
TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting | March 3, 2022, | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Chaired by Anna Brawley, TCC President

WELCOME & APPROVE AGENDA, MINUTES

- The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Approximately 24 - 30 people (members and guests) attended.
- Rules for membership: must be 18 or older. Must live or own property in Turnagain. Turnagain attendees are considered voting members the evening of their first meeting.
- Zoom Guidelines: All attendees must sign in with their first and last name and designation of member or guest. When not speaking or presenting, keep personal microphones on Mute. Use the “Raise Hand” function on your Zoom screen if you wish to speak. Please be brief, respectful and relevant to the subject at hand.
- The March agenda was reviewed.
 - Motion by Cathy Gleason to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jon Isaacs.
 - Vote: no objection. Agenda approved.
- The January 13, 2022 and February 3, 2022 meeting minutes were approved as submitted, with the understanding that remaining typos would be corrected.
 - Jon Isaacs moved to approve February 3, 2022 minutes. Jackie Armstrong seconded.
 - Vote: no objection. Minutes approved. Final minutes will be posted on TCC website.
- **Announcements:** Anna Brawley and Cathy Gleason made general announcements. *See flyer available as a handout in the meeting and on the TCC website.*

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

- **Spring 2022 West Anchorage Candidates Forum:** Thursday, March 10, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please contact TCCPresident@yahoo.com to volunteer. Candidates Forum is projected to be scheduled for a date in March, 2022. West Anchorage candidates as well as School Board candidates. Thanks to all volunteers.
- Special Meeting Monday, March 7, 2022. Rep from MOA will speak about proposed land sale in Turnagain.
- New Meeting Time for TCC. Meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. on April 7, 2022.
- **FCC Delegate Report.** Assembly, AMATS 2050 Metropolitan Long Range Transportation Plan and public process; challenge grants from Anchorage Park Foundation; updates on planning projects (Title 21 - changes to parking requirements, tracked by TCC Land Use Committee); Highway to Highway Mobility Plan (Seward to Glenn Highway Mobility Study); school bonds. Committees, MOA elections about ballot tracking, reapportionment. Ballot Tracks - presentation on TCC agenda for tonight. MOA Reapportionment (to be covered in tonight’s Assembly Report.)
- **Tracking Traffic Safety Issues.** Still working various traffic safety issues. Gathering information; TCC will reach out to MOA after the April election. Working on Forest Park. West Northern Lights. Possibility of Safe Routes to Schools Committee reconvening. Capital Improvement Projects submitted to our legislators.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- **Liz Edwards, MOA Election - Guest speaker.** MOA partnering with “BallotTrax.” Better communications; more peace of mind. Faster communication with voters. Alerts and updates on your ballot. Please see the handout at www.anchoragevotes.com to sign up. Make sure your sign-up name matches your name on your voter registration. For further information, go to muni.org elections for instructions on how to sign up. Eighteen drop-boxes throughout the MOA. Go to voter information tab on muni.org for a map. No confidential information shared with Ballot Tracks. MOA has signed a confidentiality agreement with the State of Alaska, stating that MOA will not share confidential information

with BallotTrax. Only “public” information is released; for example, zip code; only part of date of birth. Call Voter Hotline at 907-243-VOTE or send an email to elections@anchorageak.gov.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- **Sen. Mia Costello — Represented by Melody Wolford, Aide to Sen. Costello**
 - Please contact Sen. Costello at (907) 269-0117, or senator.mia.costello@akleg.gov. Sen. Costello welcomes all input.
 - Today was the deadline for capital project submission. Impacts to Turnagain neighborhood. Turnagain St. upgrade: major upgrade. Alaska Railroad Overpass drainage improvements along Northern Lights Blvd. Also: Bleacher and diving board upgrades for schools.
 - **Question: Pat Redmond.** What is the status of bill updating voter regulations, specifically regarding Permanent Fund Voter Registration option? Inserted in bill because Legislature wants to change it to an opt-in/opt-out system, rather than automatically registering people to vote. PFD applications have the most accurate contact information for voters. Ms. Redmonds feels that procedure should be kept at automatic voter registration upon filing for a PFD, rather than an opt-in option.
 - **Ms. Wolford:** Sen. Costello will be keeping an eye on all of these issues.
 - **Question: Cathy Gleason.** Recommend making voter registration automatic unless someone wants to opt-out of registering to vote.
 - **Ms. Wolford:** will pass along to Sen. Costello.
- **Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson**
 - Happy Women’s History Month.
 - Public safety policy change bill. Senate Floor tomorrow for a second hearing. Vote will take place next week.
 - Please contact Sen. Gray-Jackson at (907) 465-4930, or sen.elvi.gray-jackson@akleg.gov. Her website also lists her current committees.
- **Rep. Matt Claman**
 - **Three big issues:** 1) State operating budget. House Finance Committee now working on the operating budget. Public testimony available later this week and this weekend. “With a significant increase in oil prices, it looks like we will be able to pass the Budget without over-drawing the Percent of Market Value (POMV) spending cap that is established for Permanent Fund earnings.” 2) Announcement from House yesterday states that the proposed Budget will include a \$1300.00 “Energy Relief” addition, which is somewhat similar to the \$1200.00 energy relief during the Palin administration. 3) A big policy issue is whether or not to approve the Governor’s proposed split of Dept. of Health and Human Services into two separate departments. Memos from Legislative Legal Services indicate that this proposal probably violates some of the Separation of Powers issues, so there is “a fair bit of concern” about whether or not to allow the split proposed by the Governor. Rep. Claman’s concerns include the Governor’s plan to hire executives without a long-term plan about how to improve services, particularly for children and others in need. Another concern is that this is an issue that should be taken up earlier in a governor’s administration rather than during an election year. 4) Governor’s proposed settlement of the Alaska Psychiatric Institute lawsuit brought by doctors of API, regarding the loyalty oath letter Gov. Dunleavy required all State employees to sign once he took office. Finding by Federal Court states that Gov. Dunleavy is personally liable to pay damages. Gov Dunleavy is not paying; he is asking the State to pay damages. Getting a fair bit of discussion and debate in legislative sessions. Wait and see. 5) Anchorage Caucus will be sometime in April.

- **Question: Jonathan Galin.** Regarding the Ambler Road and the West Susitna Road, how much of that is on the legislature's plate?
 - Rep. Claman. Funding on Ambler Road is coming from AIDEA (Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority). Rep. Claman, among others in the Legislature, is "very concerned" about the project. A concern is that AIDEA "a somewhat independent agency," but is more of a part of the executive branch of government, rather than a non-partisan agency. Some legislation proposed last year relating to a "Green Bank" for conservation projects. Part of the discussion was to make some changes to AIDEA board membership so that terms of membership wouldn't be subject to the whim of the Governor, but that legislation has not yet passed. Legislature can ask questions, but AIDEA has "a certain amount of autonomy." Regarding West Susitna Project, some money came in last year as part of Budget negotiations. Rep. Claman did not support it. It came out in a budget compromise to be funded at less than the governor asked for, but funds are still available. Rep. Claman is aware of the contentious nature of this subject. Legislature is currently focused on Operating Budget. West Susitna Project will probably be a Capital Budget item.

ASSEMBLY REPORT | KAMERON PEREZ-VERDIA AND AUSTIN QUINN-DAVIDSON

- **Austin Quinn-Davidson— BallotTrax.** Ms. Quinn-Davidson urges voters to use this new system.
 - **Bonds Fact Sheets.** See <https://www.muni.org/Departments/budget/Pages/Bonds-Pror-Fact-Sheets.aspx> Good Bond package, including:
 - Fish Creek Daylighting Feasibility Study. TCC and Spenard CC.
 - Roads and Drainage Bond. Includes Lois Dr. at Aquarian Charter School and into Spenard.
 - **Reapportionment.** Reapportionment process is moving along. Reapportionment will not be complete prior to the April 2022 Municipal election; finalization of new boundaries and new Assembly seat will take place later in the year. The majority of changes will impact Downtown, east Anchorage, Eagle River and Chugiak. Choices have been narrowed down to one possible map. Final decision is March 23, 2022.
 - Still hearing from community and looking at Map 11, Version 2. To view this map, go to: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/ReapportionemntCommittee/Documents/2022-0228%20Updated%20Reapportionment%20Timeline/pdf>
 - Ms. Quinn-Davidson and Mr. Perez-Verdia want to amend this map to have Forest Park and West High remain in the Turnagain District.
- **Kameron Perez-Verdia.**
 - Also in bond: Traffic Calming.
 - Now that we are down to consideration of only one map, some in Turnagain are concerned that we are limited regarding any changes that can be made before final vote on reapportionment. Assembly is trying to create a map that is fair to all.
 - Body Cameras. Moving forward with policy for body cams. Hope to finalize within the next two weeks. Still to do: negotiate with union; order equipment; train APD officers in use of body cams. Working hard as Chair of Public Safety Committee to move this issue forward.
 - **Comment: Pat Redmond.** 1) While the in-house audience at Assembly meetings can be small, many are watching from home. Would like to call in from home, but appreciates that people can sign up to comment the day before the meeting. "You are being watched!" Thanks for making at-home viewing possible.

- Ms. Quinn-Davidson recommended sending an email to her during the Assembly meetings. Mr. Perez-Verdia agreed that email is very useful during Assembly meetings.
- **Question**. Steve Montooth. Please explain traffic calming. Have the bonds gone through?
 - Mr. Perez-Verdia — Approximately \$1 million put into bond issue. Vetoed by Mayor. Overridden by Assembly. What Mr. Perez-Verdia is hearing from people is that whether it's speed bumps or stop signs, there are ways to slow traffic down or divert it. Drivers are speeding in Turnagain and Sand Lake. Conditions produced by unsafe, speeding drivers. Bonds are part of the MOA bonds package as part of an effort to control traffic in areas where people are driving unsafely.
- **Question**. Jon Isaacs. Reapportionment map shows everything west of Minnesota being in west Anchorage. What is the boundary for Forest Park?
 - Ms. Quinn-Davidson — Map 11 V. 2 is the one map left, as of Tuesday night. That map has west Anchorage's Assembly district's boundary that does not include Forest Park or West Anchorage. Working on trying to get that area back into west Anchorage district.
 - **Comment**. Stephanie Quinn-Davidson. Boundary is Fish Creek Estuary; proposed district includes both sides of Forest Park Dr.
- **Comment**. Cathy Gleason. When traffic calming comes into play, \$1 million may sound like a lot, but not every neighborhood is chosen for a feasibility study. Great idea in concept, but not every road or neighborhood will qualify. But, "let's be optimistic."
- **Questions**. Dan Gleason, to Ms. Quinn-Davidson. Concern about Assembly candidate Liz Vasquez political sign in the right of way at Turnagain St and Northern Lights. Illegal location. Can Austin look into it?
 - Ms. Quinn-Davidson: Noticed sign on Muni property. Already reported. Austin believes the sign is in the State Right-of-Way.
 - Anna Brawley: who do we contact about illegal signs?
 - Rep. Claman: file State requests with DOT for signs in State right-of-way.
 - Mr. Perez-Verdia: some are State lands and some are MOA lands. The State is actively involved, but it hard to tell if it's a Muni call or State.
 - Pat Redmond believes it is a State property. Permits are required for placement of signs in State Right-of-Way.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT / CARL JACOBS, ASD SCHOOL BOARD

- **Board passed FY 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget.** Vote was 6-1. Only amendment: ASD Board members Wilson and Jacobs advocated and obtained funding for mental health supports and programming.
- **Two Contracts with Anch. Teachers' Assoc and Totem were adopted "overwhelmingly."** Both agreements are three years in length and take effect retroactively to when the previous contracts expired.
- **Superintendent search.** National search; application period is closed. 23 qualified individuals. Smaller number will be selected for interview. Opportunity for public participation. Survey conducted (1600 respondents). Significant public input.
- **Bonds.** Bond proposal passed. Two-year package on ballot in April. It is a two-year proposition that benefits 25 of our schools across the ASD. Bond includes plans to replace the Inlet View Elementary School building and focuses heavily on safety and security improvements, roof replacements and restoration. Bond amount: just over \$111 million. Under the amount we need to bring down maintenance items. A common question is added tax potential of the new bond. Tax increase is approximately \$24.75 per \$100,000.00 of home value. Bond links and flyer are available at <https://go.boarddocs.com/ak/asdk12/board.nsf/Public>
- **ASD Spring Lottery.** Opened on February 1, 2022. Applications are open for charter and other lottery-based schools.

- **Revised ASD Newsletter.** Check with your neighborhood school for events. Activities can also be tracked on the ASD website or on ASD social media networks.
 - **Question:** Rosemary Borchardt. What reading program is used by ASD for elementary schools? How does Anchorage or Alaska rank nationally in reading?
 - Mr. Jacobs: 1) Will send a link to curriculum page. More than one reading program used. 2) No statistics with him tonight. He will follow up.
 - **Question:** Nial Ferguson. Does the School Board have any comment about protections covered under Children's Online Protection Act? ASD posts on social media images of school children captured in school settings. Unclear whether or not children or parents consented to be photographed.
 - Mr. Jacobs. Not familiar with that piece of legislation. ASD has an authorization for families to sign for use of photographs of children or family members. No reason to believe that ASD isn't complying, but reach out to me, if you wish. or contact ASD Main Office.

AIRPORT REPORT | JOHN JOHANSEN

- See Airport updates on the handout provided at the meeting or online at: www.anchorageairport.com
- Vaccines are still available at the airport for those over the age of 12. Airport Community Outreach Plan is currently under review. Please see the link at www.anchorageairport.com. Share your comments and suggestions to Terry Lindseth by March 18, 2020. Summer airline schedule: regular carriers will supply additional service. Eurowings Discovery to Frankfurt. Ultra low cost Canadian airline, Flair, to fly to Vancouver B.C. and back. Far East Russian service was planned, but cancelled - not because of the conflict in Ukraine. Busy construction year coming up. Community councils will receive a list of planned repairs. Passenger pick-up area. On-going project through the summer. Airport continues to encourage people to use Cell Phone Parking Lot when waiting to pick up travelers, especially during on-going construction. Lots of jobs are available at the airport. Check the airport's web page. Be careful at the Lake and Seaplane Base. Please keep your family and pets off of these areas. Contact Megan Peters, Airport Communication Coordinator at: megan.peters@alaska.gov. Lease applications: nothing new to report. Two of the five developments: UPS north of North Air Park and Fedex. Neither has signed a lease; both are running up against their deadlines to sign leases. Airport is not sure whether or not either entity is going to move ahead.
 - **Question:** Dan Gleason. ADEC luncheon, Fedex president was the keynote speaker. He said that Fedex was planning a \$200 million expansion with 12 more tie-downs at Anchorage International Airport. They haven't signed a lease, but they have approved \$200 million?
 - Mr. Johansen. They have been talking about leasing the property across from the Airport Office. To make Alaska Region Hub, for smaller jets. This would free up property on Fedex's existing lease.
 - Ms. Peters. She is aware of comments made at the meeting, but with no signed lease, nothing can be released by the Airport. Fedex must answer those questions.
 - Mr. Johansen. To his knowledge, they have never planned any development. What their plans are for their existing leases, Mr. Johansen has no information.
 - Sara Haley. The twelve spots already exist. They will be remodeled, but no new tie-downs are planned.
 - **Question:** Jonathan Galin. 1) When is Lakeshore Drive slated for improvements? 2) T-Hangars. What is happening with them? 3) South Air Park. Any new Leasees? Is anything happening with the air park at the south end of the airport?
 - Mr. Johansen: Lakeshore Dr. is slated for summer of 2023. 2) T-hangar project: developer is still evaluating feasibility. Wetlands to consider there. Project on hold. 3) Former Kulis area—all buildings over there are leased or sold, with exception of 1950s-era hangar. That building will come down to make room for an east-west parallel taxiway. Hangar is too high relative to an east-west runway. Slated for next few years.
 - **Question:** Nial Williams. 1) \$650 million for the State with federal infrastructure plan. Any development contracts awarded should be public. Bidding, negotiation should be public. 2) Why limiting things to Fedex for expansion? Other vendors available. 3) How many foreign

governments hold land at the airport and how many people who are not American citizens are employed or have airport privileges at the airport?

Mr. Johansen - 3) Beyond his area of knowledge. 1) Infrastructure contracting must follow State of Alaska (SOA) procurement rules. 2) UPS, DHL operate on the airport in addition to Fedex. Public notice was put out for competitive process. No one else stepped up.

Question: Cathy Gleason - Lots of concern about Charlie parking tie-down slips being moved to wetlands. Provide an update, please.

Mr. Johansen - No change in status. Preliminary plan and draft EA for public comment no earlier than August 2022.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS — AS ALWAYS, CONTACT TCC (TCCPRESIDENT@YAHOO.COM) IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY TIC COMMITTEES.

NEW BUSINESS

Special TCC Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022, 6:00p.m. 8:00 p.m. - Land disposal of land on southern side of W. Northern Lights and Turnagain/Barbara St. Cathy Gleason and Anna Brawley testified and ask for more information. Assembly has postponed until Assembly meeting on March 15, 2022.

Reapportionment Process: Cathy Gleason.

Please see comments under Assembly Report. Ratification of comments to Assembly on behalf of TCC Board. Draft resolution for approval.

Cathy Gleason. TCC Board looked at map. TCC Board felt that Map 11, V.2 was the best for TCC, although they want to see West High School and Forest Park put back into District 3.

Stephanie Quinn-Davidson moved to extend the meeting to 9:15 p.m. Dan Gleason seconded. No objections.

Anna Brawley. TCC must vote to ratify retroactively our comments, and to approve the resolution regarding reapportionment.

Cathy Gleason moved that TCC ratify the TCC Board comments to Assembly on March 1, 2022, as well as pass the proposed resolution that reflects those comments given previously. Pat Redmond seconded.

Dan Gleason moved to waive reading the resolution.

Anna Brawley clarified that the resolution would refer to A02022S-1.

For - 21. Against - 0. Abstained - 0

Resolution Passed 21-0.

Second Resolution — Ryan Swalling

West Anchorage Little League. Develop and name areas of Lynary Park and the Marston Fields. Presentation and approval. Six signs total within installation.

Pat Redmond moved to approve the Resolution to approve the wording on the signage. Dave Weir seconded.

Yes - 18. No - 0.

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Approved 18 - 0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN - DAN GLEASON.

Second - Pat Redmond. No objections.

CLOSING

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.
- **Next meeting: Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

Minutes prepared and submitted by Secretary Kathleen Bielawski on 03/21/22.

*If you have corrections or edits to this document, please submit them to tccpresident@yahoo.com by the Monday before the next Council meeting: **Monday, April 4, 2022.***

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