

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

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NOVEMBER 2015 NOTICES:

- **November 2-15 (excluding Sundays) — Closure of Runway 15/33 (the North-South Runway), 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport.** The closure is to allow surveying and geotechnical investigations and runway maintenance to occur. During this time, the majority of aircraft departures will be on Runway 7L, heading east over Midtown. *During this time period, expect significantly greater than normal aircraft noise in this area.*
- **November 5 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting & 2016 Officer Elections, 7:00 p.m., Turnagain Elementary School Library, 3500 W. Northern Lights Blvd.**
Info: TCC President Danielle Bailey, daniellebmt@gmail.com, 406-270-4770
- **November 10 — 2nd Assembly Public Hearing on Municipality of Anchorage 2016 General Government Capital Improvement Program (AR 2015-271), 6:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.** Turnagain-specific projects proposed in the draft MOA 2016 Capital Budget include: *Fish Creek Trail Improvements; Multi-Use Trails Bridge Updates (could include replacement of the Coastal Trail bridge at Fish Creek Estuary); and Turnagain Blvd. Upgrade-35th Ave. to Spenard Rd. (which is TCC's #1-ranked PM&E project!).*
To view entire 2016 Capital Projects list, go to:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/budget/capitalBudgets/Pages/2016ppsdCapital.aspx>
- **November 10 — Assembly Public Hearing on Amending Municipal Code to Modify Existing, and Include Additional, Fees, Fines and Penalties. (AO 2015-111 & 111(S)), 6:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.**
- **November 10 — Assembly Public Hearing on Repeal and Re-enacting Municipal Code Section 8.35.500 Regarding illicit Synthetic Drugs. (AO 2015-123 & 123(S)), 6:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.** Includes substantial changes to the penalty section, and amending the minor offense fine schedule and misdemeanor penalty reference table at AMC Section 8.05025 accordingly.
- **November 12 — Assembly Cell Tower Working Group Mtg. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Public Works Bldg., 4700 Elmore Rd., Training Rm. #30, at front of building. CELL TOWER REVISIONS TO MUNICIPAL CODE will be discussed,** including public notice requirements and height allowances in zoning districts.
Info: Chair Pete Peterson, PetersenP@ci.anchorage.ak.us, 240-1049
- **November 17 — Lyn Ary Park Memorial Garden Appeals Hearing, 10:30 a.m., Alaska Supreme Court courtroom, Boney Memorial Courthouse, 303 K St., top floor.** The Alaska Supreme Court will hold an Appeals Hearing on Fink v. MOA regarding the ownership of the Lyn Ary Park Memorial Garden and property along the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail to the west. Lower court ruling in May 2014 favored the Municipality — plaintiff property owners subsequently filed an appeal. **TCC has long supported the Municipality in this lawsuit, originally filed in 2006. PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY — AND PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF THE LYN ARY PARK MEMORIAL GARDEN & AND COASTAL TRAIL/GREENBELT IN THIS AREA — BY ATTENDING THE HEARING. (More information will be provided by Mr. Owens at the TCC Nov. 5th meeting.)**
Info: Robert P. Owens, Assistant Municipal Attorney, OwensRP@ci.anchorage.ak.us, 343-4545

- **November 18 — Assembly Community and Economic Development Committee Mtg. 10:00-11:30 a.m., Public Works Bldg., 4700 Elmore Rd., Conference Rm. 170. CELL TOWER REVISIONS TO MUNICIPAL CODE** will be discussed, including public notice requirements and height allowances in zoning districts.
Info: Chair Amy Demboski, DemboskiA@ci.anchorage.ak.us, 301-9179
- **November 18 — Airport Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update Public Open House #2, 5:30-8:00 p.m., The Lakefront Anchorage (formerly The Millennium), Redington Room, 4800 Spenard Rd.** Draft Alternatives will be presented.
Info, & to join email list, receive meeting notices, and view the Draft Alternatives: www.lhdmasterplan.com.
Questions? Teri Lindseth, Airport Planning, 266-2544, teri.linseth@alaska.gov.
- **November 19 — 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
- **Mid-November — Public Safety Community Meeting, (time, date & place TBA)** Rep. Matt Claman will be hosting a Public Safety Community Meeting, in coordination with the Anchorage Police Dept. *Stay tuned for more information.*
Info: Rep. Matt Claman, Rep.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov, 269-0130

DECEMBER 2015 NOTICES:

- **December 3 — 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
- **December 9 — Urban Design Commission PUBLIC HEARING — West High School & Romig Middle School Campus Site Renewal Project.** This is a proposed amendment to the existing campus site plan. Proposed improvements include: new, consolidated bus drop-off area on west side of West/Romig building; new bus-only access road on west side of campus; modifications of northwest parking lot; restriping of West bus drop-off area; dumpster screening; and new site lighting. Additionally, three “Project Additive Alternatives” are proposed: construction of new Romig parking lot; reconstruction of hockey rink boards/fencing; and two new tennis courts. **TCC approved delineating pedestrian walkways within the West High parking lot as part of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS)/TCC Capital Improvement Project list at our February 5, 2015, meeting. The TCC Board has asked the council's SRTS Committee to review the proposed plans and submit comments by November 18th to the Muni Planning Dept.**
Info: Brianne Keifer, DOWL HKM, 562-2000, bkeifer@dowlhkm.com.
Submit comments to: Urban Design Commission, Municipality of Anchorage Planning Division, Current Planning Section, P.O. Box 196650, Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6650
- **December 17 — 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

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **POSTPONED INDEFINITELY — AO 2015-69-Proposed Point Woronzof Park Undedication & Muni-Airport Land Trade**

On October 27th, the Assembly voted to Postpone Indefinitely an ordinance that proposed to put undedication of Point Woronzof Park on a Municipal ballot, and to approve a Comprehensive Land Trade between the Municipality of Anchorage and the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport — which would have included Airport acquisition of the park for a potential future North-South runway or other Airport development. **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/associated buffering is located.**

- **Coastal Trail Bridge at Westchester Lagoon Now Open!**

A new, steel bridge has been installed along the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail at the north end of Westchester Lagoon, to replace the old bridge after it collapsed when a tree service truck and wood chipper drove on it in June 2014. The trail is now open — no more detour! Enjoy!

- **Balto Seppala Park Iditarod Learning Loop Educational Signs Installed**

A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place November 5th, to officially celebrate the latest amenity at Balto Seppala Park. This improvement features educational signs along the 660-foot trail, providing information about the art of mushing and the Iditarod Race — in honor of Balto, Leonard Seppala's sled dog.



- **Anchorage Land Use Plan Map Update**

After having its first meeting Sept. 22nd, TCC LUPM Update Committee has cancelled subsequent scheduled meetings, as the Planning Dept. has not yet released a Public Review draft for the committee to review.

For info, or to join the committee, contact Committee Co-chairs:

Anna Brawley, annab.brawley@gmail.com, or Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442

- **Approved — Heritage Land Bank 2016 Annual Work Program & Five-Year Management Plan**

On October 27th, the Assembly approved the combined HLB plans. The HLB Advisory Commission approved these documents at their July 9th meeting. **Some of the recommendations TCC approved at our May 7, 2015, meeting and submitted for consideration to HLB were incorporated by the Commission.**

- **AWWU Fish Creek Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 3.** Construction continues on repair of the 36-inch sewer in the Alaska Railroad Right of Way. 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.) CHAIN LINK FENCING WILL BE PLACED ON BOTH SIDES of the railroad ROW between Westchester Lagoon and W. Northern Lights as part of the project.

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

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

This project is now in winter shutdown — work will resume in spring 2016. Upon completion, both Northern Lights Blvd./Benson Blvd. 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. Completion is schedule for June 2016.

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

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

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.

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.