

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC Member Cathy Gleason — as of **November 30, 2015**

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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 7 — Online Survey Deadline — Airport Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update**
Provide input on the Draft Master Plan Alternatives, by ranking your priorities for the proposed projects.
Info. & to join email list, receive meeting notices, and view the Draft Alternatives: www.lhdmasterplan.com.
Questions? Tom Middendorf or Leah Henderson, 562-2000, lhdmasterplan@dowl.com.
- **December 7 — Initial Project Scoping Comment Deadline — Fish Creek Trail Improvements.**
Improvements are being proposed for two sections of Fish Creek Trail — **Red Bridge Park to the intersection of Taft St. and Tudor Rd.**, and **Kiwanis Fish Creek Park to Barbara St. Park**. Construction is anticipated to begin during the summer of 2017. To ensure that all possible factors are considered, written comments are being solicited during this early scoping stage of the project. **A project presentation will on the Dec. 3rd TCC agenda. A TCC committee will be formed at the meeting, to review documents and provide recommendations.**
Info: DOT Project Manager Kevin Jackson, 269-0641, kevin.jackson@alaska.gov or CRW Principal/Civil Engineer Brian Looney, 646-5606, blooney@crweng.com.
- **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. **The TCC SRTS Committee reviewed the proposed plans, met with project consultants, and submitted comments to the Muni Planning Dept., which will be posted on the TCC website and available at the Dec. 3rd TCC meeting.**
Info: Brianne Keifer, DOWL HKM, 562-2000, bkeifer@dowlhkm.com.
- **December 11 — DRAFT Design Study Report Comment Deadline — Turnagain St. & Turnagain Blvd. Upgrade.** Preliminary designs were done for these two roads in 2011. Additional funding has been acquired for the final design study, detailed design, pre-construction tasks and right-of-way acquisition. Turnagain Blvd. is included in the MOA 2016 Capital Budget, for proposed 2016 construction. These two road projects are the highest ranked CIP road projects for TCC. **A project presentation will on the Dec. 3rd TCC agenda. A TCC committee will be formed at the meeting, to review documents and provide recommendations.**
Info: MOA PM&E Project Administrator, 343-8221, ManeyDC@ci.anchorage.ak.us or CRW Civil Engineer Justin Keene, 646-5632, jkeene@crweng.com
- **December 14 — Planning & Zoning Commission PUBLIC HEARING — Draft Municipal Code for Marijuana Establishments, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.**
Case No. 2015-0119 — This is an ordinance that would add new sections to Title 21 Municipal Code to enable marijuana establishments in certain zoning districts, and amend current Code to enable retail marijuana stores in the downtown (Central Business District).
To view the DRAFT ORDINANCE, go to:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Documents/MJ%20Ord%20PZC%20Draft%20with%20Exhibits.pdf>.
A TCC committee will be formed at the Dec. 3rd meeting, to review documents and provide recommendations.

- **December 16 — Fish Creek Parks Playground Community Advisory Group Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Spenard Recreation Center, West Conference Rm., 2020 W. 48th Ave.** Two parks located along Fish Creek — **Kiwanis Fish Creek Park and Barbara Street Park** — are slated for playground improvement projects next summer. An advisory group has been formed and had its first meeting Nov. 24th to discuss strengths and weaknesses of each park. Next meeting will include review of playground equipment concepts and developing consensus for designs. Goal is to present project proposals at TCC meeting January 7, 2016.
Info: Taylor Keegan, MOA Park Planner, 343-4518, keeganth@muni.org.
- **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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY 2016 NOTICES:

- **January 7 — 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
- **January 13 — Turnagain St. & Turnagain Blvd. Project Open House — Details TBA**
Info: CRW Civil Engineer Justin Keene, 646-5632, jkeene@crweng.com

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Cell Tower Revisions to Municipal Code**

On November 18th, the Assembly Community Economic and Development Committee referred a DRAFT ordinance of proposed Cell Tower Code Revisions to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration, including public notice requirements and height allowances in zoning districts. A P&ZC public hearing date will be announced soon. Committee Chair Demboski plans to introduce the ordinance to the Assembly on December 22nd, but will be asking for the **hearing to be delayed until February 23, 2016. A TCC Committee is being formed to review the ordinance and provide recommendations.**

To view the draft ordinance, go to:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Documents/Draft%20AO%20Telecommunications%20code%20revisions.pdf>

If you are interested in serving on the TCC Committee, contact: Cathy Gleason, 248-0442, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com.

Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing Notices:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/Boards/events/Pages/default.aspx>.

- **Lyn Ary Park Memorial Garden Appeals Hearing**

On November 17th, the Alaska Supreme Court held 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 2007, and thanks Assistant Municipal Attorney Robert Owens and other MOA legal staff for all their efforts on this case.**

- **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

- **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. This will be on the Dec. 3rd TCC agenda.

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.

- **Spenard Road Reconstruction Project — Hillcrest Dr. to 30th Ave.**

This Municipal road project is starting up again, after a conceptual 3-lane design (one lane in each direction with a two-way center left turn lane) was presented in 2011 as the best way to improve vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle safety. Improvements are expected to include a new road base, curb and gutter, storm drain, transit improvements, lighting upgrades, pedestrian crossing improvements and landscaping. Public meetings will be held, dates and times TBA.

Sign up to receive project notices and project information updates at: <http://www.midtownroads.com>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONGRATULATION to DANIELLE BAILEY for her appointment to the Planning & Zoning

Commission! She has served Turnagain Community Council well as TCC's 2015 President and we wish her all the best in her new position on this important advisory/decision-making body for the Municipality. Danielle will serve a three-year term.

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BUDGET PUBLIC INPUT

Provide your input at upcoming meetings, online and via email on what you value in public education and the ASD budget.

Meetings: Dec. 1 — Wendler Middle School; Dec. 9 — Mears Middle School; both 6-8 p.m.

Online: www.asdk12.org/budget

Email: schoolboard@asdk12.org

Anchorage School Board Public Hearings: Feb. 1 & Feb. 16, 2016; meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

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.