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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Mike Edgington & Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chairs
Briana Sullivan, Brian Burnett, Kellie Okonek*

April 20 2026 GBOS Regular Meeting Minutes Final

7:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams & Girdwood Community Room

This hybrid meeting is taking place via Microsoft Teams & at the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd:

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Call to Order 7:00 p.m. Briana Sullivan

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.

Roll Call & Disclosures

Attending are Brian Burnett (BB), Kellie Okonek (KO), Mike Edgington (ME), Briana Sullivan (BS)

Jennifer Wingard is excused.

Mike Edgington is joining remotely, group agrees that Briana Sullivan will chair.

Announcements:

- GHEC has two vacant positions, to be filled by registered voters in the Girdwood Valley Service Area. To be considered for appointment, email gbos@muni.org.

Agenda Revisions and Approval: April 20 2026 GBOS meeting agenda as amended BB/KO Assent

Amendment to add item #11 BB/ME Assent

Minutes Approval: Mar 23 2026 GBOS Meeting minutes approved BB/KO Assent

Consent agenda: None

Presentations (10 Min):

CWPP and Community Wildfire information; Wildfire Division Chief Jon Glover

Presentation addresses that the Suppression Protection Unit (SPU) rating involves 19 variables, including fuel, water supply, access/egress. There is no overall national standard for this, and some of the variables are selected by the CWPP research group. GBOS is concerned that basic climate data was not included in these and that the lower side of High ranking has impacts on recommendations for mitigation and risk assessment that are not acceptable to community, as stated in the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan. Division chief states that implementation would be achieved in conjunction with the community/community councils in Anchorage.

Girdwood Forest Fair 2026; Karen Zaccaro (also new business item). This is Forest Fair 51st year. Site plan, map, request for fee waiver are included in the meeting packet.

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Reports (5 Min):

1. Legislative Report – Rep. Ky Holland: House is working through budgets, things do not look as dire as previously due to oil prices.
Assembly - Zac Johnson: Assembly discussing Wildfire Interface Service Area, which would create funding mechanism for wildfire division. It's a complex topic and unclear currently what the parameters of this service area would be. Currently there is no funding mechanism for Wildfire. First Quarter revisions include funding for the current wildfire effort, funding for port facilities. Assembly has provided support for HB101 which raises the age of consent.
Anchorage School Board Liaison – Andy Holleman states that failure of tax levy and MOA bond for schools will require extensive budget cuts to ASD budget. Currently principals are working through cuts to their schools based on the current budget. State education funding via HB278, if passed, will help but not solve the funding gap. Andy Holleman is closing out his term on the Anchorage School Board. A new ASB liaison for Girdwood will be announced.
HLBAC Report – Tim Channon – No report. Information on HLBAC meeting on THU is in the packet.
2. Supervisor Reports
ME: Registration process for STRS in the MOA begins May 1. STRS should be registered within 90 days.
BS: Wildland Urban Interface Community Action Team (WUI-CAT) meeting in March overlapped with GBOS. Flyers for chipping and sprinkler kits is in the packet.
3. Committee updates to GBOS: 3 min each; items not on the agenda but items of interest to the community
GHEC: Brooks Chandler – As requested by GBOS, GHEC has been researching land use code changes for Girdwood to allow relocatable dwellings (tiny homes and trailers) in Girdwood, where they are currently not allowed. This includes the current trailer court, which is grandfathered in. LUC will review and make recommendations.
4. Standing Reports: Information in meeting packet, otherwise not discussed.
Proposed Girdwood Developments
Girdwood Airport Parcel H
GVSA non-property tax funds
GBOS Rules and Procedures revisions
STR Registration and regulation
5. Service Provider Reports (5 mins each). See meeting packet for information.
Fire – Chief Weston
Police – Chief Achee
Roads/Parks & Rec – Kyle Kelley
Anchorage Public Library – Katarina Pavic, Gerrish (Girdwood) Branch Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brooks Chandler: Thank you Briana and Mike for service on GBOS. Thank you candidates in 2026 election.

Krystal Hoke: Thank you Mike and Briana for service.

Little Bears new facility received conditional certificate of occupancy. Planning to hold an Open House in July.

Mitch Roth: Thank you Mike and Briana

OLD BUSINESS:

6. Girdwood Parks Master Plan Advisory Committee Recommendation for GBOS Resolution of Support for the Girdwood Parks Master Plan, with amendments as outlined in memo. (Burnett/Kelley)
Draft Parks Master Plan comments were reviewed and actions recommended by plan advisory committee last week. Memo included in meeting packet outlines the changes that were discussed.

Patty Hamre requests that Future Park Land map extents are widened to show the Four Corners area and how trails and other public use interface with the recommendation for acquiring additional park land in this area.

Amanda Tuttle states her concern that Old Girdwood connectivity to the townsite is not represented and that park opportunities are not addressed in Old Girdwood area. Group reviews the Proposed Park Land Map and discusses making existing trail connections more prominent and reviews locations for possible park opportunities.

Motion:

GBOS moves to accept the Resolution 2026-03 of Support for the Girdwood Parks Master Plan with the changes outlined in the memo and as discussed at this meeting.

Motion by BB/ME

Motion carries 4-0 in Roll Call Vote

7. Consider requesting amendment to 2026-0032 Amend AMC 21.05 and 21.15 to ease restrictions on agricultural uses and food production in Anchorage Bowl to include Chapter 9/Girdwood. Assembly action March 24 (Edgington)
<https://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=18347>

Item has not received much interest within the community to push it forward at this time. Creating this will require either amendment via GBOS or through the Assembly. It could also be handled in a C9 update, however that process has not begun yet and will take time and funding to achieve.

Motion:

GBOS moves to postpone this item indefinitely.

Motion by ME/BB

Motion carries by Assent

8. Agenda topics for MOA GBOS Quarterly Meeting April 27, 2026 4PM Girdwood Community Room
GBOS Reviews existing topics: SWS/Anchorage Parks and Rec fee surcharge & recycling; GVSA IGCs;
Tourism Improvement Projects (bed tax revenue to mitigate visitor impact); Ruane housing project

GBOS adds Capital funding for Police in Girdwood. Areawide levy is paid by Girdwood and funding should be extended to applicable tech for police serving GVSA. Chief Achee to be invited to attend the meeting.

9. Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Wildland Urban Interface Community Action Team (WUI-CAT) Follow up
Mike Edgington and Briana Sullivan provided language for a resolution prior to the presentation today from Wildfire Division Chief Glover. GBOS letter regarding concerns of the CWPP assessment have not received direct response. Girdwood concerns have not been adequately answered by CWPP. Division Chief Glover stated in presentation that no documented increase in insurance has been proven based on CWPP, however insurance costs have increase, based on recent fires and associated losses nationwide.

Motion:

GBOS moves to adopt the resolution language as presented.

Motion by ME/BB

Amendments:

#1: Remove 4th whereas, as insurance rate increases cannot be traced back to CWPP.

Motion by ME/BB

Amendment passes by roll call vote 4-0

#2: Amend title to :Resolution to request further analysis of Girdwood Suppression Protection Unit (SPU) Hazard Rating

Motion by ME/BB

Amendment carries by assent

GBOS moves to adopt the resolution language with amendments.

Motion by ME/BB

Motion carries 3-1 (KO Dissenting) in roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Girdwood Forest Fair 2026 Request for Letter of Support (LONO) for Permitting and fee waiver
Previously discussed and introduced.
11. Planning and Zoning case 2026-0062 Amendment to T21 C21.05.040G.2.b to clarify review process for Park Master Plans in Turnagain Arm public or private parks.
Item introduced. Planning and zoning to address this June 8.

REPORTS:

12. Reports (see packet)

Supervisor reports:

Action Item Updates as assigned:

Request for GBOS/LUC Joint meeting: (0 of 2 required meetings held)

Request for GBOS/GFR Joint meeting (0 of 2 required held)

Request for Executive Session:

Other:

Adjourn 9:10PM