

Turnagain Community Council

Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC Member Cathy Gleason — as of September 24, 2015

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SEPTEMBER 2015 NOTICES:

- **September 25 — FAA Comment Deadline on TSAIA & Lake Hood Seaplane Base Noise Exposure Maps.** The specific maps under consideration are Figure D31 Existing Noise Exposure Map – 2009 and Figure 11 Future Noise Exposure Map – 2020 and the accompanying documentation. The final draft report along with previous public comments and responses can be found at anc150study.com. **TCC approved comments on November 5, 2014, which are being forwarded to the FAA.**
Info: 271-5453 *Send Comments to:* Leslie Grey, Federal Aviation Administration, Anchorage, AK, Alaskan Region Airports Division, 222 W. 7th Ave., Box #14, Anchorage, Alaska, 99513.

September 25-October 15 — 2015 Leaders In The Schools Program. The Anchorage School Business Partnership and the Partnership for Public Education is proud to announce the 2015 Leaders in the Schools Program. This program offers an opportunity for community leaders to spend time in Anchorage's public schools between Sept. 25th and Oct. 15th. Goal is to develop and strengthen relationships between community leaders, educators, and students. Half-day visit is required. *Participates will give a 2- to 3-minute presentation on their exchange at the 2015 Leadership in Schools luncheon November 4th.*
Info. & to schedule your visit: www.asdk12.org/sbp/
- **September 29 — TCC Lake Hood Master Plan Update Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 3801 W. 40th Ave, Unit A.** The committee will meet to review the Master Plan Draft Alternatives, which will be posted on the Airport project website (www.lhdmasterplan.com) after SEPTEMBER 24TH.
Info: Committee Chair Brian Hove, brianhove@hotmail.com, 378-3274
- **September 30 — Airport Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update Advisory Committee Meeting #3, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., North Terminal, 4600 Postmark Dr, ANC Badge Office, Room NA 1265.** **Draft Alternatives will be posted on the website after SEPTEMBER 24th;** these will be presented to the advisory committee at their meeting.
Info. & to join email list, receive meeting notices, and view Draft Alternatives: www.lhdmasterplan.com.
Questions? Teri Lindseth, Airport Planning, 266-2544, teri.linseth@alaska.gov.

OCTOBER 2015 NOTICES:

- **October 1 — 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
- **October 2 — West High Art Project, 5:00-10:00 p.m., Hotel Captain Cook.** This event will show case artists and supporting artists from the Westside — enjoy music and food as you view their work. A percentage of all sales will go to the West High Foundation for excellence in public education at West High. Sponsored by Stephen Fine Arts Gallery, the Hotel Captain Cook, and the West High Foundation.
- **October 5 — TCC Land Use Plan Map Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Federation of Community Councils, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln.** The committee had its first meeting Sept. 22nd to review past plans and generally discuss tasks. **The draft Public Review LUPM is scheduled to be released SEPTEMBER 25TH, with community council comments due at the end of December.**
Info: Co-Chair Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442 or Co-Chair Anna Brawley, annab.brawley@gmail.com

- **October 7 — Platting Board Public Hearing on Subdivision & Variance at 2001 Wildwood Ln., 6:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.** Christina D. Flanum is requesting to subdivide two lots into one, with a variance from Code design standards on lot dimensions (the width of a lot shall be at least one-third the depth of the lot).
Info: Dept. of Community Development, Planning Division, 343-7942
- **October 8 — Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals Public Hearing on Variance at 2308 Pete’s Place, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.** Mark Ha is requesting a variance to allow a single family residence to exceed the maximum height allowed for structures.
Info: Dept. of Community Development, Planning Division, 343-7942
- **October 15 — 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
- **October 20 — Continued Assembly Public Hearing on Ordinances to Related to a Land Trade Between the Municipality and the Airport involving Undedication of Point Woronzof Park, and Changing Management of Municipal Lands Within the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.** AO 2015-69 would approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the State/Airport and the Municipality for the fair market value exchange of land (commonly known as the proposed Comprehensive Land Trade in the West Anchorage District Plan). *(The June 23rd hearing originally scheduled for this ordinance was postponed to July 14th. That evening, the public hearing was opened and testimony was taken. A motion to postpone indefinitely failed by one vote, then a motion was passed to continue the public hearing to October 26th.)* Mayor Berkowitz has stated he does not support the proposed ordinance and has asked the Assembly to Postpone Indefinitely at their Oct. 20th meeting. TCC is on record opposing any comprehensive land trade that includes airport acquisition of Point Woronzof Park and any other Municipal land where the Coastal Trail and buffering is located
Info: TCC Member Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442
- **October 15 — TCC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Title Wave Books, 1360 W. Northern Lights Blvd.**
Info and to confirm: TCC
- **October 23 — Citizens Advisory Committee Application Deadline,** See details below, under Announcements

Mark Your Calendar

2015 Health Fair in Anchorage, November 7th-8th, 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m., Alaska Regional Hospital

Info: <http://doa.alaska.gov/drb/alaskacare/headlines/healthFairs.html>

DATE TBA — FALL SAFETY FORUM. TCC is taking the lead on organizing a Neighborhood Safety Forum, to provide an opportunity for residents to learn how to be safe in your neighborhoods. Information on Neighborhood Watch, Community Patrols, and other safety tips will be provided.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SIGN UP FOR ASSEMBLY COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

NOTICES. This Assembly Committee (formally titled Title 21 Committee) is holding weekly committee meetings to discuss potential changes to Title 21.

To receive committee meeting notices, contact Municipal Clerk’s Office Agenda and Records Assistant Amy Solberg at SolbergAR@ci.anchorage.ak.us or 343-4243.

AWWU FISH CREEK SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE 2. Construction will begin soon on repair of the 36-inch sewer under the Alaska Railroad at the north end of LaHonda Dr. near Fish Creek. Clearing and large construction equipment and dump trucks traffic through this area will occur, to access the construction site. Construction will be trenchless technology, but excavation pits will be necessary to access the pipes on either side of the railroad tracks. (Work anticipated for Phase 3 to occur November 2015-March 2016.)

For more info, contact AWWU Project Manager Mark Corsentino, mark.corsentino@awwu.biz, 564-2784.

MAYOR BERKOWITZ INVITES INNOVATION, SOLUTIONS WITH “ANCHORGE INNOVATES.” Mayor Ethan Berkowitz has announced “Anchorage Innovates” — a new place for the Mayor to receive feedback, comments, questions, and concerns. **A link to “Anchorage Innovates” can be found on www.muni.org and on the Mayor’s page at www.muni.org/departments/mayor/pages/default.aspx.** Comments, questions and concerns can also be submitted through emailing mayor@muni.org, calling 343-7100, or if you are feeling nostalgic, mailing a letter to: P.O. Box 196650 Anchorage, Alaska 99519. For more information contact Myer Hutchinson at (907) 343-7133.

AMATS SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. AMATS is seeking applications from community members interested in volunteering to serve on the newly formed Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). **This recruitment closes Friday, October 23, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.**

TIMELINE

Recruitment Open: 9.22.15; Recruitment Close: 10.23.15; Application Review: Week of 10.26.15-10.30.15
Recommendations to Technical Advisory Committee: 11.5.15; Recommendations to Policy Committee: 11.19.15

ABOUT THE CAC

The CAC consists of 11 members, with six (6) of those members being appointed to fill a seat representing each of the Assembly districts within the Municipality of Anchorage. Committee members serve a term of three (3) years beginning on February 15th of the year of appointment and shall expire on February 14th the year their term expires. Members may be reappointed one (1) time.

The other five (5) members of the committee are prescribed, consisting of one (1) member each representing:

- The Federation of Community Councils, The Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
- The Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce
- The Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission
- Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER)

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

The Policy Committee encourages that membership on the CAC reflect diversity with regard to ethnicity, profession, and geographic location, and shall consider representation from academia, youth groups, and/or senior groups.

The members should reflect a broad cross-section of local residents with an interest in developing an efficient, safe and cost-effective transportation system. The CAC should include representation by persons with disabilities, women, minorities, and persons of low income.

DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The CAC will review, comment, and guide the Policy Committee, through the Technical Advisory Committee on matters related to transportation. These efforts include but not limited to the following work programs:

- Unified Planning Work Program
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Transportation Improvement Program
- Public Involvement Plan

SELECTION PROCESS

Members of the public interested in filling one (1) of the six (6) Assembly district seats should submit a letter of interest and a completed application to amatsinfo@muni.org by Friday, October 23, 2015 at 5pm.

Completed applications and letters of interest will be considered by a three (3) member review board consisting of the AMATS Coordinator, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Anchorage Area Planner, and an AMATS Transportation Planner.

**Applications are also available at the AMATS offices and can be requested by telephone at 343-7996.

MUNI CITYVIEW PORTAL. The Municipality of Anchorage Planning Division is pleased to introduce new and improved on-line access to zoning and platting case information, as well as an updated e-alert system.

Through the new CityView Portal, you will be able to:

- Look up the status of active cases;
- View case applications;
- Find public meeting dates and/or decision dates;
- Submit case comments; and
- View case comments.

With the updated e-alert system, you will be able to:

- Sign up for case notifications by community council area;
- Receive case submittal email alerts by community council area; and
- Receive case decision emails.

To register, go to the new CityView Portal at www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/.

PROJECT UPDATES: (Photos by Cathy Gleason)

• **Girl Scouts Hold Event at Kiwanis Fish Creek Park September 12th**

Girls Scouts removed invasive Bird Cherry trees (also known as “May Day” trees), planted native tree seedlings, and took advantage of the opportunity to do several educational activities. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO BEAUTIFUL THIS TURNAGAIN PARK!**



Girl Scouts looking at worms during an educational activity at Kiwanis Fish Creek Park

• **Fish Creek Cleaned Up September 12th**

As part of the Anchorage Waterways Council and Alaska Center for the Environment’s Fall Creek Cleanup and Celebration event, volunteers cleaned up areas of Fish Creek in the Kiwanis Fish Creek Park area. **MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT!**

▪ **Hillcrest Dr.-West-Romig School Crosswalk Improvement Project —**

A new crosswalk at Hillcrest Dr. and the West-Romig campus has been constructed! Funding for the project was provided with Anchorage Road and Drainage Service Area bond money. **TCC approved this project as part of the Safe Routes to School/TCC Capital Improvement Project list at our February 5, 2015, meeting.**



Pedestrian Crossing Relocation/Improvements at Hillcrest Dr. and West High

• **TCC Donates Funds for Spenard Beach Park Improvements**

TCC has forwarded a donation of \$1,720 to the Anchorage Park Foundation, with a request that the funds go toward the purchase and placement of two additional picnic tables and a dog waste station at Spenard Beach Park. APF will keep the council posted on when the equipment can be installed (maybe before the snow flies??).

• **More Trees Planted at Balto Seppala Park**

As announced earlier, six trees were planted on the southeast area of Balto Seppala Park along Milky Way Dr. in July. More tree plantings at the park are scheduled for late September. These trees are donated by Dan and Cathy Gleason, in commemoration of their 35th Anniversary (August 9th). *Dan and Cathy thank the Parks Dept. and the Anchorage Park Foundation for their efforts on this project!*

• **Northern Lights Blvd/Benson Blvd. Improvement Project Update**

Work continues on the Northern Lights Blvd./Benson Blvd. improvement project. Upon completion, both roads will be repaved and have new signage and striping, curb ramps will be upgraded to current ADA standards, and automated traffic recorders and signal system will be improved. This project is scheduled to be completed by June 2016.

Info: DOT at <http://AlaskaNavigator.org> or 770-2612.

To sign up for project updates, email: NorthernlightsBenson@spawnak.com.

▪ **Point Woronzof Bluff Erosion**

The US Army Corps of Engineers recently completed a draft fact sheet for the bluff erosion. The study identifies the cause and importance of stopping the erosion and presents a conceptual solution — large rock at the base of the bluff. Estimated cost is \$48 million. **TCC sent a letter September 21, 2013, in support of the Airport pursuing bluff erosion remediation.** The draft fact sheet is available on the Airport website: www.anchorageairport.com