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# TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting | June 2, 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 6:33 p.m. Approximately 25-30 people (members and guests) attended.
- The April agenda was reviewed.
  - Motion by Cathy Gleason to approve the agenda. Second by Carolyn Hall.
  - The agenda was approved without objection
- TCC Regular Meeting Minutes May 5, 2022, were reviewed
  - Motion by Cathy Gleason to approve the minutes. Second by Pat Redmond
  - The minutes were approved without objection
- **Announcements:** *See the flyer available as a handout in the meeting and on the TCC website.*
  - Th Parks Dept is doing brush clearing along the Coastal Trail
  - *Music in the Park* by the Anchorage Downtown Partnership (ADP) is back this year. ADP reached out to see whether TCC is aware of any conflicts at Turnagain-area parks that ADP is considering using for musical events.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

- **Reminder** – TCC meetings now start at 6:30 p.m.
- **Reminder** – TCC does not meet during the summer. See you again Thursday, September 1. TCC will share alerts with the community if anything urgent arises this summer.
- The Treasurer position is vacant. An election to fill the vacancy is possible at the September meeting. Please reach out if you, or someone you know, may be interested in running for Treasurer.
- The Parks and Rec Arborist is considering removing trees at/around Marston Drive Park
- **FCC report** – Cathy Gleason is the FCC delegate. The FCC met on May 15
  - Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month.
  - AMATS plan for 2050 is coming out soon
  - Mayor's Report had a lot of good information in it
  - Assembly Chair Suzanne LaFrance gave a lengthy report
  - The main presentation was from the property appraisal office. It was a good presentation with a lot of information
  - The meeting did not have a quorum to conduct official business. The FCC will hold a special meeting on June 15 to hold the FCC election.
  - The FCC picnic will be held on July 20

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- **Senator Mia Costello, staff Katie McCall**
  - Constituent Meet and Greet at Tastee Freeze on Sunday, June 26, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
  - Shared updates about the budget, funding for upgrades to school diving facilities, and passing a bill on online charitable gaming, among others.
  - Contact Sen. Costello's office to sign up for her newsletter
  - Thank you to Chair Brawley for her work with the alcohol regulation bill that passed
  - Thank you to everyone who reached out to her office this session.
  - Please contact her at (907) 269-0117 or [senator.mia.costello@akleg.gov](mailto:senator.mia.costello@akleg.gov).

- **Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson**
  - Unavailable to attend
  - Please contact her at (907) 465-4930 or [sen.elvi.gray-jackson@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.elvi.gray-jackson@akleg.gov).
- **Rep. Matt Claman**
  - Shared updates about the budget, public safety, underage marriage, and the airport.
  - Please contact his office at (907) 465-4919 or [rep.matt.claman@akleg.gov](mailto:rep.matt.claman@akleg.gov).
  - **Questions and Comments**
    - *Cathy Gleason: the MOA has an ordinance in place that limits some of the activity by the airport in the area in question regarding moving the ATC. Can we look into this and get a legal opinion regarding the airport complying with the MOA code?*
      - Answer: Airport claims they are not subject to MOA ordinances, only to SOA law. Rep. Claman is looking into whether the MOA code applies.
    - Pat Redmond echoes Cathy's question/concern.

#### ASSEMBLY REPORT | KAMERON PEREZ-VERDIA

- There's an emergency burn ban in place that makes it a criminal violation
- There's a special election coming up (June 21) for North Anchorage. This is a by-mail election.
- The Assembly is developing a process to determine federal funding allocation for COVID relief. The focus is on long-term economic recovery
- Mass-care exit from the Sullivan Arena. The Sully will close as a shelter on June 30. There is a plan in place to find housing/shelter for clients using the services at the Sullivan Arena.
- Gave an update on the recent Assembly meeting that included public testimony regarding the proposed code on removing a mayor for breach of public trust
- Public Safety and Health Policy Committee updates
- **Questions and Comments**
  - *Dave Weir: Do you believe in a balance of power, and does this proposed AO offer balance, or is it maladjusted?* KPV: yes, he believes in the balance of power. The process of removing an elected official is pretty normal. This proposed AO doesn't establish power, it describes the process for how that power would be exercised, if ever necessary. *Dave: why should the Assembly have the power to remove the mayor when the mayor can't remove someone from the Assembly?* KPV: I still have outstanding questions about the AO, which is why I haven't decided how I'm going to vote. *Anna Brawley: the TCC doesn't have a position on the AO.*
  - *Cathy Gleason: HLB - is there an intent to contract out this work? It would appear that the HLB is being dismantled.* KPV: He'll look into this.

#### ASSEMBLY REPORT | AUSTIN QUINN-DAVIDSON

- Unavailable to attend

#### ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD REPORT | MARGO BELLAMY

- Updates re: end of school year, graduations, summer school, School Board executive board elections
- The next meeting is tomorrow: a joint meeting with the Assembly. The next regular meeting is Monday, June 6
- The new superintendent is in town and will officially take on the role on July 1
- TCC will have a new school board member representative at the next TCC meeting.
- **Questions and Comments**
  - *Pat Redmond: has there been discussion re: putting the school bond that failed back on the ballot?* Margo: an internal study was conducted, and the board received the results and will discuss the results at the work session on Monday. Formal discussions have yet to take place.

- *Cathy Gleason: thank you, Margo, for attending the TCC meetings. Shares appreciation for her work and participation.*

## AIRPORT REPORT | JOHN JOHANSEN

- Shares updates re: airport construction (escalator from the terminal to the parking garage, curbside rehab, etc.), communications with nearby residents that PFAS contamination well testing is taking place, wildlife is abundant on the Coastal Trail right now (bears, moose, and their offspring), Lake Hood Seaplane Base (keep your dogs leashed), international flights (Vancouver, Germany), and air cargo updates.
- General aviation's new parking site will include a realignment of Lake Hood Drive.
- See Airport updates on the handout provided at the meeting or online at: [www.anchorageairport.com](http://www.anchorageairport.com) or on the TCC website
- 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/>
- **Questions and Comments**
  - *John Haxby: does the well testing have anything to do with deicing agents?* John: Well testing has nothing to do with deicing chemicals. It has to do with other compounds, which are commonly found in other industrial and home products. *John: wouldn't it make sense to test for the deicing agents?* John: there are no plans to test for this chemical at this time.
  - *Cathy Gleason: mentions the lease applications, the request to meet with the acting director, and thoughts about the contamination in the bog from airport runoff.* John: there are high costs associated with moving/disturbing contaminated soil.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Presentation: Expansion of ACS Broadband (Fiber) Service, Heather Cavanaugh, ACS**
  - Fiber optic is coming to the neighborhood. Speeds up to 2.2 GB. This comes at no additional cost and minimal disruption. Fiber will be installed underground (micro trenching) and does not entail large ditches.
  - **Questions and Comments**
    - *Anna Brawley: when could the service be available?* Heather: construction starts as early as tomorrow. *Anna: Please share this timeline info with FCC for wider distribution*
- **Update: Fish Creek Trail to Ocean Project Update, CRW**
  - CRW representative wasn't able to make the meeting
  - Anna Brawley: TCC Executive Board plans to hold a site survey of the proposed trail areas. If anyone is interested in joining (date TBD), please let Anna know.
  - Brian Lindamood (AKRR): the project is hearing concerns from homeowners about the two ROW possibilities at the edge of their properties. There's nothing formal to be evaluated at this time.
  - **Questions and Comments**
    - *Jon Isaacs: we may want to schedule a special meeting for a presentation about the ROW and proposed trail this summer instead of waiting until the September meeting.*
    - *John Haxby: the AKRR's position is that it's ok having the bike trail on the east side of the RR tracks?* Brian: From a technical perspective, yes, that would work if the designers can make it work. *John: is there any reason there could be issues with*

*the bike trail connection over NL Blvd? [note: missed part of this question] Brian: without having a design in front of me, it's hard to know.*

- *Cathy Gleason: What part of the AKRR right of way is fenced in right now? Would the trail exist on the inside or outside of the fence: Brian: there are three fences; describes fence locations and where the trail could end up.*
- *Anna: further discussion can be brought up when the council meets on this particular topic, and the stakeholders are prepared.*

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Action:** Approve TCC proposed 2023 CIP Priorities, CIP Committee
  - Brief introduction by Chair Brawley
  - Cathy Gleason discussed the rationale behind the CIP Committee's work
  - Pat Redmond moves to approve the CIP list as it has been presented. Sara Haley seconds.
  - Pat Redmond moves to amend to add resurfacing of West Northern Lights multi-use trail, from Forest Park Dr. to Earthquake Park parking lot. (Worst stretches are Nathaniel Ct. to Earthquake Park, and then Turnagain St. to Forest Park Dr.) Sara Haley seconds.
    - Comment: Jon Isaacs suggests adding these amendments to the bottom of the CIP list. There is no objection.
  - CIP list is passed, approved, and adopted 13-0.
  - The CIP list will be submitted by the MOA's deadline of June 15
- **Action:** Approve Recommendation re: Muni parcels (W. Northern Lights/Turnagain St.) proposed ordinance AO 2022-21.
  - Chair Brawley shares a summary introduction ahead of the resolution discussion
  - Pat Redmond moves to adopt the draft resolution as presented. Jon Isaacs seconds.
  - Chair Brawley shares a summary of the draft resolution.
  - Jon Isaacs: this is a multi-part process, and we should keep that in mind with this resolution because some items may be premature in the process.
  - Cathy Gleason has ten amendments to propose for the resolution.
  - Kameron Perez-Verdia: Austin Quinn-Davidson is unavailable for the Assembly meeting this AO will be discussed/voted on. KPV will help with amendments during the meeting. The work the TCC put into the resolution is what he was hoping to see. He feels comfortable referencing the resolution and offering amendments. The Assembly feels strongly about additional housing. The Assembly vote is likely to move forward with the sale. KPV remains neutral on the issue but would like to see responsibly built housing in Anchorage. The resolution helps represent the neighborhood.
  - Chair Brawley brings up a time check. Cathy Gleason motions to extend the meeting to 9:20 p.m. Pat Redmond seconds. There is no objection.
  - Discussion continues
    - Emily Nenon asks a question about the traffic study mentioned in #5.
  - Cathy Gleason moves to add "Turnagain Community Council" to #4. Second by Dan Gleason. Vote fails 4 - 4
  - KPV: needs to leave the meeting and says if there are substantive amendments, he wants to know about them.
  - Discussion continues
    - Emily Nenon asks about the availability of parking and possibly requiring housing to be available for certain demographics.

## Turnagain Community Council

- Cathy Gleason moves to amend #5 to include language that the Municipality will retain ownership and maintain the vegetative buffer landscaping. Dan Gleason seconds. Amendment fails 4 - 4.
- Cathy Gleason moves to amend #1 to include “eastern most 5 “ and “as well as assure permanent emergency vehicle access at the Barbara Street turnaround.” Dan Gleason seconds. Amendment fails 4 - 4.
- A vote on the resolution passed 9 - 0; Chair Brawley abstained.
- If anyone has additional comments for the Assembly, contact KPV to share your thoughts

## CLOSING

- Pat Redmond motions to end the meeting, and Carolyn Hall seconds. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.
- The next regular meeting will be on **Thursday, September 1, 2020**.

*Minutes were prepared and submitted by Carolyn Hall on 9/1/2022.*

*If you have corrections or edits to this document, please submit them to [tccpresident@yahoo.com](mailto:tccpresident@yahoo.com) by the Monday before the next Council meeting: **Thursday, September 1, 2022**.*

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