



COMMUNITY MEETING!

HOSTED BY TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Proposed sale of land, West Northern Lights
@ Turnagain St. to AK RR Tracks**

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022 10 AM TO NOON

Meet Onsite at the parking lot: 2801 Turnagain Street

We will end at Turnagain Social Club, 3201 Turnagain Street

What's happening?

The Municipality of Anchorage is proposing to dispose (sell) these parcels on the south side of West Northern lights (*legal name: part of Woodland Park subdivision*). Ordinance AO 2022-21 will be voted on by the Assembly at a meeting on June 7, 2022.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION

This green space owned by the Muni is multiple parcels that include the parking lot serving Rustic Goat, another older parking lot to the east, parcels on either side of the Barbara Street cul-de-sac, the area connecting with the pedestrian bridge over Northern Lights, and the land between the bridge and the railroad tracks.

HISTORY

This land used to have several apartments and small retail use (store), similar to what's south of the alley. Now owned by the Muni, this green space was created in the 1980s after buildings were removed on either side of West Northern Lights to accommodate the road widening and creation of the railroad underpass. The intent at this time was to preserve this land as a buffer from the road and use it as park land, with trees installed as a landscape buffer. However, it was formally never dedicated as a park.

In 2014, the Rustic Goat restaurants and apartments were developed across Turnagain Street. In 2016, a public parking lot was developed by the developer of the Rustic Goat to increase available parking and reduce instances of parking along Turnagain Street. There have been previous discussions about the Muni selling the parking lot to the restaurant for its existing use.

CURRENT USE

The land is maintained by the Parks Department in the summer. The land has access from Turnagain Street, Barbara Street, a small alley running east-west between the two streets, the pedestrian bridge across West Northern Lights, and (on foot only) from the southern sidewalk of West Northern Lights up the hill. The public parking lot is regularly used by patrons of Rustic Goat, and others who wish to park in the area.

WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR & NEXT STEPS

It is common for the Muni to sell land after holding a required public hearing. The Assembly held a public hearing on the proposed disposal of these parcels for new housing or other development on February 15, 2022. At that time, Turnagain Community Council and several neighbors testified asking to delay the vote, since the community was not aware it was proposed and had questions and concerns.

Turnagain Community Council (TCC) held a special meeting on March 7, 2022 to share what we knew so far, and form a recommendation for the Council. TCC then testified at the March 15, 2022 Assembly meeting, asking to postpone the vote until October 2022, to allow for outreach in the summer. The Assembly postponed their vote to June 7, 2022, so TCC could inform and ask neighbors for their thoughts before the future vote.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

TCC website: <http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/37.html>