

# Municipality of Anchorage



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*David Bronson, Mayor*

## GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*Mike Edgington & Briana Sullivan, Co-Chairs  
Jennifer Wingard, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade*

### **April 25, 2022 GBOS Regular Meeting Minutes Final 7:00 p.m. Hybrid Meeting**

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, Co-Chair

Roll Call: Attending are Briana Sullivan (BS), Jennifer Wingard (JW), Guy Wade (GW), and Amanda Sassi (AS)  
Mike Edgington is excused.

Disclosures: Jennifer Wingard states that in private capacity she has joined a lawsuit regarding item #9, State Senate redistricting.

#### **Agenda Revisions and Approval**

April 25, 2022 Meeting agenda approved	JW/AS	Assent vote
March 21, 2022 Meeting minutes approved	GW/JW	Assent vote
March 29, 2022 SM RE: HLB Annual Work Plan comments minutes approved	GW/JW	Assent vote

#### **Announcements:**

- Proposed schedule effective June 1 2022 Girdwood Transfer Station (dump):  
MON, FRI, SAT 9:30A-5P  
Closed TUE, WED, THU, SUN
- Recording of public meeting held regarding the Girdwood Health Clinic Proposed Phase 2 Modification on March 28 is available on line here:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/2WFO6pAjoRxdxLWhzQC1PFijDE04Vdell6qxmWPpvD5LmiuOKjJEacitynwV4gvp.KR-LtbSrXLKOxZs6>

#### **Introductions, Presentations and Reports:**

- AWWU follow up on temporary solutions to fluoridation issue in Girdwood (Sandy Baker)  
Sandy Baker announces that AWWU has ordered parts for a temporary fix to the fluoridation issue, which should result in fluoridation resuming in June. Public will be notified by email or direct mail.
- Update of housing developments in Girdwood, including Holtan Hills  
Change in staff at HLB has slowed all HLB projects. Adam Trombley is the acting director of HLB, staff Emma Giboney is working on projects. HLB position will be posted soon. Holtan Hills remains a priority for HLB and work will continue on this project.  
GVSA office received several letters regarding the Holtan Hills plan and has forwarded them on to HLB. HLBAC meeting in April was cancelled, May meeting is expected to be held as scheduled.

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Other HLB projects, including 5 year management plan, 1 year work plan, and Industrial Park are also on-going.

3. Legislative Report – Sen. Roger Holland, Rep. James Kaufman  
Matthew Harvey speaks on behalf of Rep. Kaufman. Operating budget has passed the house and is currently going through amendment process. Capital Budget should be out this week and then begin the amendment process. Several Girdwood projects were recommended for the capital budget: Fire Prevention work on hillside, extending toward Girdwood; Challenge Alaska roof repair; Ruane Rd rebuild; Crow Creek Road Bridges; Drainage on Alyeska Creek and Mt. Hood; Little Bears construction.  
Senate redistricting is engaged in litigation  
HB411 received good support. This bill allows Service Area control over tax exemptions

Assembly members J. Weddleton, S. LaFrance

Randy Sulte attending, is being sworn in at Assembly meeting tomorrow night. Randy has met with John Weddleton regarding transition, looking forward to working on projects.

John Weddleton joins the group late as he has been in meetings regarding Homelessness. Coming to an end of 6 years of service. Budget discussions at the Assembly, higher this year with continued emphasis on police, public safety and fire.

Proposed action regarding short term rentals. Action is to fund study Short Term Rentals (STR) to identify how many there are. Jennifer Wingard recommends some changes to the language currently proposed as STR is not the main issue in Girdwood's housing crisis and limiting STR won't fix the problem. She seeks support for public private partnership to create affordable housing. Weddleton encourages her to email him changes to that they can be incorporated into the draft. The goal at this time is to study STR.

Mayor's Office: Brice Wilbanks

Applications open for Mayor's Community and Art Grants. Grants are \$1000-\$30,000. Winter snow tires must be off May 1. Sign up for free dump pass at Girdwood or Eagle River transfer stations:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-free-summer-disposal-pass-tickets-275127913997>

Anchorage School Board Liaison: Kelly Lessons

Report included in the meeting packet. New school superintendent has been selected: Jharrett Bryantt, he brings great experience and energy to ASD. ASD is adding financial literacy programs to graduation requirements. Working on plans to deal with chronic absenteeism. ASB is watching several bills currently in front of the Alaska Legislature, including a reading bill and bills that address base student allocations. School board reorganizes annually, this is Kelly's last meeting as the Girdwood liaison.

4. Supervisor Reports: none
5. Service Provider Reports (5 mins)

Fire – Chief Weston

GFR has been busy, for the month of April 22 EMS calls and 5 fire calls.

Wildfire preparedness class coming up in May.

Seeking funding in First Quarter Revisions:

restore full funding to EMS from Municipal Budget.

Fund CORE training for Police and GFR (training in mental/behavioral health)

GFR can help with grief counseling, if needed.

Expect a busy season with summer with return of out of state visitors, cruise ship passengers, and independent travelers. Planning exercises with Cooper Landing for bus incident training and with Anchorage for Hazmat training. Currently extrication tools are about 50% funded by various donors, other needs are a boat, Vacmat (patient stabilization equipment), and several GFR vehicles are at end of service life and need to be replaced.

Police – Chief Achee

Spring carnival weekend went well, WPD maintained high visibility particularly in evening hours with bar and security checks.

Roads/Parks & Rec – Kyle Kelley

Hiring seasonal staff for parks and rec; campground host is selected, pending final paperwork. Thank you to winter volunteer crew who have groomed, picked up trash, etc throughout the season. Cross country trails are still being groomed. Working through Suspension Bridge for Winner Creek Trail for Rasmuson Grant application and with USFS. Applied for an Anchorage Park Foundation grant for the pavilion at Lions Club Park, but were not awarded the funds. This item appears later in the GBOS agenda. Disc golf park has new course

maps that have been developed via an Eagle Scout project, installation in early June. New disc golf group has formed and is providing Parks and Rec with projects they'd like to pursue to improve the park.

Roads: Weight restrictions are on. Working on design and engineering for culvers at Alyeska creek/Moose Meadows, planning to do work this summer if funded. Repair of damage from Halloween Storm – some projects were left incomplete with winter onset. All documentation has been submitted to the state has been submitted for reimbursement.

March roads invoice is pending. Contractor is requesting funding to offset the increase in gas prices. This may require a special meeting, Kyle will update when more is known.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Amanda Sassi: Co chair of Imagine!Girdwood. April meeting is canceled, Imagine!Girdwood will meet in May.

Jennifer Wingard: As mentioned earlier under disclosures, Jennifer is a plaintiff in a lawsuit filed challenging the redistricting boards proposed grouping of Girdwood with Eagle River. Group that filed the suit is fundraising for help with costs.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

6. Permitting for Girdwood Forest Fair 2022 (Karen Zaccaro)
7. Karen has provided site maps and other information in the packet regarding Girdwood Forest Fair plans for 2022 fair. Regular fair activities, main change is moving food booths away from the main stage and out from under trees. Commuter bus service from Anchorage is planned for all 3 days of the fair. Local shuttle will handle Girdwood area shuttle needs. Working on insurance and then the remaining permits can be completed. In 2016 GBOS approved fee waiver for all non-alcohol fees, funds from forest fair are distributed within the community to various groups and non-profits. No new fee waiver is needed from GBOS. Once insurance and permitting is in place, GBOS will be asked to provide a Letter of Non-Objection for the 2022 Girdwood Forest Fair.
8. Review GBOS discussion and status of HLB Draft 2022 Annual Work Program and 5 Year Management Plan. GBOS held several work sessions between March and April meetings and came up with input letter to HLB regarding the 1 and 5 year plans. These have been received by HLB. Girdwood Community Land Trust also submitted a letter with input. It is unclear what the timeline is adoption of the HLB work plan for 2022.
9. **Agenda Item LUC 2201-06:** Girdwood Industrial Park concerns (power, platting) Industrial park projects are also delayed by change in staff at HLB. Power is needed by lessees, including GVSA, for winter snow moving equipment. GVSA will continue discussions with HLB and Chugach Electric to see if power can be brought to the lots for winter 2022/23.
10. **Agenda Item LUC 2201-07:** Update on Assembly redistricting/reapportionment of Assembly Seats and State Senate redistricting. This topic has been discussed a couple of times at the meeting. Assembly has adopted reapportionment map that is supported by GBOS. After reviewing the maps that were under consideration by State redistricting board, GBOS wrote a Resolution of Support for the two options that it agreed with and stated opposition to the plan that grouped Girdwood with Eagle River for State Senate representation. Redistricting board selected the option that GBOS opposed. No action is needed now as this item lawsuit has been filed and item is in litigation. Redistricting is reconsidered on a 10-year cycle.
11. Vote on revision to GBOS Rules and Procedures draft 3.22. GBOS Rules and procedures revision discussed in March have been posted for require 30 days. Committees of GBOS have made similar adjustments to their operating rules.

#### Motion:

GBOS moves to accept the updated GBOS Rules and Procedures as presented.

Motion by Jennifer Wingard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Guy Wade

Vote via roll call, 4 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries.

12. GVSA Capital Budgets  
Capital budgets are included in the meeting packet.  
Capital savings are the method for Girdwood to fund large projects, infrastructure repairs, etc as areawide approval for GVSA Bonds has been unsuccessful. GVSA manager will be recommending increases to capital accounts in the 2023 budget cycle so that we can stay on top of deferred maintenance and projects..
13. Update on GBOS Resolution 2020-11 Resolution Against Racism & community forum (Guy Wade)  
Guy states that he has reached out to several different groups to learn more about how best to convene a community forum. He will continue to work on this and will report back on what is recommended, and if such a forum is best handled by local government or another entity.

14. Girdwood Service Area Manager review - discuss progress in setting date for meeting  
Meeting has not yet been scheduled. It has been suggested that this meeting should be attended by all GBOS, and best if in-person. Staff will re-send the poll link to GBOS members to indicate dates they are available in person vs virtual attendance.
15. Girdwood Parks and Recreation request for \$28,640 from the Parks 406 capital fund for The Boutet Company to produce design documents for a pavilion to be constructed in Lions Club Park  
Feedback from grant sources is that a shovel ready project will be easier to fund. This design work will bring the project to shovel ready status, and getting that design work done this summer will allow GVSA to apply for grants that we anticipate having funding cycles in the end of 2022. Budget has TBA under Flood Hazard Permit line item. Staff requests for Not to Exceed \$30,000. Lions Club is committed to assist with match as much as they are able to fundraise. Match opportunities can vary depending on the funding source, type of match allowable, and percentage of match required.

Group discusses that the two pavilions in Forest Fair Park are well-used for a variety of events and for campground shelter.

GBOS discusses parks capital fund:

1.1M currently in account, divided as follows:

\$473,000 designated for Winner Creek Bridge

\$640,000 is undesignated and available for use

\$70,000 is designated for Community Room/Community Center needs

GBOS added \$125,000 that is to be added to the undesignated funding in budget year 2022.

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve expense not to exceed \$30,000 from the Parks 406 Capital Fund for The Boutet Company to produce design documents for the Lions Club Park Pavilion.

Motion by Jennifer Wingard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Guy Wade

Vote via Roll call, 4 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries.

16. Review and consider support for HB411 - "An Act relating to municipal tax exemptions and deferrals on economic development property." Passage would allow Girdwood to fully benefit from municipal tax exemptions. <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=HB%20411>  
This item has come up at various points in the meeting. Incongruity between city ordinance and state law meant that service areas were not able to manage municipal tax exemptions. Item has been moving more quickly through the State House. It has received broad support and is likely to move to Senate this week. If GBOS wants to take formal action to support this bill, it will need to do so within the next 10 days.  
GBOS members don't feel informed enough at this meeting and do not have draft resolution language to review. They postpone vote on this for a Special meeting so that they can study more and have language to vote on.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

17. **Agenda Item LUC 2204-05:** Request for GBOS Resolution of Support for Girdwood Health Clinic Phase 2 Modification. Assembly action to T21 allows slightly larger health services building in the gC-7 district. Urban Design Commission hearing is scheduled for June 8, 2022. Public meeting held on this item March 28. Recording is available here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/2WFO6pAjoRxdxLWhzQC1PFJjDE04Vdell6qxmWPpvD5LmiuOKjJEacitynwV4gvp.KR-LtbSrXLKOxZs6>  
Petitioner has provided information in the packet and public meeting video is available for review. Petitioner will present at the next meeting and will provide draft language for GBOS to review at that time.
18. **Agenda Item LUC 2204-06:** New Liquor license for Sadie Romo's #6025 and transfer of Hightower Pub Liquor License # 3558 are before the Anchorage Assembly agenda on April 26. Response in support, neutral or in opposition must be received by April 26 2022.  
No action has been requested from either of the petitioners. Assembly is expected to take action on this tomorrow night, item would need to be moved to old business for formal GBOS action. No opposition has been expressed during LUC meeting last week or at this meeting. Once the new license and renewal are in place, these will show up for renewal as required and GBOS will include them in Letter of Non-Objection that they consider annually in the fall.
19. **Agenda Item LUC 2204-07:** Marijuana License Renewal. Request for public hearing, if desired, is required by resolution no later than June 1, 2022. If no hearing is required, request GBOS Letter of Non-Objection for The Herbal Cache. Marijuana licenses renew every 2 years. Brett Carse will attend LUC and GBOS in May to request LONO for renewal packet.
20. Discuss setting up GBOS meeting for assignments following municipal election:
  - Assignment of roles for 2022: Public Safety, Roads and Utilities, Fire Department; Land Use, Parks and Rec/Cemetery
  - Establish co-chairs
 Meeting will be added at 6PM on May 16, just prior to the GBOS regular meeting. Group will discuss roles and reassignments and co-chair responsibilities.

**REPORTS:**

- 21. Committee & Subcommittee Reports (see packet)
  - PSAC Report
  - Girdwood Trails Committee Report
  - LUC Report
    - Housing Working Group Report
- 22. Other reports (see packet)
  - APL Gerrish Library Report
  - Girdwood Service Area Report
  - Imagine!Girdwood

**Action Item Updates as assigned:**

**Request for GBOS/LUC Joint meeting (0 held of 2 required in 2022):**

**Request for GBOS/GFR Joint meeting (0 held of 2 required in 2022):**

**Request for Executive Session: Working on scheduling GVSA manager review.**

**Other:**

Adjourn 9:15PM