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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Briana Sullivan & Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chairs

Mike Edgington, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade

April 10, 2024 GBOS Special Meeting Re: Meeting Conduct, Board Relations and Dump Trailer Minutes Draft 3PM Hybrid meeting via Teams

This meeting is taking place via Microsoft Teams and in-person in the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd.

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors, its committees, and subcommittees are subject to the Alaska Open Meetings Act as found in Alaska Statute 44.62.310 and Anchorage Municipal Code 1.25 - Public Meetings.

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

Land Acknowledgement: The Girdwood Board of Supervisors acknowledges the indigenous peoples of Alaska, whose land we reside on. The community of Girdwood, situated between the areas known to be Dena'ina and Alutiiq homeland, respects the people who were stewards of this land for generations. We commit to the continued stewardship of this land and are grateful to be part of a wider community that seeks to maintain a sustainable use of Girdwood Valley for present and future peoples.

3PM Call to Order Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chair

Roll Call: Jennifer Wingard, Briana Sullivan, Mike Edgington, Guy Wade (arrives 3:05) in person

Amanda Sassi via Teams (arrives 3:10)

Disclosures

Agenda Revisions and Approval

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ME/BS Assent

Agenda:

1. Parks and Recreation request:

NTE \$15,000 for dump trailer for parks operations

Introduced at the March GBOS regular meeting, Bid shared with GBOS in the meeting packet. 5 bids were received, some from out of state and include shipping. Savings in hauling, efficiency in parks projects. Trailer will be hauled by the Muni truck and will create savings in hauling materials, add efficiency to parks projects and allow for projects to be achieved in-house.

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve NTE \$15,000 for dump trailer as presented.

Motion by Mike Edgington, 2nd Briana Sullivan

Roll call vote.

Motion carries vote 4-0

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2. GBOS discuss dates for the following topics, either as separate meetings or combined meeting:
GBOS Special meeting to set supervisor roles (after election certified 4/23 and voted on at 5/20 Regular meeting and GBOS Work Session or Special Meeting on GBOS Rules and Procedures

Group discusses holding the meetings together in a Special meeting between April 23 and May 17. Poll will be sent for standing members and electee to respond.

3. GBOS Meeting Conduct and Board Relations
Group determines that the discussion should remain public. Topic came up from removal of Jennifer as chair during the GBOS meeting on March 25. Several meetings prior to March have been tense among the GBOS members as well between members of the public and GBOS members. Public needs to feel comfortable in providing testimony at meetings.

Group discusses some solutions:

Resolve issues during meetings, call a recess or break if needed.

Have a clearer expectation of role of chair and a member debating a topic.

Maintain respectful discussion between supervisors and public.

Avoid grandstanding and belaboring discussions.

Be calm and respectful even during challenging discussions.

Employ better procedural tools to diffuse situations.

Follow an established process (Roberts Rules) even if it takes a few moments to confirm what that process is.

Understand Open Meetings Act and exceptions to OMA.

Ensure that information shared at GBOS is correct and accurate though respectful discussion.

Consider Alaska Municipal League parliamentary procedure training (est cost of \$500.00)

A separate discussion for GBOS to take on is the role of committee and GBOS work and GHEC specifically.

Jennifer Wingard maintains that she would like to receive a public apology for treatment at the March meeting. She is asked to review the January meeting and consider apology.

Public Comment:

Brett Wilbanks states that GBOS is mishandling recommendations from LUC by not adhering completely with all components of the recommendation from LUC regarding the use of commercial land for temporary workforce housing.

Adjourn 4:40PM