
TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting | November 5, 2015 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Turnagain Elementary School Library, 3500 West Northern Lights Blvd.

Chaired by Danielle Bailey, TCC President

WELCOME & APPROVE AGENDA, MINUTES

- The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. About 35 people (members and guests) attended.
- The agenda was reviewed, with one addition.
 - **Motion by Danielle Bailey, second by Pat Redmond to approve the agenda.**
 - **No objections. Agenda approved.**
- The October meeting minutes were reviewed.
 - **Motion by Cathy Gleason, second by Pat Redmond to approve the October 2015 meeting minutes.**
 - **No objections. Minutes approved.**

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

- **President's Report | Danielle Bailey**
 - The Anchorage Park Foundation acknowledged that they have received funds donated by TCC from what was formerly the Didlika Park fund, and thanked the council!
 - Sydney's Shortcut: Danielle shared that contact was made with the property owner and Danielle helped put people into contact with each other and will create a working group to discuss the matter further and try to find a workable agreement.
 - Elections for 2016 TCC Board officers will take place tonight (see later).
- **Vice President's Report | Jonathan Tarrant**
 - No update.
- **Secretary's Report | Anna Brawley**
 - Anna was not in attendance; no update.
- **Treasurer's Report | Bill Wortman**
 - No update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Federation of Community Councils:** Cathy shared that at the November meeting, the FCC discussed draft regulations for cell phone towers, which the Council may consider at a future meeting. The Anchorage Park Foundation provided draft graphic icons that will be used to identify parks and trails for users, which are open for public comment currently. FCC delegates are also forming a multi-council Marijuana Committee to review the Municipality's draft ordinances for zoning, licensing, taxation and enforcement, and will review each for issues relevant to councils.
- **Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Committee:** Brian Hove shared that there is an open house for the draft plan on November 18.
- **Land Use Plan Map Committee:** Cathy Gleason shared that the group is still awaiting release of the draft Land Use Plan Map, and will schedule another committee meeting at that time—the Municipality has indicated that they intend to release it for public comment by January 2016. In the meantime, contact Anna Brawley and Cathy Gleason (co-chairs) with any questions.
- **Safe Routes to Schools Committee:** The original product of the Safe Routes to School committee was sent to the Anchorage School District and the West High and Romig Middle Schools for suggestions for construction based on the committee's recommendations for the area overall. Dan Gleason shared that the committee is also hoping to include the recommendations in the school district's budget for the coming year.

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- **Traffic Calming Committee:** (originally brought to the October meeting): Danielle shared that a committee formed in October looked at the existing traffic studies for the Turnagain area from 2006 and 2015. The committee recommends traffic calming for the Rustic Goat area (Turnagain St, just south of Northern Lights) and Knik Ave area (north and parallel of Northern Lights).
 - **Resolution by Danielle Bailey, second by Pat Redmond to approve the committee's recommendation to submit the areas identified in Turnagain for a traffic calming study by the Municipality.**
 - **Discussion**
 - Amendment proposed by Sandy Rabinowitch to add Lois Drive to the Turnagain area study; amendment accepted.
 - **Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstain. Motion passes.**
 - **Motion to vote on a resolution introduced in the October meeting with several streets in the Turnagain area identified for a traffic calming study [motion and second not noted].**
 - **Vote: None in favor, all opposed, none abstain. Motion fails.**

AIRPORT REPORT | JOHN JOHANSEN

- See airport updates on the handout provided at the meeting or online at: www.anchorageairport.com
- **Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan:** There will be a public open house in November, 18 for the draft plan (see committee note above). To learn more, visit www.lhdmasterplan.com. (See also notes under New Business item)
- **Concessions:** Sushi on the Fly is opening soon near C7.
- **Construction:** The North/South Runway is closed during the day for maintenance and technical work. There will be aircraft taking off over Midtown during this period.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Cathy Gleason asked whether the coastal trail will be closed?* Trail maintenance is not an Airport project.
 - *Another member asked when and from what source funding will be available for further work on the erosion study and mitigation along the Point Woronzof bluffs?* The FAA is still waiting on the Army Corps of Engineers to provide approval and developing a plan.

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

- **Rep. Matt Claman**
 - See the regular e-newsletter available from the Representative's office! Sign up online to receive updates by e-mail.
 - The buyout of TransCanada was successfully approved, supported by majority of State Legislators. The state is now working on following up.
 - There have also been discussions on a long-term fiscal plan for the state budget. This issue was not specifically discussed as part of Special Session, but is highly important.
- **Sen. Mia Costello (Gina, staff member)**
 - Senator Costello voted yes for the buyout
- **Senator Gardner (represented by staff member)**
 - The legislature is looking for pages and interns for session! Please encourage people to apply for this opportunity.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Mark Wiggin asked whether Gunnar Knapp could come to the next TCC meeting and give his presentation on the economy?*

ASSEMBLY REPORT | ASSEMBLY MEMBER ERNIE HALL

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- **Budget:** The new municipal budget has been proposed, \$481.5 million, by the Mayor's Office. Estimated state revenue share to the city will be 3 million or less this year.
- **Marijuana Regulation Committee:** The Municipality will be releasing draft ordinances soon of zoning, licensing, taxation and enforcement provisions for the city. The Marijuana Control Board will be finalizing their regulations by November 24 and, after approval at the state level, will send regulations along with applications for licenses to local governments, including Anchorage's Community Councils for public input, in February 2016.
- **Other Community Concerns**
 - Texting ordinance: A proposal to make texting and driving a \$500.00 moving violation fine.
 - Spice ordinance: To try to reduce the consequences for spice use which has been growing in Anchorage, the ordinance proposes instituting stiffer penalties for sale, possession and use.
 - Fines and Fees ordinance: Mayor's office has put forth a proposed 30% increase in fines and fees increase as a means of raising revenue; many fines have not been updated in several years, if at all.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - [none]

MAYOR REPORT | SHARON LANE

- Appointments of Boards and Commission have been delayed until December.
- Nancy Burke, the Homelessness Coordinator, shared that a "Homeless and Mental Health Action Agenda: will be released shortly. City resources are being reduced, and the plan should account for some of this information, but the plan will address some of our significant housing needs.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Dan Gleason asked whether people are arriving from villages, or are being moved from villages, into Anchorage without having any resources to take care of themselves?* Nancy could not verify this, but noted that if it is true, the city should be discussing where the people being sent to Anchorage want to go and what support can be provided to them. The city should also find ways to help people get back home if they want to.

LYN ARY MEMORIAL GARDEN APPEAL | ROBERT OWENS

- Update on the case that involves the Memorial Garden in Lyn Ary Park. There was a trial in October, 2013. The judge allowed the city to retain title to the land. The plaintiffs have appealed this decision, and the hearing is scheduled for November 17, 2015. Community members are always welcome to attend this hearing, and can show support for the issue.
- *Mark Wiggin asked for a summary of the case, what is the nature of the appeal?* Robert explained the claim: property owners are appealing the judge's decision that they cannot own the land which ends at the coastal trail.

LAKE HOOD SEAPLANE BASE MASTER PLAN | TOM MIDDENDORF

- The Airport is required to have an up-to-date Master Plan. Many things have been accomplished from the previous plan. An overview of the alternatives being proposed will be presented at the open house on November 18, 2015 at the Lakefront (formerly Millennium) Hotel.
- Proposed categories
 - Category A: No improvements would be made
 - Category B: Major Maintenance would require capital projects and improvements required by the FAA.
 - Category C: Improve existing facilities and update gravel surfaces to paved surfaces.
 - Category D: Expanding tie-downs and lease areas, additional taxiways and extending water coverage area. Survey will be left open until December 7th. Public comments are being accepted from December 2015 to April 2016.

TCC OFFICER ELECTIONS

- The 2016 one-year term for all TCC officers begins in January; elections are happening in the November meeting.
- There are five officer seats that comprise the board: President (currently Danielle Bailey), Vice President (currently Jonathan Tarrant), Secretary (currently Anna Brawley), Treasurer (currently Bill Wortman), and Member at Large (currently Chris Habicht).
- Candidates could opt to make brief statements.
 - Kennis Brady (for Member at Large): Grew up here in the west side of Anchorage, worked for the Municipality, and this year she will be working with community health centers. Also works with Girls on the Run.
- Motion to have a public vote for the slate ballot.
 - **Motion by Pat Redmond, second by Joan McKinnon to approve the ballot as presented. No objections; Slate of candidates for the ballot approved.**
- Members cast their votes, which were counted by Danielle Bailey.
- Results:
 - President: Jonathan Tarrant
 - Vice President: Cathy Gleason
 - Secretary: Anna Brawley
 - Treasurer: Gloria Manni
 - Member at Large: Kennis Brady
- Congratulations to the new and returning officers! The incoming and outgoing Boards will meet before January to do a transition and prepare for the coming year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

See Attachments flyer available as a handout in the meeting and on the TCC website.

- Taylor: Report cards are available for Fish Creek and Barbara Park upgrades.

CLOSING

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
- The next meeting will be Thursday, December 3, 2015 at Turnagain Elementary.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Vice President Jonathan Tarrant and Secretary Anna Brawley on 11/18/2015.

Minutes approved by the Turnagain Community Council at its December meeting on 12/3/2015.