
TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting | April 7, 2022 | 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Zoom meeting

Chaired by Anna Brawley, TCC President

WELCOME & APPROVE AGENDA, MINUTES

- The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. About 30-35 people (members and guests) attended.
- The April agenda was reviewed.
 - Motion by Cathy Gleason to approve the agenda. Second by Jackie Armstrong.
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- TCC Regular Meeting Minutes March 3, 2022 were reviewed
 - Motion by Jackie Armstrong to approve the minutes. Second by Dan Gleason.
- TCC Special Meeting Minutes March 7, 2022
 - Motion by Cathy Gleason. to approve the minutes. Second by Jackie Armstrong.
- **Announcements:** See flyer available as a handout in the meeting and on the TCC website.
 - A reminder that the new TIP list is out and available. Public comments will be accepted until May 5, 2022.
 - Redistricting Public hearings
 - Next Assembly meeting is Tuesday, April 12
 - Guest Appearance: Lexi Smith (JBER): also lives in Turnagain. Contact info is in the chat. Arctic Thunder open house is here July 30 and 31
 - JBER contact information: JBER.PA@us.af.mil, 551-8996
 - Guest Appearance: Rachel Morse (Chugach Electric): The Chugach election is coming up. Election information is in the most recent maier from the utility. The in-person Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2022. Consider inviting candidates to the next TCC meeting in May. Annual meeting and election info may be found at <https://www.chugachelectric.com/media/annual-meeting-election>
 - Rachel's contact info: rachelm@chugachboard.com

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

- **Mark your calendar** – TCC meetings now start at 6:30 p.m. (starting tonight)
- **FCC report** – Cathy Gleason is the FCC delegate. The FCC met on March 16
 - Cathy Gleason and Anna Brawley attended
 - Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month.
 - Topics discussed at the meeting: MOA Election, training (missed the rest of this)
 - The FCC will meet again on April 15 at 6:00 p.m. Guests are welcome to attend. The FCC meetings are via Zoom.
- **Anchorage Equal Rights Commission Presentation** by Megan Moffitt
 - AERC is meant to investigate allegations of discrimination in the municipality. Protected classes include race, color, religion, sex, age, marital status, gender identity, etc.
 - PPT presentation is shared on the screen; will be posted to the TCC website. (missed the rest of this)
 - Megan's contact info: Megan.Moffitt@anchorageak.gov

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- **Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson**
 - Bill status updates: SB7 is moving through and may pass. SBXX was passed by the Senate and is now in the House. SB57 (sex education in schools) and is scheduled to be heard XXXXX. SB222 will be voted on the Senate Floor tomorrow, April 8
 - DHSS is going to be split into two departments Department of Family Services and Department of Health
 - April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Urges Alaskans to commit to a safe Alaska.

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- Written report was submitted and is on the TCC website
- Please contact her at (907) 465-4930, or sen.elvi.gray-jackson@akleg.gov.
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Karrsen: can you tell us a little bit about the agencies/committees that handle rare earth metals (mining and resource development). I can't answer that question because I don't sit on those types of committees. Karrsen: I'll email my question*
- **Rep. Matt Claman**
 - House is currently in session and unable to attend.
 - Written report was submitted and is on the TCC website
 - Please contact his office at (907) 465-4919, or rep.matt.claman@akleg.gov.
- **Rep. Harriet Drummond**
 - House is currently in session and unable to attend.
 - Please contact her at (907) 465-3875; rep.harriet.drummond@akleg.gov.
- **Senator Mia Costello, staff Katie McCall**
 - Staff Katie McCall representing Sen. Costello, gives the report
 - House is on the Floor and have been for days debating the budget.
 - SB234 (setting up an office of Broadband)
 - Please contact her at (907) 269-0117, or senator.mia.costello@akleg.gov.

ASSEMBLY REPORT | KAMERON PEREZ-VERDIA

- **Alexander Kelly, staff to KPV (KPV is traveling)**
 - **MOA Election** results are still coming in.
 - **Reapportionment** latest draft includes Forrest Park and West High: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/PressReleases/Assembly%20Press%20Releases/2022-0324%20Anchorage%20Assembly%20Adopts%20New%20District%20Map%20and%20Boundaries.pdf>
 - **Masscare Exit Plan** latest plan is on the MOA website. MOA purchased the Sockeye Inn (CSS will run it); Barrett Inn is not cost-effective - MOA has identified a new location, but Kameron Perez-Verdia hasn't been told where yet. Tudor and Elmore
 - **ARPA** Assembly has distributed \$410m (think I missed this total)
- **Questions and Comments**
 - *Cathy asks what is being done to mitigate fraud, theft, and scams. Alex will get back to Cathy on this.*

ASSEMBLY REPORT | AUSTIN QUINN-DAVIDSON

- **Genea Luteria**, staff to Austin Quinn-Davidson
 - Nothing new to report that Alex hasn't already shared

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD REPORT | MARGO BELLAMY

- Not available to attend due to deliberations regarding hiring the new Superintendent. Shared a written report in advance.

AIRPORT REPORT | JOHN JOHANSEN

- John Johansen is not online
- **Megan Peters giving the report** and is now the monthly contact for community councils. Her email is megan.peters@alaska.gov
- **Construction:** take care when driving around the airport.
- *See Airport updates on the handout provided at the meeting or online at: www.anchorageairport.com or on the TCC website*
- **International flights** are back again in May. Between Frankfort and ANC, Vancouver and ANC
- **Lake Hood Seabase** is closely monitoring the ice conditions
- **COVID testing** is no longer offered in the airport

- **Public Notices** are also sent out by “gov delivery.” Additional public comments may be submitted at <https://ancairport.com/we-want-to-hear-from-you/>
- **Airport cleanup** is getting underway
- **Runway 13/42** (the airstrip) will start getting rehabbed in early May, will take about 2 weeks to prep for the season
- **April federal mask mandate is in effect until April 18**
- **Questions and Comments**
 - Jackie Armstrong Airport maintenance does a great job
 - Leslie D: what is the status of public comment on filling in wetland near Lake airstrip putting in new tie downs and bike path extension in the wetland?
 - Carolyn: how can people sign up for “gov delivery.” Megan will put this info in the chat (service.govdelivery.com/accounts/AKDOT/subscriber/new) Cathy comment: this info is also in the announcements and on the TCC website
 - The airport update is located on the TCC website

NEW BUSINESS

- **Report: Relocating Lake Hood GA parking/Traffic Control Tower, Turnagain Bog E. of gravel strip**
 - Cathy Gleason provided an update.
 - **Questions and Comments**
 - Jon Isaacs comment this really needs our attention at the Land Use Committee. Cathy concurs.
 - Megan stresses that no final decisions have been made. Please send your comments to the airport.
- **Presentation: Muni Solid Waste Services Community Compost Program, Shaina Kilcoyne**
 - Curbside Composting program is back and runs from May 2 through Oct 28. This is to dispose of yard waste and food scraps, keeping these materials out of the landfill and thereby extending the life of the landfill. The program runs once a week. This is the pink cart/garbage cans. Only change this year: MOA is not able to offer finished compost. Would like to offer it, but cannot at the moment due to it not being cost-effective.
 - Must be a SWS customer to sign up for this service.
 - Residents who are not SWS customers can still drop off food scraps to the Central Transfer Station.
- **Capital Improvement Project (CIP), Form CIP Committee to recommend '23 priorities**
 - Proposal to form the CIP Committee to review and recommend 2023 priorities.
 - Motion by Cathy Gleason to create the CIP Committee for the purpose of meeting and coming up with recommendations for review/approval at the May meeting. Second by Jackie Armstrong. No objections.
 - If anyone is interested, you may email the TCC president or put your name and email in the chat.
- **Airport Communications Plan, Ratify board comments submitted 3/18/22**
 - Cathy Gleason gives background remarks re: the plan. Our previous comments have not made it into the plan. The ask is for the comments to be accepted and seriously considered.
 - Motion by Jon Isaacs to ratify the comments. Second by Jackie Armstrong. Motion passes 9-0.
 - **Questions and Comments**
 - Anna:
 - Loren Leman: suggests that anywhere it says development and improvement... that we include the word “traffic”. Point is to include this wording to encourage the new Director to have a heart towards the neighborhood and to take the neighborhood into consideration when it comes to traffic, specifically. Reminds TCC members that the airport should consider the neighborhood (traffic and otherwise) Anna Brawley: this is a good reminder for all.

- *Cathy Gleason will the airport let us know if/when our comments are incorporated. Please pass our comments along.* Megan: will follow up on this. She is not aware of what action if any has been taken and will be in touch with Cathy.
- *Loren Lehman would like to meet with Megan re: the neighborhood and the airport to give background and historical perspective.* Megan is open to a meeting and will email Loren to set something up.
- *Jon Isaacs: with Craig Campbell as the interim director, it would be nice to meet with him.* Megan: Craig has been good about making himself available to community councils. This is something we can explore. Would be helpful to have an agenda in advance, or questions in advance to properly prepare for a meeting. *Jon: we should consider this. Anna: yes. Cathy: there is a long list of things that would be appropriate to talk about with Craig.* Megan suggests that meetings be topic-specific and narrow and encourages prioritizing those topics.
- **Heritage Land Bank 2022 Work Program, Approve TCC (Board) comments**
 - Cathy Gleason reviews the document and offers background and context. Our comments are due tomorrow, April 8.
 - Motion by **Jackie Armstrong** to approve the the HLB 2022 Work Program. Second by **Jon Isaacs**. Motion passes 14-0.
 - **Questions and Comments**
 - *Loren: who created/drafted these comments?* Cathy says she drafts the comments. *Loren hopes that the Salvation Army is able to continue with their improvements at the Clitheroe Center.* Cathy notes that TCC has long supported the Clitheroe Center.
- **Title 21: Parking Requirements & Site Access, Approve TCC (Land Use) comments**
 - Jon Isaacs reviews the document and offers background and context. Purpose of the document is to work towards more affordable housing in the MOA. Next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is April 11
 - Motion by **Cathy Gleason** to approve the Land Use Committee recommendations with regard to Tile 21 amendments re: parking requirements and site access. Second by **Sandy Rabinowitch**. **Discussion is below in the comments. Motion passes 15-0.**
 - **Questions and Comments**
 - *Loren: have you brought Tom David and First Name Davis?* Jon, yes, we've had a number of discussions with Tom at our meetings and he concurs that changes need to be made. There's been some back and forth about this topic. These comments are about unresolved issues. The issues with on-street parking are exacerbated in the winters due to a lack of on-site parking. Doesn't help that on-street parking issues are not enforced. *Loren: one size doesn't fit all when it comes to the parking.* Jon - if it's broadly applied, there can/will be some issues.
 - *Dan agrees with Jon re: case by case. The snow piled up in his cul-de-sac was an issue that impacted on-street parking. This issue should be looked at holistically*
 - *Kevin Berry - case-by-case basis is really important to stress. Lots of Economic development plans that focus on Downtown and more housing density works for downtown, but not really for the rest of the MOA. Adjusting rules/regs on a case-by-case basis makes a lot of sense.* Jon Isaacs suggests including language at the end of the comments. Kevin suggests acknowledging the case-by-case basis, while encouraging and acknowledging the need for density and growth.
 - *Anna: Jon will finalize the draft based on TCC's discussion*

OLD BUSINESS

- Update: Proposed Disposal of Muni Parcels along West Northern Lights at Turnagain St.
 - Anna updates. There was a TCC Special Meeting on March 7. TCC asked for postponement on this item until October. Anna testified at the March 15 Assembly meeting. Assembly chose to postpone action on the item until the first meeting in June

with the understanding that TCC would hold a meeting to discuss this issue further. Anna would like a community workshop on this, rather than a formal technical meeting.

- **Questions and Comments**

- *Jon Isaacs* There isn't a lot of time, there's a lot to examine with this. Perhaps have a workshop in April to discuss the issues, concerns with close-proximity neighbors, then bring in JJ Brooks, Parks and Rec, Adam Trombley, then have a broader meeting to discuss further. Anna: we'll be working to figure out next steps. There's a lot of historical material on the TCC website from Adam Trombley. No action needed right now.
- *Emily Nenon*: happy to help with subcommittees or in any other way. She and her husband, Brian, live close by and have some concerns and would like to be part of this process. There are other neighbors nearby who are equally concerned and would like to provide feedback. What are our options for contacting the rest of the neighborhood? Anna: we don't have funds to do a mailer, but we can do electronic communications. *Cathy*: FCC has funding for mailers. We can make that happen.
- *Cathy*: Land Use Committee could/should be the lead on this. Also, an on-site meeting would be helpful.
- *Steve Montooth*: there are so many potential uses for this property. We'll have to deal with it very quickly since the Assembly wants to move on it so quickly. He's happy to be part of the process and provide input.
- *Kevin Berry*: also happy to part of this process and engage in upcoming meetings.
- Update: Muni Reapportionment Process: result of vote at 3/23/22 Assembly meeting
 - Assembly finished the reapportionment process.
 - The Assembly formally adopted the 12th Assembly person. Downtown Anchorage is now called the North Anchorage (District 1). June 21 is the special election to fill the 12th Assembly member position. Visit www.reapportionanc.org for more information.

CLOSING

- Land Use Committee held a meeting on March 30. There's likely to be additional upcoming meetings to work through issues discussed during this meeting.
- *Cathy*: Deadline for additional comments to the amended 2019-2022 TIP list is April 30. The amendment includes the cold storage facility on the airport.
- Jackie Armstrong motions to end the meeting, Jon Isaacs seconds. Motion passes and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
- The next regular meeting will be on **Thursday, May 5, 2020**.

*Minutes prepared and submitted by **Carolyn Hall and Kathleen Bielawski on 05/04/22.***

*If you have corrections or edits to this document, please submit them to tccpresident@yahoo.com by the Monday before the next Council meeting: **Thursday, May 5, 2022.***