

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC Vice President Cathy Gleason — as of June 2, 2016

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Check for updates on our webpage: www.communitycouncils.org

JUNE 2016 NOTICES:

- **June 1-15 — TSAIA Runway Closure.** The Airport will be performing maintenance on Runway 15 and 33 (north-south runway) from 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. During this time, all non-General Aviation traffic will utilize Runway 7 and 25. This will impact the public, as traffic patterns will vary over Anchorage depending on prevailing winds.
For questions, comments, or to track flights over your area, go to: www.anchorageairport.com
 - **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
- PLEASE NOTE: TCC will sponsor a Lyn Ary Park Memorial Garden Work Party sometime in June — date to be set at our June 2nd TCC meeting**
- **June 7 — PUBLIC HEARING — Assembly Hearing on 2016 Work Program & 2017-2021 Five-Year Management Plan, 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.)* (Resolution No. AR 2016-165) **TCC submitted comments approved at our April 7th meeting on these plans**, as there is HLB land located within the TCC boundaries.
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>
 - **June 16 — TCC Board Meeting, time & location TBA.**
Info. and to confirm: TCC President Jonathan Tarrant, tccpresident@yahoo.com
 - **June 21 — 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 was continued to May 24th, then continued again to June 21. The Assembly is holding a work session on this item on June 3rd.
To view the draft ordinance, go to:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Documents/Draft%20AO%20Telecommunications%20code%20revisions.pdf>

PLEASE NOTE:

TCC WILL NOT BE HAVING GENERAL MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST — Have a great Summer!
OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 1ST

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Upgrades to AWWU Pump Station 10 Landscaping**
Pump Station 10 along the Coastal Trail was constructed in 2009, and including landscaping surrounding the facility. **TCC provided fairly extensive input on the landscaping plan during the development of the project.** AWWU has announced they will upgrade and improve the deteriorating landscaping and ground cover this summer.
Info: Shawn Dooley, AWWU Civil Engineer II, 564-2786 or Paul Hatcher, AWWU Engineering Technician III/Real Estate Coordinator, 564-2721

- **Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map Update**

Based on the TCC Land Use Plan Committee recommendations, TCC will be submitting comments on the Community Discussion Draft; these will be presented at our June 2nd 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

- **Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update**

TCC submitted comments on the Draft Plan, including the motion we passed at our April 7th meeting:

“Turnagain Community Council strongly opposes development projects located in Turnagain Bog land at the Airport, specifically the three projects identified in the [LHMP] Draft Plan:

- ⇒ *Tie-down GA parking and lease lot/tie-down space east of the Lake Hood gravel strip runway [identified as CIP Projects 10A, 10B, and 10C in the draft];*
- ⇒ *Proposed trail east of the gravel strip near the Turnagain residential boundary [identified as Other Project J]; and*
- ⇒ *The tie-down GA parking lot west of the existing Echo tie-down parking lot [identified as Other Project K].”*

A Draft Report and Airport Layout Plan will be drafted this summer, with a Public Review Draft released in Sept.; Final Plan projected to be released in Nov./Dec. timeframe.

Info. & to join email list and receive meeting notices: www.lhdmasterplan.com.

Questions? Teri Lindseth, Airport Planning, 266-2544, teri.linseth@alaska.gov.

- **Trail Wayfinding Signage Design**

On May 12th, the Parks and Recreation Commission approved trail wayfinding signage design “Option 4,” for placement along the major trails, and other locations, in Anchorage. According to the Anchorage Park Foundation, “Option #4 incorporates the best components from the original three designs in terms of aesthetics, functionality, and maintenance concerns.” TCC members provided testimony at the hearing.

To view the wayfinding signage design Alternative 4:

<http://anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/trails-initiative/signage-wayfinding-plan/>

- **Turnagain St. & Turnagain Blvd. Upgrade Design Study Report**

On May 9th, the Planning & Zoning Commission approved the Turnagain St. & Turnagain Blvd. Design Study Report, which addresses drainage, and provides sidewalk/trail and landscaping along the roads. Improvements to Turnagain Blvd. will be Phase 1 of the project, with construction dependent on funding acquisition. TCC submitted a list of recommendations for the Design Study Report — most were incorporated into the report by the P&ZC at the meeting. At our May 5th meeting, TCC voted to rank Turnagain Blvd. our highest priority CIP roads and drainage project, with Turnagain St. ranked third.

Info: Mark Kimerer, mkimerer@bettisworthnorth.com, 561-5780

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

Beginning Monday, June 6, expect nightly LANE RESTRICTIONS and CONSTRUCTION RELATED NOISE on Northern Lights Blvd. and Benson Blvd. between Lake Otis Parkway and the New Seward Hwy from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., until Thursday June 9, due to milling operations. Then, beginning Monday, June 13, nightly work will resume through Thursday, June 16, to complete paving of the area. The remaining problematic curb ramps are being demolished and reconstructed on Northern Lights Blvd. and Benson Blvd. Walkers and bicyclers should follow construction signs for pedestrian DETOUR routes.

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. An overview of the project was presented at the TCC May 5th meeting.

Info: maneydc@muni.org, 343-8221

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

- **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 to Ocean Working Group**

A multi-council/citizens working group is exploring the possibility of a trail along Fish Creek between W. Northern Lights and the Coastal Trail. The group sponsored a cleanup of the Fish Creek estuary as part of the Anchorage Waterways Council's Creek Cleanup. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED BEAUTIFY THE AREA ON MAY 14TH!**

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>

- **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.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.

- **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 "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.