

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

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APRIL 2016 NOTICES:

- **April 7 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Turnagain Elementary School Library, 3500 W. Northern Lights Blvd.**
Info: TCC President Jonathan Tarrant, tccpresent@yahoo.com
- **April 11 — Victims for Justice Annual Tree Ceremony, Noon-2:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 725 W. 9th Ave.** The event will start at the church, then proceed to the Victims for Justice on the Park Strip. Every year, guests are invited to tie colored ribbons on the Tree of Life branches, to represent themselves or others who have been impacted by violent crime.
Info: Victims for Justice, info@victimsforjustice.org, 278-0977
- **April 12 — PUBLIC HEARING — Assembly Hearing Amending Municipal Code to Provide for Neighborhood Responsibility Planning for Marijuana Establishments, 6:00-11:00 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.** *(Please note: new, temporary Assembly chambers building entrance is farther west of the old first floor library entrance.)*
 AO 2016-27 — This ordinance would provide guidelines for community councils to be engaged with marijuana establishments located within their boundaries, including a process for resolution of any issues/problems/other concerns.

 On behalf of TCC, the Marijuana Committee provided written amended ordinance language, and raised questions regarding some of the proposals during testimony at the March 8th Assembly hearing. This resulted in the ordinance referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for further review and possible amendments.
Info: TCC Marijuana Committee Co-chairs: Anna Brawley, annab.brawley@gmail.com, 717-7073; Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442.
- **April 14 — PUBLIC HEARING — Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission Hearing on 2016 Work Program & 2017-2021 Five-Year Management Plan, 11:30 a.m., MOA Permit & Development Center, Conference Room 170, 4700 Elmore Rd.** TCC has traditionally submitted comments on these plans, as there is HLB land located within the TCC boundaries. **Approval of TCC comments will be on TCC's April 7th meeting agenda.**
Info: MOA Real Estate Department, 343-7533. The draft documents are available for public review at: <http://www.muni.org/departments/hlb/pages/default.aspx>
- **April 16 — Scoop-the-Poop Day, 11:00-3:00 p.m., Connors Bog and University Lake.** The Anchorage Waterways Council is holding this annual event to clean up after our four-legged friends. Bags, gloves, buckets, and cleanup tools will be provided — all you need are boots and enthusiasm! Thank you gifts will be given out.
Info: www.anchoragecreeks.org
- **April 18 — PUBLIC HEARING REOPENED — Planning & Zoning Commission on Municipal Code Cell Tower Revisions, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Chambers, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.** These revisions address, among other things, public notice requirements and height allowances and types in zoning districts. The P&ZC held its first public hearing February 1st. Based on testimony, they are still working with the Planning Dept. on ordinance revisions; the public hearing will be reopened April 18th to allow additional testimony. **TCC provided testimony and its resolution on the draft ordinance at the P&ZC hearing February 1st.**

To view the draft ordinance, go to:

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

- **April 19 — Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map Presentation & Workshop, 8:30-10:30 a.m., BP Energy Center, 900 E. Benson Blvd.** The Public Review/Community Discussion Draft of the Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map (LUPM) has been released and posted on the project website. **The TCC Committee is reviewing the draft LUPM and will provide recommendations for consideration.** See April 29th comment deadline announcement below for project info. websites.
- **April 21 — TCC Board Meeting, time & location TBA**
Info. and to confirm: TCC President Jonathan Tarrant, tccpresident@yahoo.com
- **April 22 — Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map Open House, 4:00-8:00 p.m., BP Energy Center, 900 E. Benson Blvd.** The Public Review/Community Discussion Draft of the Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map (LUPM) has been released and posted on the project website. **The TCC Committee is reviewing the draft LUPM and will provide recommendations for consideration.** See April 29th comment deadline announcement below for project info. sites.
- **April 27 — Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map Community-Wide Presentation, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Begich Middle School, 7440 Creekside Center Dr.** The Public Review/Community Discussion Draft of the Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map (LUPM) has been released and posted on the project website. **The TCC Committee is reviewing the draft LUPM and will provide recommendations for consideration.** See April 29th comment deadline announcement below for project info. sites.
- **April 28 — PUBLIC MEETING — Airport Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update Public Open House #3, 6:00 p.m., The Lakefront Anchorage (formerly The Millennium), 4800 Spenard Rd.** At the March 10th LHMP Update Advisory Group meeting, the Airport/project consultants presented their recommended Capital Improvement Program projects, and other recommended projects that would be paid with operating funds, to include in the 20-year LH Master Plan Update. This information will also be provided at the public open house April 28th. **Development of proposed projects in Turnagain Bog will be discussed at TCC's April 7th meeting.**
Info. & to join email list, receive meeting notices, and view the projects: www.lhdmasterplan.com.
Questions? Teri Lindseth, Airport Planning, 266-2544, teri.linseth@alaska.gov.
- **April 29 — PUBLIC COMMENT DEADLINE — Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map Project.** The Public Review/Community Discussion Draft of the Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map (LUPM) has been released and posted on the project website. **The TCC Committee is reviewing the draft LUPM and will provide recommendations for consideration.** Due to delayed release of some documents, community councils have requested an extension of the comment period to mid-May.
Anchorage Bowl LUPM website:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/default.aspx>
Info: MOA Planning Dept., Long-Range Planning Section, 343-7921
To join the TCC LUPM Committee, contact Committee Co-chairs:
Anna Brawley, annab.brawley@gmail.com, or Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442

MAY 2016 NOTICES:

- **May 5 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Turnagain Elementary School Library, 3500 W. Northern Lights Blvd.**
Info: TCC President Jonathan Tarrant, tccpresent@yahoo.com
- **May 5 — Anchorage Talks Transit Kickoff Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Anchorage Museum, 625 C St.** People Mover wants to hear from the public about transit priorities, such as Ridership or Coverage? Peak-First or All Day Service? Walking Distance to Bus Stops?
To join update mailing list and for info: www.PeopleMover.org/TransitTalks

- **May 12 — PUBLIC HEARING — Parks and Recreation Commission Hearing on Anchorage Trail Wayfinding Signage Design, 6:00 p.m., Spenard Recreation Center, 2020 W. 48th Ave.**
To view the wayfinding signage design options:
<http://anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/trails-initiative/signage-wayfinding-plan/>
Info: Trails@AnchorageParkFoundation.org
- **May 12-15 — Anchorage Waterways Council's Creek Cleanup 2016, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**
Choose a location and sign up a team in advance, or show up on **Saturday, May 14th**, at **University Lake or Westchester Lagoon** for supplies.

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **March 23rd WEST ANCHORAGE CANDIDATES FORUM a Success!** Along with four other West Anchorage community councils (North Star, Sand Lake, Spenard and Taku-Campbell) TCC co-sponsored this event, which featured School Board and West Anchorage Assembly candidates running in the April 5th Municipal Election. Attendees were provided information about ballot propositions and bonds at staffed tables before hearing both School Board, and then West Anchorage Assembly, candidates' positions on a variety of topics.
Thank you to all who helped make this event a success: event organizers, participating candidates, reps. from Anchorage Tomorrow, Anchorage Park Foundation and the Anchorage School District for providing bond and proposition information, greeters/set-up/clean-up helpers, those who provided refreshments; Spenard Recreation Center staff, and all who attended our event!
- **Anchorage Trail Wayfinding Signage Design/Park and Trail Icons**
In an effort to improve Anchorage trails for all users, the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Parks & Recreation Dept. are proposing wayfinding signage for major trails in town. March 25th was the deadline to provide input on three signage design options; TCC Committee members following this process, Cathy Gleason and Gloria Manni, submitted their likes and dislikes on the three options. **The next step is to provide comments/ideas for Turnagain park and trail icon designs, which will be on the April 7th TCC meeting agenda.**
Info: <http://anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/trails-initiative/signage-wayfinding-plan/>
- **DEC Permit Approved for Chemical Applications to Eradicate Elodea at Lake Hood & Spenard Lake**
At the April 4th Lake Hood User Group meeting, DNR Invasive Plant & Agriculture Pest Coordinator Heather Stewart provided an update on the effort to eradicate the Elodea plant at the Lake Hood Airport. Last year, after Elodea was discovered at Lake Hood, an emergency exemption was approved to apply two chemicals (Diquat and Flurodine) to the water last summer and fall. On March 24th, 2016, DEC approved a four-year application permit to the Airport for use of these chemicals, to continue Elodea eradication efforts in the Lake Hood/Spenard Lake waterbodies.
Info: Tim Coons, Lake Hood Seaplane Base Manager, tim.coons@alaska.gov, 266-2410
- **Airport 2016 Summer Construction Projects**
2016 Airport Construction Projects Map and associated project descriptions are now available.
Go to: www.anchorageairport.com
- **Kiwanis Fish Creek Park & Barbara St. Park Improvements**
The community advisory group met February 26th to discuss project plan details; another meeting to finalize designs will be held soon. **A resolution of support for the project was passed at the TCC January 7th meeting.**
Info: Taylor Keegan, MOA Park Planner, 343-4518, keeganth@muni.org
- **Fish Creek Trail to Ocean in Alaska Railroad Right of Way**
A multi-council/citizens working group is being formed (**that will include participation by TCC members**) to explore the possibility of a trail along Fish Creek between W. Northern Lights and the Coastal Trail. The group will likely meet approximately once per month for now, along with some side research conducted between meetings.
If you are interested in participating in the working group, contact: Meghan Holtan, holtan.meghan@gmail.com OR
Fill out the form linked at: <http://goo.gl/forms/l3Bp81JCK1>

- **Turnagain St. & Turnagain Blvd. Upgrades**

A project Open House was held January 13th, with Preliminary designs for both roads presented (materials are posted on the project website). TCC provided initial input in 2011. A Draft Design Study Report has now been done as well. Additional funding has been acquired for the final design study, detailed design, pre-construction tasks and right-of-way acquisition. NO CONSTRUCTION FUNDING HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED FOR EITHER PHASE. Construction for Turnagain Blvd. (Phase I) could start in 2017, while Turnagain St. (Phase II) may be several years out. *These two road projects are the highest ranked CIP road projects for TCC.* A project presentation was made to TCC at our Dec. 3rd meeting. *TCC committee project recommendations were presented and approved by the council at our February 4th meeting.*

Info: MOA PM&E Project Administrator, 343-8221, ManeyDC@ci.anchorage.ak.us or CRW Civil Engineer Justin Keene, 646-5632, jkeene@crweng.com

Project website: www.turnagainstreet.com

Submit comments at: comments@crweng.com

To join TCC Committee, contact: Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442

- **Fish Creek Trail Improvements Project Design Study**

This mile-long project includes upgrades to a southern section of Fish Creek Trail between 45th Ave. and the Taft St./W. Tudor Rd. intersection and a northern section between Kiwanis Fish Creek Park and Barbara Street Park. Trail upgrades include resurfacing trail, replacement of four Fish Creek bridges, replacement of lighting, minor improvements to the trail grade and alignment, and removal of select nearby trees and installation of root barriers to reduce future pavement damage caused by root intrusion. Design will continue through 2016, and construction is anticipated to begin summer 2017. *An overview of the project was presented at the Dec. 6th TCC meeting. A TCC Committee has been formed to review and provide comments/recommendations as soon as possible.*

To sign up for the TCC Committee: Please contact Cathy Gleason at cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442 if you would like to serve on the committee.

Project Info. www.anchoragetrailsrehab.com

- **Neighborhood Streets Qualifying for Traffic Calming Assistance**

The Municipality of Anchorage has released an updated list of streets that have qualified for traffic calming assistance. *TCC had submitted a list for consideration and two of the streets — McKenzie Dr. (from Aldren Cir. to Milky Way Dr.) and W. 33rd Ave. (from Turnagain St. to Wisconsin St.) — made the “Qualified Streets List.”* The full list of qualifying and “culled” street lists are posted on the TCC website.

- **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.**

A project Open House was held February 11th. In response to public comments, the proposed 4-foot bikeway will be upgraded to 5-foot bike lanes on both sides of the road through the entire length of the project. This is in addition to the 8-foot-wide multi-use pathway. Adjacent properties will be impacted, requiring acquisition of additional right-of-way. Updated preliminary design drawings showing the changes will be posted on the project website as soon as available. *THIS PROJECT WAS INCLUDED IN THE APRIL 5th BALLOT ROADS AND DRAINAGE PROPOSITION — WHICH WAS APPROVED BY ANCHORAGE VOTERS.*

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

To comment on the preliminary design, contact: Anne Brooks, Public Involvement Coordinator, comments.brooksalaska@gmail.com, 272-1877

Comments made during the Feb. 11th Open House can be viewed in the meeting summary document at: <http://www.midtownroads.com>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **2016 ANCHORAGE PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS:**

To research your Property Assessment Online: <http://www.muni.org/pw/public.html>

Muni Property Appraisal Division website:

http://www.muni.org/Departments/finance/property_appraisal/Pages/Default.aspx

- **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.

- **SIGN UP FOR 'BERKOWITZ BULLETIN':**

Mayor Ethan Berkowitz has a new newsletter called *Berkowitz Bulletin*.

Sign up to receive by email at: www.muni.org, then click on 'Mayor's Corner' on the home page, then click on the newsletter graphic on the right-hand side.

- **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.

- **ALASKA AIRPORTS AND AVIATION 2015 ANNUAL REPORT:**

The report highlights:

1. Message from Deputy Commissioner Binder Highlighting 2015 Successes and Challenges
2. Major Airport Projects
3. Alaska Aviation System Plan Accomplishments
4. Alaska International Airport System Business Report

Online: http://dot.alaska.gov/documents/aviation/2015Annual_Report.pdf

- **ANC WINTER NEWSLETTER:**

The Winter Edition of the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport's newsletter, The Air Times, has been released.

Access it at: www.anchorageairport.com, in the "News & Highlights" section.