

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC Vice President Cathy Gleason — as of April 27, 2016

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APRIL 2016 NOTICES:

- **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.** Airport/project consultants will present 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. *At the April 7th meeting, TCC reaffirmed our position to strongly oppose development in Turnagain Bog wetlands and associated uplands — including three proposed projects in the Draft LHMP Update (GA tie-down parking in wetlands west of Echo parking lot; GA tie-down parking and lease lots in wetlands/uplands east of the gravel strip; and a pedestrian pathway in wetlands east of the gravel strip, close to the Turnagain neighborhood).*
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. *Due to delayed release of some documents, the MOA Planning Dept. has extended its comment deadline for community councils to no later than May 27th. The TCC Committee is reviewing the draft LUPM and will provide recommendations for consideration at the TCC May 5th meeting.*
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
- **April 30 & May 7 — FREE Dump Days, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Anchorage Regional Landfill, 15500 E. Eagle River Loop Road.** Solid Waste Services will accept free loads at the regional land fill only; *the Central Transfer Station will be closed to all users on these two Saturdays.* Only residential waste is accepted for no fee during Free Dump Days. All loads must not exceed 1,000 lbs. and must be secured or covered to prevent littering in transit; uncovered loads will be subject to fines.
Info: info@anchoragechamber.org, 272-2401

MAY 2016 NOTICES:

- **May 1-7 — Anchorage Chamber Citywide Cleanup Week.** Official orange bags can be picked up at the customer service desk at Fred Meyer stores, with a limit of two bags per person. Use for trash you pick up along roads, in parks, along trails, etc. (NOT for household trash, yard waste or woodlot materials!) During Cleanup Week, drop off the bags FREE at the Central Transfer Station (closed on May 7th) or the Anchorage Regional Landfill. To be accepted without a fee, orange bags must be delivered separately from other waste.
Info: info@anchoragechamber.org, 272-2401
- **May 2 — Fish Creek Trail to Ocean Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Federation of Community Councils, 1057 W. Fireweed Ln.** A multi-council/citizens working group is exploring the possibility of a trail along Fish Creek between W. Northern Lights and the Coastal Trail.
Info: 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>

- **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, 6:30 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 9 — Planning & Zoning Commission NON-Public Hearing/ Deliberation on the Turnagain St. & Turnagain Blvd. Upgrade Design Study Report, 6:30 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.)*
Case No. 2016-0042 — Upgrades address drainage, and provides sidewalk/trail and landscaping. Turnagain Blvd. (1) and Turnagain St. (2) have been the top ranked TCC CIP road and drainage projects for several years. Project overview will be provided at the TCC May 5th meeting.
- **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 2016 Council's Creek Cleanup, 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.
Info: www.anchoragecreeks.org
- **May 19 — TCC Board Meeting, time & location TBA**
Info. and to confirm: TCC President Jonathan Tarrant, tccpresident@yahoo.com
- **May 24 — CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING — Assembly on Cell Tower Revisions to Municipal Code, 6:30 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.)*
These revisions address, among other things, public notice requirements and height allowances and types in zoning districts. On April 26th, the Assembly opened its public hearing on the draft ordinance (both the original draft and the (S) version); it has been continued to May 24th.
To view the draft ordinance, go to:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Documents/Draft%20AO%20Telecommunications%20code%20revisions.pdf>

JUNE 2016 NOTICES:

- **June 2 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., — PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION — Our Lady of Guadalupe, Lunney Center, 3900 Wisconsin St.**
Info: TCC President Jonathan Tarrant, tccpresent@yahoo.com
- **June 13 — PUBLIC HEARING — Planning & Zoning Commission Hearing on the Anchorage Land Use Plan Map Update (Public Hearing Draft), 6:30 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.)* After receiving comments on the Community Discussion Draft, the Planning Department will release a Public Hearing Draft, with a 21-day public comment period. The TCC Committee will be reviewing the public hearing draft after its release and will provide recommendations for consideration at the TCC June 2th meeting.
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<http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/default.aspx>
Info: MOA Planning Dept., Long-Range Planning Section, 343-7921

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PROJECT UPDATES:

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

Spring work is now resuming — expect nightly LANE RESTRICTIONS from 8:00 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, with extended working hours on weekends for underground work. 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.

- **W. Northern Lights Blvd. at Alaska Railroad Overpass Drainage Improvements**

The Draft Design Study Report has been released for review and comments. TCC has ranked this project as a high priority in our CIP list for several years. MOA Project Administrator Duane Maney will provide an overview of the project at the TCC May 5th meeting.

Info: maneydc@muni.org, 343-8221

To submit a comment: <http://www.wnorthernlightsdrainageimprovements.com>

- **Heritage Land Bank 2016 Work Program & 2017-2021 Five-Year Management Plan**

TCC submitted comments on these plans (approved at our April 7th meeting) as there is HLB land located within the TCC boundaries. Staff accepted some of TCC's plan amendments. On April 14th, the HLB Advisory Committee approved the draft plan, with staff amendments; recommendations will now be forwarded to the Assembly for final approval — no public hearing date has been set.

Info: MOA Real Estate Department, 343-7533

- **Neighborhood Responsibility Planning for Marijuana Establishments**

On April 12th, the Assembly passed an (S) version of the Marijuana Neighborhood Responsibility Planning ordinance (this addressed questions raised by the TCC Marijuana Committee in March on the original draft). This ordinance provides guidance for community councils and marijuana retail establishments to facilitate communication and resolve potential issues. The ordinance includes a template Memorandum of Understanding for councils.

Info: TCC Marijuana Committee Co-chairs: Anna Brawley, annab.brawley@gmail.com, 717-7073; Cathy Gleason, cathy.gleasantcc@yahoo.com, 248-0442.

- **2016 Park and Trail Projects in Turnagain**

The Anchorage Park Foundation/Parks Dept. released upcoming project info. for parks and trails the Turnagain neighborhood:

Upgraded Playground Equipment and other amenities:

Barbara Street Park

Kiwanis Fish Creek Park

Volunteer Events:

July 16th — Fish Creek Corridor Cleanup at Barbara Street Park
(focus on removal of invasive plant species/improving visibility)

September 10th — Kiwanis Fish Creek Park
Improvements Ribbon Cutting & Volunteer Tree Planting/Fix-It Day

Parks Receiving Challenge Grants:

Barbara Street Park

Coastal Trail Bridge Replacement:

Fish Creek Bridge

Sisson Loop Bridge

Info: Taylor Keegan, MOA Park Planner, 343-4518, keeganth@muni.org

- **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. **THIS PROJECT WAS INCLUDED IN THE APRIL 5th BALLOT ROADS AND DRAINAGE BOND — WHICH WAS APPROVED BY ANCHORAGE VOTERS. 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.anchoratrailsrehab.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.

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

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 BOND — WHICH WAS APPROVED BY ANCHORAGE VOTERS.**

- **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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **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 “ANCHORAGE 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.