
TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting | September 3, 2015 | 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Turnagain Elementary School Library, 3500 West Northern Lights Blvd.

Chaired by Danielle Bailey, TCC President

WELCOME &

- The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. About 27 people (members and guests) attended.
- The agenda was reviewed; an amendment to add Committee Reports to the agenda was accepted.
 - **Motion by Danielle Bailey to accept the agenda as amended.**
 - **Vote: all in favor; none opposed; none abstain. Agenda approved.**

LAND USE PLAN MAP | JODY SEITZ, TOM DAVIS

- Tom and Jody presented an overview of the new Land Use Plan/Policy Map (LUPM), originally drafted in 2006 and being updated this fall.
 - The map is an implementation tool of the Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan and shows the potential and intended growth patterns for the city: residential, commercial and industrial uses; transportation corridors; and other important features like the trails and parks system.
 - This map is separate from a zoning map: it is a guide for future work, such as re-zoning and development, and how the community would like the city to develop in the future. It may not reflect what is there currently, but the ideal or future plans.
- Throughout this engagement process in the fall, will be asking residents, organizations, businesses to comment on the LUPM and make sure it reflects community's values. There will be some regional meetings with multiple councils, to review each general area of the city.
- Areas of interest to Turnagain:
 - Spenard Road Corridor: to be a transit-supported development corridor, meaning it will be walkable, have a mix of housing and businesses nearby, and support a lifestyle where people can get around the neighborhood without having to drive everywhere.
 - Housing: near Turnagain, such as some of the trailer parks in Spenard (Cathy "O" Estates and others), there are areas that would be appropriate for higher-density housing. There is a citywide need for housing of all types for all different households, and there are some areas that could accommodate more people and still maintain the neighborhood character that people want to keep.
 - Greenway-supported development: looking for opportunities to enhance and connect greenways, in addition to existing trails. For example, the developments through Spenard and Midtown could support trail and multi-use connections along Fish Creek, which is underground and runs through a pipe. "Daylighting" Fish Creek and building appropriate developments would complement this use as a greenway to help people get from West Anchorage to Midtown.
- Tom asked the Council, and the committee who has signed up to be a part of this process, to participate and provide the Planning and Zoning Commission with feedback. Interested committee members should contact Anna Brawley, [annab.brawley \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:annab.brawley@gmail.com), to be part of this group.
- For more information: www.muni.org, Planning Department, Current Projects, Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map
- Questions and Comments
 - *Dan Gleason requested that the Planning Dept. create a map of the Council specifically, to better understand what is happening within our boundaries, similar to a comment brought up in the Spenard CC meeting last night. Tom agreed that this would be helpful, and will be working on it. He will share this with TCC when available.*

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- *Mimi Beck asked about the land deficiency map, and what it means?* This map (provided as a handout) shows the projected need for land of various land use types, and what supply there is currently. The team is identifying issues as part of the map development process, one of which is how to meet projected future demand. There were three studies done: Residential, Commercial and Industrial Lands Assessments, that look at current supply and projected demand, to determine whether the city will be able to meet future land use needs.
- *Cathy Gleason asked about how previous iterations of comments are being considered, after the 2006 process? Will these be revisited?* Tom shared that the website has a summary of all comments received, and responses (the “issue response” page on the website). The comments received in the previous round of review are being revisited by MOA staff and potentially incorporated into the new version of the LUPM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The June meeting minutes were not available, and will be reviewed at the October 1 meeting.
- Announcements:
 - *See Attachments flyer available as a handout in the meeting and on the TCC website.*
 - Danielle Bailey encouraged people to add their comments to the poster in the meeting for the Turnagain/Westside neighborhood survey (see below)
 - Anchorage Waterways Council and Alaska Center for the Environment will be holding a fall creek cleanup and celebration on Saturday, September 12.
 - The Assembly Community and Economic Development Committee meets weekly; their next meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, including discussion of cell tower regulations in Title 21; the following meeting is Monday, September 14 at 10 a.m. Turnagain Community Council has been active on this issue and has made recommendations in the past. Cathy Gleason recommends adding this to the October agenda, as there may be a review draft of the new zoning regulations in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Billy Wailand requested speaking to the “Sydney’s Shortcut” issue later in the meeting. The group agreed this would be an item in New Business, after the regular agenda.
- No further comments made at this time.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

- **President’s Report**
 - At the direction of the Council in June, Danielle wrote two letters to the following issues. Copies of the letters were provided at the meeting and are in the September meeting handouts posted on the website.
 - Request for additional time to review proposed Title 21 changes, AO 2015-59 (*note: the timeline for these changes has been shifted to later this year*)
 - Reiteration of past opposition to MOA trading Point Woronzof to the Airport, and request for additional time to review AO 2015-69, the proposed snow dump lease and land trade between the Muni and the Airport (*note: as of September this item has also been placed on hold for further review by new administration*)
 - Public safety forum: Danielle and Jerry Trainor are still working on this event, and felt it would not get high attendance over the summer. They would like to hold this event in the fall.
- **Vice President’s Report**
 - Turnagain Barbecue: originally we had planned to have this event in July, but were rained out! Apologies to anyone who showed up and found an empty park. Jonathan Tarrant is working on another location and new dates to consider; he was unfortunately not able to get a refund from the Parks and Rec Dept. but will request again. We are searching for another location.

- Dates for BBQ: September 14, 6-8 pm; September 18, 5-8 pm; September 23, 5:30-8 pm.
Note: following the meeting, Jonathan has proposed 9/23 as the date.
- **Secretary / Acting Treasurer's Report**
 - Danielle and Anna were successfully able to open a bank account with Northrim Bank! TCC now again has an account, checkbook and no monthly fees.
 - Anna reported that the Didlika Park Donation Funds ad hoc committee met in July, and has proposed some specific recommendations for the \$1720 that the council voted to donate to the Anchorage Park Foundation back in March: two new picnic tables and a dog waste station at Spenard Beach Park. Cathy drafted a letter and Anna will be sending the final letter and check to the Park Foundation this month.
 - Anna shared results of the neighborhood survey conducted by the TCC board this summer (see next item below).
- **Turnagain/Westside Survey, Summer 2015**
 - Anna shared a synopsis of the survey: the new Mayor (Ethan Berkowitz) attended an FCC meeting in the spring and expressed interest in hearing from community councils about neighborhood improvements they want to see. The TCC board discussed ideas over the summer, and decided to conduct a wide-ranging neighborhood survey to 1) hear from people who are not typically engaged with councils, and 2) invite more people to join our meetings and mailing list as members.
 - A short online survey asking for people's suggestions and ideas for improving the neighborhood was conducted online using Google Forms, and outreach was done through Facebook, NextDoor, and the FCC's mailing list.
 - Originally the survey was open from July 22 – August 16, then re-opened August 21 – 31, as well as gathering ideas on sticky notes from people at the September 3 meeting.
 - Anna prepared a brief summary of the survey, including common themes from respondents. Specific locations were added to a map as part of the summary.
 - The summary was written to provide an overview of responses, and states that Turnagain CC does not take a position on any of the items residents mentioned, but is providing the summary as an informative document.
 - Danielle commented that having reviewed the original responses, she feels that the summary as written is a fair representation of the overall responses.
 - The group discussed how to move forward: either the council could simply send the summary as is to the Mayor's office with the caveat that it is unvetted; or could take another month and review the responses, determining which recommendations to formally endorse. Members spoke to their preferences.
 - Cathy noted that the survey may be read as implicitly endorsing all of these suggestions, since it is being sent from TCC; she would like to add more context to the recommendations made by residents, such as noting which have been contentious in the past or which have been endorsed by TCC as part of the CIP list in years past.
 - Gloria Manni did not see the timeline as urgent, and felt it may be useful to review the suggestions and develop a list.
 - Pat Redmond appreciated that the survey summarizes residents' comments directly and felt that it should be sent as is.
 - Danielle yielded the chair to Jonathan and commented that she supports sending the survey as is, and that having a smaller committee review the recommendations for approval by the council will only filter the responses through that committee.
 - **Motion from Danielle Bailey to authorize Anna Brawley to collect additional feedback from tonight's meeting, incorporate into the summary, and submit to the Mayor's office, along with other community councils whose residents responded. Second by Steve Strait.**
Discussion
 - Dan Gleason suggested highlighting the fact that TCC is not endorsing any of these, presenting them as other members. Anna asked whether the summary as written does

this sufficiently? Dan suggested adding another sentence or clearer language indicating this. Anna will do this before sending.

- **Vote on motion: 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Motion passes.**
- **Anchorage Land Trade Ordinance (AO 2015-69):** Danielle reported that originally this issue was one of importance to the Council after it came up at the June meeting. To get more information, the Board had arranged for having representatives from the Mayor's office, Airport, Assembly, Friends of the Coastal Trail and others. She since received a call from Mike Abbott in the Mayor's Office, and found that the mayor has asked the Assembly that the Land Trade ordinance be indefinitely postponed at their next meeting, and the administration has made clear that Point Woronzof has been taken off the table as a point for possible trade. There will be future land trade work, but there are no specifics at this point. Danielle noted that TCC will continue be involved in tracking this issue and communicated that to the Mayor's Office rep.
 - *Cathy asked about snow dump lease, part of the original arrangement?* The Mayor's office (Abbott) had shared with Danielle are still looking at trade points, but do not have specifics at this time. That is all the information they shared with her.
- **2803 Marston Drive / Sydney's Shortcut:** Danielle has followed up with the Muni, Assembly, others about this. Currently being blocked off by construction, but the public needs to have access through this easement after construction is done. Owner aware, building up to easement but will need to allow public access. (This item was discussed later in the meeting; see below)
- **West High/Romig Middle School Practice Field:** There have been complaints about noise and the activity at Romig practice field. Bill Wortman shared that a neighbor adjacent to the field, brought a complaint brought to TCC, who has noise issues especially late in the evening. Following up on the issue, in the context of previous agreement reached with West High about mitigating impacts on the neighborhood, Bill spoke with the West High principal, Rick Stone, who shared that Anchorage School District controls rentals at a district level. ASD rents out the field to various groups such as men's soccer, the West High football team, and others. Several of these groups have been very loud, and some have brought alcohol and other prohibited items on school property.
 - Eric Croft, School Board member attending the meeting, is interested in having participating in the discussion and has spoken to Rick about the issue at the last football game.
 - Cathy proposed creating a committee to work on this issue further, and meet with representatives from West High School and the School District. She shared that in the Memorandum of Agreement between TCC and West High on a number of neighborhood concerns related to the stadium, there is no item addressing the practice field because at the time it was not brought up as an issue, nor did TCC know that could be rented.
 - Pat supported following up on this: she was surprised that it is being rented, which she learned about during a recent alumni tour of the property's renovations.
 - Eric commented that the price is very low: only \$20. Perhaps raising the price would discourage the most rowdy groups from renting it.
 - The group discussed how to move forward, deciding to designate Danielle as the person to follow up with representatives from West High and the School District about possible compromises on this issue, such as more stipulations in the rental agreement. Danielle will report back next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Airport Part 150 Noise Study Committee:** Breck Tostevin could not attend the meeting, so member Cathy Gleason shared that the comment period is open for submitting comments to the FAA regarding the Part 150 Noise Study, following the period for submitting comments to the Airport. TCC provided a set of comments during this time, which were shared with the council last fall. Breck and Cathy suggest forwarding the same set of comments approved in November 2014 as part of the comment period for FAA by September 24, 2015.

- **Motion by Cathy Gleason to submit the previously-approved TCC comments on the Part 150 Noise Study to the FAA during the comment period, prior to September 24. Second by Chris Habicht**
Discussion: none
Vote: 14 yes, 0 opposed, 0 abstain. Motion passes.
- **Lake Hood Master Plan Committee:** This committee did not have a specific update, but in light of the Lake Hood Master Plan Advisory Committee on September 30, Cathy suggested that TCC's committee convene prior to that meeting. She will follow up with Brian Hove, the chair, to arrange this meeting.
- **Didlika Park Donation Ad Hoc Committee:** Updated provided above; this committee has dissolved.

AIRPORT REPORT | JOHN JOHANSEN

- *See airport updates on the handout provided at the meeting or online at: www.anchorageairport.com*
- **Part 150 Noise Study:** As noted above, comments on the study during the FAA review period are due September 24, 2015.
- **Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan:** There will be a third Lake Hood Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting on September 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the badge office at the North terminal of the airport. Public welcome to attend. The group will be discussing the alternatives that the consultant team has developed as options to consider to address the issues brought up in the first part of the planning process. To learn more, visit www.lhdmasterplan.com.
- **Concessions:** Starbucks Coffee will be opening another location in C Concourse, by the baggage claim. There will also be a new bar opening above C Concourse entry, where the Alaska Native arts exhibit is now. The arts will remain in the same location, and the bar will show Alaska videos.
- **Plant Update:** Department of Natural Resources has been working to eradicate elodea (an invasive aquatic weed) in Sand Lake, Little Campbell Lake, and DeLong Lake. DNR has also found small amounts of elodea in Lake Spenard and Lake Hood, so they have moved forward with an emergency work approval for DEC to take care of this before the end of the season so that this very invasive weed is not transferred across the region on people's seaplane pontoons after floating in that lake. DEC has approved use of two chemicals: diquat and fluoradone will be applied to address this problem quickly.
- **Point Woronzoff Bluff Erosion:** The Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) has completed a draft report detailing the causes and future impacts of erosion along the Point Woronzoff bluffs; a full report is available on the Airport's website. They have applied for funding to do a feasibility study, but this would not be available until FY18 given the federal funding cycle. The work would potentially include stabilization such as large rocks embedded in the beach and shoring up the existing bluffs, but a formal program has not yet been developed, only preliminary recommendations. If all goes well, this work would be able to take place in the early 2020s. The project is currently at a concept stage, with little followup engineering; the plan could change with additional design.
- **Title 17 Regulations:** There will be minor revisions to Title 17 regulations, which include regulations having to do with leasing on airport property. See Airport Report handout for website with detailed public notice and how to provide comments.
- Questions and comments
 - *Matt Claman asked about construction west of the runways?* John shared that the fencing is construction fencing to do slope and excavation work for Taxiway Y to be compatible with FAA regulations. This work will be replaced to widen the shoulder and the fencing restored between the taxiway and the runway.
 - *Anna asked about an incident recently while she was walking by Lake Hood: there was a noise and some smoke, as though someone was shooting on airport property. She wondered if this was sanctioned, and was it addressing wildlife like geese on the property?* John was not sure about the specific incident, but noted that the USDA conducts wildlife control activities on the airport, including some pyrotechnics occasionally, and speculated this was what she saw the other day.

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

- Rep. Matt Claman
 - Rep. Claman acknowledged the public's frustration with the Legislative session this winter and spring, and the process of passing the budget.
 - He recounted the two special sessions and some of the specifics about the process (see Legislative Update handout).
 - There has been approximately \$400 million cut from the operating budget, about 9%. Some changes are visible immediately, such as a reduction in State Troopers as of July 1.
 - He is happy to report that among other items, Erin's Law passed, regarding resources for education about prevention sexual assault and violence.
 - Medicaid Expansion: the Legislative majority rejected expansion and the reform package put forward by the Governor during session; the majority did not take up the package in regular or special session. Since that time, Governor Walker announced that he would expand Medicaid coverage as of September 1; legal opinions have established that he is able to do this independent of the Legislature. The Legislative majority authorized a \$450,000 lawsuit to pursue legal action, which Alaska's appeals and supreme court have not yet taken up, except to refuse to issue an injunction. Expanded coverage began on September 1.
 - Update on budget positions by various organizations; discussions will continue into next year as the state considers how to address this budget problem responsibly.
 - The Rasmuson Foundation has been advocating for further discussion about alternative sources as revenue, as well as cuts.
 - The Alaska Chamber of Commerce has advocated for cuts first, then consider revenues.
 - AEDC would like to look at revenue and cuts for future years.
- Sen. Mia Costello
 - Gina Ritacco attended from Sen. Costello's staff and invited constituents to an event: Sunday, September 6, 4 to 6 pm there will be a constituent meet and greet at Jewel Lake Park with the Senator. Please stop by and say hello!
- Questions and Comments
 - *A member asked from what budget item or fund the Medicaid lawsuit money was allocated from?* Rep. Claman was not sure, but suggested it could be from Legislature's discretionary fund which is available for various expenditures. He did not believe it was allocated from a different fund.
 - *Anna expressed disgust about the Medicaid lawsuit, and mentioned reform and redesign is happening within the Department of Health and Social Services (her firm is on contract as part of the team reviewing options). She also asked the status of the various marijuana-related bills from 2015, and whether future legislation is coming up?* Rep. Claman answered that some bills did not pass, either because the bill duplicated what was already in initiative language, or did not make it through, such as the bill having to do with local option. At this time, regulations are being handled by ABC Board and the new Marijuana Control Board, but there may be future bills to address statutory barriers or needs for legislative action.
 - *Cathy asked about how the state and local government regulations about marijuana will interact, and what the Municipality is working on?* Rep. Claman responded that there are some limits on local governments' power regarding local option and other provisions, such as not being able to opt out of allowing possession. Certain areas are completely in local control, such as land use control and other provisions of local option. The two levels of government are still working this out, and powers will depend on the jurisdiction.
 - *Danielle Bailey thanked Rep. Claman and the Legislature for passing Erin's Law.* It was a contentious issue due to the resources dedicated to education in schools about the issue, but ultimately passed. Rep. Claman was also pleased by this outcome.

- *Cathy Gleason thanked Rep. Claman about the Land Trade Ordinance and the work done to find common ground and work on the issue. He added that he was very happy to hear Point Woronzof is off the table, but still wants to see snow dump lease move forward because it seems like a sensible solution. He wrote an opinion piece in the ADN to this effect.*
- *Gloria asked whether Governor Walker could have a formal role to support rental of the snow dump, since he oversees the Airport as part of the Department of Transportation? Rep. Claman believes it should be separate from the land trade question and should be continued to be worked on. He does not know specifically what the Governor's position is on this issue.*

ASSEMBLY REPORT | ASSEMBLY MEMBER TIM STEELE

- **Administrative Changes:** The new administration has made several changes in staff, policies, and there has been a transition. However, there are some projects currently put on hold, such as the SAP software project which has been very costly for the Muni, for at least several weeks, to assess how to move forward. There have been major changes at Planning and Community Development (Chris Schutte, previously with Anchorage Downtown Partnership, is the new director) including new staff and responsibilities, as well as electronic plan review to streamline the review process.
- **Public Smoking Ban at Performing Arts Center and Town Square Park:** this ordinance is before the Assembly, banning smoking (all substances). Intended to address some of the problems associated with Town Square Park, which are often accompanied by smoking or other drug use.
- **Assembly Meeting Schedule:** the next meetings have been moved to Tuesday, September 15 and 29 (rather than the second and fourth Tuesdays) to accommodate holiday schedule.
- **West Anchorage Land Trade Ordinance:** As reported previously, this issue is being reconsidered, and the Assembly is waiting to hear more from the Mayor's office and the Airport about the details of the plan. Tim shared that he believes there are some benefits with some of the management plan suggested for parcels near Raspberry Road. In any case, the current ordinance (AO 2015-69) is being withdrawn by the Mayor, and if it is on the agenda for the Assembly, will be indefinitely tabled at this point until more details are available.
- **Crosswalk at West High:** Rep. Steele was happy to report that the work being done at Hillcrest near West High, the 6th priority on TCC CIP list, is getting done. Mike Abbott, the new city manager, was part of this process and understood its importance. Thanks again to TCC's work on this issue.
- **Marijuana Regulation Committee:** Member Steele expressed appreciation for the state's work on this, now that regulations are available for review. They are serving as guidance for local governments to determine how to deal with issues such as land use, licensing, and taxation. The full set of regulations has not been worked out by MOA, but they are looking at a land use permit as well as local license; that community councils will be part of the review and protest process, similar to alcohol licenses now; and the MOA is considering what zoning and other policies can be used to mitigate negative impacts of cultivation and retail outlets.
- **Questions and comments:**
 - *Anna expressed her concern about the Assembly's Marijuana Committee membership, specifically having Bruce Schulte an ex officio (non-voting) member on that committee, even prior to his appointment to the Marijuana Control Board this summer. She believes it is inappropriate to have him in a position as a committee member because he is well known to be an industry advocate. Is this like having a lobbyist on the government committee? Will others be added to the committee representing other sectors such as public health, public safety, community representatives, to balance the discussion? Member Steele noted there has been concern about that voiced by others, but that Mr. Schulte has been a useful resource and to date Ernie Hall (committee chair) has found his contributions to be helpful. Rep. Claman added that Mr. Schulte was also a helpful resource to the legislature and has been involved in the discussion for several months; as a current FAA employee, he is not legally allowed to consume marijuana. Neither were aware of whether he is currently financially connected to any particular business or industry group.*

- *Gloria mentioned crosswalk work, and as part of committee had recommended a flashing sign in the area to indicate that there is a crosswalk. This would be similar to the one at Wisconsin and 40th, to indicate where kids cross the street to get to Lake Hood Elementary. She would like to know if this is part of the plan?* Tim noted that those signs are not as popular in residential areas with the flashing lights, but that that would not necessarily be an issue on Hillcrest by that intersection. He will follow up if this is part of the plan.

2803 MARSTON DRIVE PUBLIC ACCESS TO TRAIL: “SYDNEY’S SHORTCUT” | BILLY WAILAND

- Billy Wailand presented the summary of his research to date on the issue:
- The property adjacent to the Rasmuson property has been for several years used as a shortcut to the Coastal Trail. It is currently being built on, and the shortcut is blocked off with a “No Trespassing Sign.” Multiple people have contacted the TCC to provide information about whether this is legal, and have inquired with the Muni and others to find out whether this is allowed.
- Further investigation has revealed that there is an easement from 1955 which is intended to preserve neighborhood access to the Coastal Trail when the original subdivision was laid out and platted. The easement is on the west 20 feet of the property, not where the current shortcut exists, but between property lines, next to the adjacent house and at the border of the construction fence. The easement is documented on record, but Billy shared some of his research on the easement: he spoke with the construction crew and the owner’s representative, all of whom have not acknowledged this easement. Danielle Bailey and others have also been investigating this have gotten acknowledgment of the easement but that they intend to block it off during construction, for safety reasons. It is documented on various records, and the Muni and the owner are aware of the easement. However, it is not clear whether this easement will be fully enforced. It is also not clear whether the existing easement, which is not currently passable because it has not been used, would be developed as a walking trail or landscaped corridor from Marston Drive to the Coastal Trail. In the easement language, the original owners (the Morris family and the Marston family) are responsible for any upgrades to this easement to ensure public access. The easement is written to allow “property owners in the Turnagain Heights Subdivision” and it is not clear whether this can be enforced as a public easement.
- Billy raised several questions: what is the permanent plan for this easement? Can it be open in the winter, when construction is not actively taking place on the property? Will the owners open access to the original easement, which is not currently passable due to thick brush? He wanted to bring the issue to the community council to see if others are also interested in tracking this issue, and what solution might be found.
- Discussion
 - *Pat noted that she understands why they would want to close off the fencing through construction period, to prevent people from stealing property or causing other problems. However, she is concerned about whether it will be closed off permanently.*
 - *Gloria Manni noted that it would have been better to acknowledge the easement and to indicate when it will be open again, since it has caused a lot of consternation. She would like to see the owner and/or the Muni provide a statement about future use.*
 - *Chris Habicht asked for clarification about the easement: it was platted prior to the 1964 earthquake but clearly indicates that the easement is supposed to extend from Marston Drive to the water (or beach, depending on the language in the easement).*
 - *Kathleen noted that there is a stake at the Coastal Trail side, which seems to suggest the property boundary is there; while the area is not very easy to traverse with the thick brush growing, it is possible others have begun cutting through.*
 - *Jonathan commented that he is not sure this is something of interest to the entire council, since it mainly concerns the one neighborhood adjacent to that part of the trail; he does not want to stir up controversy over something that would not be considered a public easement.*

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- *Elaine Hulse noted that if the wording of the easement is that it benefits “property owners” in the subdivision, that would include the Municipality (Lyn Ary Park) so perhaps it could be interpreted as for the benefit of the public.*
- Billy proposes drafting a letter, to come from the community council, to begin a dialogue with the property owner next month about the long-term plan for this easement, and to find a solution for community benefit. He would share the letter with the board as a proposed resolution, and share it back with the council at the October meeting for a vote.
- **Motion by Billy Wailand to draft a letter to the property owner welcoming them to the neighborhood and beginning a dialogue about the long-term plan for the easement. Second by Chris Habict.**
Discussion: None further, see above
- **Vote on motion: 17 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain. Motion passes.**
- Billy will work with Danielle to craft a draft resolution and return next month; he will also share any further information gathered.

ELECTION OF INTERIM TREASURER

- The position of Treasurer was split off in the new bylaws, enacted in June 2015, from the previous Secretary/Treasurer position in the old bylaws. There is now a vacant position on the board (to maintain a total of 5), which needs to be filled until the next elections for the 2016 term.
- The two candidates, Dan Gleason and Bill Wortman, made statements to the group about their qualifications and ideas.
- Members voted by paper ballot, and votes were counted. The vote was close, Bill Wortman won.
- This position is now filled through December 2015; elections for all five officer positions will take place at the November TCC meeting, with nominations being sought starting in October.

OTHER ITEMS

- Sharon Lane shared that Amy Coffman is the Mayor’s new community council coordinator; Sharon is a Turnagain resident and will be liaison for our council. She provided a copy of the transition report and applications for boards and commissions, also available here:
Mayor’s 2015 Transition Report:
http://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/Documents/BerkowitzTransTeamBook_web_65145.pdf
Information about MOA Boards and Commissions:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/Boards/Pages/Howtoserve.aspx>
Application for MOA Boards and Commissions:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/Boards/Documents/BoardCommissionApplication3.pdf>
- Cathy Gleason asked Sharon whether the Mayor will put out a formal statement on the Land Trade? Sharon shared a statement from Mike Abbott: (paraphrase) The Mayor is not interested in trading the Coastal Trail parcels, and would like to do further analysis and consideration before discussing the issue with the Airport. The Muni is not ready to put forward a proposal at this time.

CLOSING

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.
- The next meeting will be Thursday, October 1, 2015 at Turnagain Elementary.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Anna Brawley on 9/8/2015

Minutes approved by Turnagain Community Council on 10/1/2015