not sure, but believes that Title 9 applies primarily to sports programs.
- Rep. Hall also noted that he is not running for a third term and that his current staff person, Ira Perman, has filed to run for his Assembly seat in the next election.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Bylaws Committee:** Bill shared the committee has submitted a draft version for the Council to review, with the plan to vote on the new bylaws at the June 4 meeting. He shared that the Committee has been working for over a year to review, revise and draft new language.
  - The draft has also been provided to the Ombudsman (Darrel Hess) for review and comment to ensure it complies with AMC 2.40.
  - Significant changes to the previous TCC bylaws include:
    - Secretary/Treasurer becomes two positions; still 5 members of the Board
    - The officers' duties and specific tasks are better outlined
    - There is more detail regarding meeting procedure, keeping of records, and other operational processes for Council business.
    - In lieu of the written description of the Council, an official Muni map detailing the Council's boundaries will be included as an attachment.
  - **Motion from Dan Gleason to approve the draft as it exists, subject to the recommendations of the Ombudsman. Second by Steve Strait.**
    - **Amendment by Pat Redmond to postpone the vote until the June meeting; second by Cathy Gleason.**
  - **Discussion**
    - The committee members reiterated that the draft is being provided this month, to provide adequate notice to the Council and give members who haven't been involved the opportunity to review and comment on the draft before the vote in June.
    - The group discussed what the appropriate procedural process is; if tabled until the next meeting, it would be the first item on the agenda according to Robert's Rules.
    - The motion was not voted on, but the group urged the President to include it as the first item on the agenda, after the usual procedural approvals of minutes and agenda.
  - The motion will be carried forward to the next meeting and will be first on the agenda.
- **FY 2016 Capital Improvement Project Committee:** In February, this committee and the Safe Routes to Schools committee met to reconcile their two lists of priorities, to be re-submitted as TCC's CIP list. Subsequently, Cathy reviewed the list for any further changes made by the Muni to the list, primarily removal of some projects from the list. (*See handout for summary of changes*). She would like the Council to discuss ranking of the new Campbell Creek Greenbelt item (which actually includes other trail systems such as Chester Creek and the Coastal Trail), and consider removing Independence Park (which appears to not be within TCC boundaries).
  - **Dan Gleason made a motion to approve the CIP list as presented. Second by Steve Strait.**
    - **Bill Wortman made a motion to add Spenard Beach Park as a priority; second by Pat Second.**
      - **Vote on amendment: 16 yes, none opposed. Amendment passes. An addition to the amendment was to insert the project as #6 in the Parks & Recreation section of the CIP list, which was accepted.**
    - **Anna Brawley made a motion to include the Campbell Creek Greenbelt as #1 in the Parks & Recreation section of the CIP list**
  - **Discussion**
    - Anna shared her reasoning: that it is not all in Turnagain's area, but is the connection to all other neighborhoods and is of citywide importance.

- Cathy Gleason and Gloria Manni expressed concern about including it on as the top priority on the list.
- **Vote on amendment: 10 yes, 3 no, none abstain. Amendment passes.**
  - **Vote on motion as amended: 16 yes, 1 no, none abstain. Motion passes.**
- Cathy Gleason shared with the group that the reason for urgency on this matter is that the deadline to submit May 30 (before the next Council meeting would occur). She will update the list based on tonight's vote and insert the selections into the Muni's CIP budget website.
- **Ad Hoc Didlika Park Fund Donation Committee:** Last month the group voted to appoint an ad hoc committee to discuss the recommendation for the Anchorage Park Foundation donation of TCC's previously-designated Didlika Park funds. This committee has not met yet, and will report in June.

## BOARD REPORT

- **President's Report:** *None; President ceded time to other matters.*
- **Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** *None, other than Didlika Park committee item above.*

## SUMMER BARBECUE | JONATHAN TARRANT

- V.P. Jonathan Tarrant would like to organize a Turnagain Community Council Barbecue, neighbor meet and greet, and invite elected officials (including the new mayor).
- **Motion by Jonathan Tarrant, second by Cathy Gleason, to start organizing the barbecue event and report back in June with more details and any budget request.**
  - **Discussion**
    - Merle requests a detailed plan for the event, including financial request and who will attend in regard to political organizations.
    - Dan reminded the organizers to secure any of the needed permits for this event, to be sure that the Council is following the appropriate process. Jonathan agreed and intends to begin applying for said permits.
  - **Vote: 17 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion passes. The planning committee will report back next month.**

## HERITAGE LAND BANK MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMENT LETTER | CATHY GLEASON

- The Heritage Land Bank has provided a draft copy of its 2015 Work Program and Five-Year Management Plan, and will have a public hearing on the draft on Thursday, May 14.
- Cathy shared a summary of the comment letter she has prepared with the Council for its approval; many of the comments reflect positions previously taken by the Council, and others request inclusion of language omitted in this draft. She provided print copies of the letter, and it was posted on the TCC website earlier this week. She urged passage of the letter, as the Heritage Land Bank is scheduled to have their hearing before the June meeting.
- **Motion by Bill Wortman for TCC to make a resolution to table discussion of the comment letter until next month, and invite a member of the Heritage Land Bank to speak to the issue. Second by Steve Strait.**
  - **Discussion**
    - Gloria Manni expressed her support.
    - Steve Strait stated that he would like more time to review the proposed letter.
    - Pat Redmond noted that while there is a public hearing in May, the Heritage Land Bank will accept public comments throughout their review process, and this issue could be considered in June.
    - Anna Brawley shared her concerns about the level of detail in the comments about specific provisions in the plan, that she does not have sufficient background on the issue to feel qualified to vote, and that the issue could be considered next month after others have had time to review.

- Another member spoke in support of approving the letter and not waiting until next month.
- **Vote: 8 yes, 12 no, none abstain. Motion fails.**
- **Motion by Dan Gleason to approve the letter as written. Second by Joan McKinnon.**  
Discussion:
  - Merle Akers took issue with the characterization of the proceeds of the Airport Land Trade Task Force regarding Point Woronzof Park.
  - Steve agreed with Merle's position and noted that comments can be submitted as a member of the public.
  - Bill Wortman and Cathy Gleason disagreed about the proceedings of the meetings of the Land Trade Task Force and whether there was consensus on the deal.
  - **Vote: 12 yes; 8 no, 0 abstain. Motion Passes.**

## BIKE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN | JESSICA SMITH, BRIAN LOONEY (CRW ENGINEERING)

- CRW is working with the Municipality to implement the Anchorage Bike Plan, through funding from AMATS (Anchorage's transportation authority). The team is working on 14 projects around the Muni, including projects in Turnagain.
  - Turnagain Parkway: this stretch of road will include bike lane striping, "sharrows" and signage, with no change to existing infrastructure.
  - Wisconsin Street: this stretch of road will include clearer bike lane striping and signage, as well as some points where the right of way is too narrow and there will be ramped portions of the sidewalk, allowing bikes to stay in the road or roll into the sidewalk area. (*See map provided in Handouts*).
  - Questions and comments:
    - *Pat Redmond noted that in Boston, the bike lanes are clearly marked on the road and this makes it clearer for bikers and cars that bikes are on the road.*
    - *Michele Wiley noted that there are existing bike paths (multi-use trails) along Wisconsin and she does not believe it is necessary to allow bikes on the road as well.*
    - *Bill Wortman asked about the symbol on the road: the sharrow. He believes it looks like a dead bicyclist. Brian and Jessica agreed, it may be interpreted that way! They noted that in areas where the right of way is too narrow to have dedicated lanes, these "sharrows" denote that bikes may be in the main roadway.*
    - *Two members commented that they very much support the designation of these lanes and are concerned about the number of bicyclist deaths in the last year.*
  - Further comments can be provided at [anchoragebikeplan.com](http://anchoragebikeplan.com) | [comments@crweng.com](mailto:comments@crweng.com).
- Jessica also added that CRW will donate two bike repair stations, one at Airport land, near the area currently undergoing outfall repair on the Coastal Trail (near the intersection of Northern Lights and Postmark Dr.), and the other at Lake Otis Pkwy and the Chester Creek Trail. UAA has two of these repair stations last summer on their campus. CRW will also maintain the stations themselves, if the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department is unable.
- **Motion by Cathy Gleason to support the CRW-donated bike repair station on Airport property by Northern Lights and Postmark Drive. Second by Pat Redmond.**
  - *See the handout CRW provided for an image of the repair station.***Discussion**
  - Dan suggested that the color of the stations should match the benches and other public infrastructure.
  - A Parks & Recreation Department representative shared that the Department would actually prefer the stations to be a different color, so they are more visible and do not blend in to the other infrastructure in the parks.
  - **Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain. Motion passes.**

- **Motion to extend the meeting 15 minutes by Pat Redmond, second by Jerry Trainor. No objection; meeting extended to 9:15 p.m.**

#### NORTHERN LIGHTS AND BENSON BLVD PAVEMENT REHAB PROJECT | CHONG KIM

- [The representative was not in attendance].
- Gloria Manni and Cathy Gleason shared information from the project open house: that there will be work happening this summer, down to 1 lane in each direction at times between Forest Park Dr and Lake Otis Pkwy; this may cause congestion through the summer.

#### LANIE FLEISHER CHESTER CREEK TRAIL IMPROVEMENT | MAEVE NEVINS

- Summer construction of the Chester Creek Trail begins on May 26, including a large portion of the Chester Creek Trail.
- Segment 1 (New Seward Hwy to Nichols Drive on Northern Lights Blvd) will be closed until late July; there will be a “dirt crew” and “paving crew” working in section; there may be some sections open faster depending on the construction schedule.
- This section of the trail is challenging: wetlands on either side, drainage issues, no significant repair since then. It will be a challenging section due to these engineering challenges.
- After Segment 1 is complete, Segment 2 (Arctic Blvd tunnel to New Seward Hwy) will be under construction.
- There will be 2 detours: 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue north, and Northern Lights and Fireweed to the south, with some north/south connections. These are not ideal, but the only safe east-west routes available with sidewalks, stoplights and consistent connections.
- There will be signage, publicity and clear communication about alternative routes, as well as updates on Facebook, Twitter and the project’s website.
- The trails will be open for the major events happening throughout the summer, re-opening the trail just for this time; however, it may not be repaved yet (only compacted gravel) at the time, or at least sections of it.
- Another park project this summer will be replacement of the Coastal Trail bridge at Westchester Lagoon with a steel bridge.
- For the first week of each segment of construction, there will be tours demonstrating the detours twice daily, to help people navigate the alternative routes. The Northern route will leave from the Sullivan Arena, and the southern one will start at Goose Lake Park. Bike Anchorage and Trail Watch will lead these tours and help people get oriented during the detour period.
- Anchorage Park Foundation is having a 10-year anniversary, Park Founders Day, on Saturday, June 13 from noon to 3 p.m. at Delaney Park Strip. There will be a celebration, including a professional photographer—bring your family and get your portrait taken!
- There was a scheduled Park Fix-It event for Balto Seppala Park on July 11 9 a.m. to noon, but if it is not needed, Parks&Rec event will be cancelled. Please sign up if interested to attend, it will include tasks such as painting bollards, trimming vegetation, and other volunteer work.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Kristen Sholtan (lives on Turnagain Parkway and Illiamna): she is following up on the previous month’s meeting to ask for followup about signage at Lyn Ary Park, and TCC working with the Anchorage West Little League to resolve this ongoing issue. She reviewed the Lyn Ary Park Master Plan and did not see reference to temporary signage; this is one of the primary forms of revenue for the organization, to pay for ballfield maintenance. She is attending to request approval from TCC for approval of 2.5’ x 4’ and 4’ x 6’ banners, to be hung in Lyn Ary Park until September 15.
  - *Cathy asked why the banners would remain posted after July, since the regular season ends in July?* Kristen shared that there are still several games through August. The Parks Department requires the banner facing the inside, blank on the reverse side which faces the trails.

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- *Another member asked whether girls can play baseball? Yes, both genders are encouraged to play.*
- **Motion by Cathy Gleason to approve the Anchorage West Little League banners in Lyn Ary park as discussed, facing in to the field, and that the banners will be removed after September 1.**
  - **Pat suggested an amendment to allow “within 5 days of the last game.”**  
**Amendment accepted by Cathy.**
  - **Vote: 16 yes, 0 no, none abstained. Motion passes.**
- Jerry Trainor commented that there seems to be an increase and crime including break-ins, stolen property, one assault and abduction, and other crime. Jerry would like to propose reinstating the Westside Community Patrol, and to invite Paul Honeman to speak to the Council about how to set up this concept.
  - Danielle Bailey yielded the chair position, and noted that the Council voted to “de-fund” the existing Community Patrol fund and move it into the general fund, and that the June meeting is very full; she would like to recommend this not be put on the June agenda but could be handled in another manner, such as a special meeting.
  - Cathy Gleason suggested having a small-group meeting to discuss this more in depth.
  - Kristin noted that the summer will be a critical time to address these issues, and she would not like to wait until September.
  - Heather Tarrant expressed preference to not have just a small group meeting, but having a community-wide meeting and invite speakers from community patrol and other sectors in order to have a meaningful discussion.
  - Danielle offered that she and Jerry will work together to set up a meeting or community forum on this topic, before the summer, either through a special meeting or as a non-Council event.

## CLOSING

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.
  - **Vote: all in favor, none opposed to adjournment.**
- The next meeting will be Thursday, June 4, 2015, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church (3900 Wisconsin St).

*Minutes prepared and submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Anna Brawley on 5/12/15*

*Minutes updated with corrections and information from member Cathy Gleason on 6/3/15*