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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

August 16, 2021 GBOS Regular Meeting Minutes Final 7:00 p.m. Girdwood Community Room

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Call to Order 7:05 p.m. Briana Sullivan, Co-Chair

Attending are: Mike Edgington (ME), Briana Sullivan (BS), Jennifer Wingard (JW), Guy Wade (GW); Amanda Sassi is attending via Teams (AS)

Disclosures - None

Teams attendees: David Whitfield (MOA Planning), John Weddleton (Assembly), Andre Achee (WPD Chief)

Agenda Revisions and Approval

August 16 2021 meeting agenda approved	GW/ME	5-0
Motion to move new business item re GFR hose replacement to old business		
June 21 2021 Regular meeting minutes approved	ME/BS	5-0
July 19 2021 Regular meeting minutes approved	ME/GW	5-0
July 20 2021 GBOS Budget Work Session 1 minutes approved	ME/BS	5-0
July 26 2021 MOA GBOS Quarterly meeting minutes approved	GW/ME	5-0
August TBA 2021 GBOS Budget Work Session 2 minutes approved	ME/GW	5-0

Announcements:

- Planning Department Administrative Site Plan Review (2021-0100) scheduled as a Non-Public Hearing with the Planning Director's decision date of 08/26/2021. More information available here: [Planning Application Status - CityView Portal \(muni.org\)](http://www.muni.org/Planning/Application/Status)
- HLB RFP Results for development of portion of HLB Parcels 6-011, 6-016 and 6-017 are available for review on the HLB website here: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/hlb/Pages/HotTopics.aspx>

Introductions, Presentations and Reports:

1. Planning Department proposed ordinance that requires MOA administrative site plan review approval to recognize federal mining patents in the GOS and GDR districts.

David Whitfield presents ordinance change proposal (see meeting packet). This does not allow new patents, but recognizes existing legal patents and mining claims through review by Municipality and State Dept of Natural Resources. Administrative site plan review does not require public presentation, however input from public is welcome. Item is likely to be heard at Planning and Zoning in 2-3 months, it is not yet scheduled.

2. Legislative Report – Sen. Roger Holland, Rep. James Kaufman
No report from state legislators.

Assembly members J. Weddleton, S. LaFrance – John Weddleton states that homeless issue has been high priority for Assembly, following failure of original plan brought forward by the mayor. Attended Girdwood Clinic groundbreaking ceremony; working on parity in valuing vacant land by MOA; proposals to changes to T21 and T23 is under way, see webpage for Community and Economic Development Committee for updates:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/Community%20and%20Economic%20Development%20Committee.aspx>

No action to report on Secure Trash Regulation Zone.

Anchorage School Board Liaison Kelly Lessons

School starts tomorrow for 1-12; kindergarten returns next week. Regular plans, days, times, masking required inside building and on buses. District is working on goals and guardrails to use as metrics for success. Attendance is up compared to last year.

3. APL Gerrish Library Report (Jamie White, Scott & Wesley Gerrish Library Manager) – see written report in Packet.

4. Girdwood Service Area Report (Kyle Kelley) – see written report in packet. Please note that Virgin Creek Falls Trail work is beginning this week, road will be closed while new home connects to utilities. Mohl family is working on new signs for Sladen J Mohl Ballfield installation.

5. Imagine!Girdwood (Girdwood Area Plan) update – Amanda Sassi
I!G is now working on Phase 3, technical analysis. Fundraising is needed. Group has been meeting virtually and will determine location/type of meeting for future. Next meeting is MON Aug 23

6. Supervisor Reports:

- A) Public Safety – Jennifer Wingard: PSAC is beginning analysis related to public safety contract in order to establish which route to pursue for public safety after current contract ends Dec 2022.
Police Report – Whittier Public Safety Director Andre Achee – focus on traffic enforcement on neighborhood roads.
PSAC Report – PSAC representative – no report
- B) Roads and Utilities – Amanda Sassi – working on grading and calcium application.
- C) Parks and Recreation/Cemetery – Briana Sullivan – Opportunities to volunteer with Alaska Trails projects. Check out Alaska Trails website and sign up.
Girdwood Trails Committee Report – GTC Officer Barb Crews - Work on Ruane connector with remaining funds from Recreation Trails Program Grant (RTP). Updating flow chart for trail approval process. Operating procedure review proposals will be up for approval next month. GTC voted to have staff look for funding opportunities for design/engineering of suspension bridge over Glacier Creek to connect Winner Creek Trail segments. Bikewood is seeking letter of support for bike trails as they want to apply for construction grants prior to Trails Master Plan approval.
Girdwood Trails (Master) Plan Subcommittee Report - TBA
- D) Fire Department – Guy Wade – GFR has been working on contract with AFD/MOA and on budgets, to be discussed later.
Update of GVFD – Chief Michelle Weston/GFR BOD President – see written report. 287 calls year to date. 35 volunteers, most live out of service area.
- E) Land Use – Mike Edgington – No LUC meeting in August, next meeting will be September 13.
Land Use Report – LUC Officer - no report
Update on Housing Working Group: met last week regarding Short Term Rental issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Connie Yoshimura introduces herself, Pomeroy Lodging and Seth Anderson as principles in the group that was the determined the preferred proposal by HLB through RFP process. Copies of the proposal are handed out, copies are available at the library in the reference section.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 7. Discuss update to GBOS Rules and Procedures and GVSA infrastructure to allow online/hybrid public meetings. Mike Edgington proposes to add language that allows federal declaration to guide GBOS shift to online meetings. Update to be posted on GBOS website and local posting areas for 30 days prior to GBOS vote. This item will return to GBOS next month as an action item for vote.

Jennifer Wingard expresses interest in having an update poll to determine community’s interest in holding virtual meetings regardless of any health or other emergency. Jennifer will work with staff on this poll. Legal basis for this is unclear relative to requirements of Open Meetings Act.

8. **Agenda Item LUC 2016-05:** HWG request for LUC recommendation for GBOS Resolution of Support for HLB to prioritize allocation of a percentage of attainable housing in the agreement for HLB Parcels 6-011, 6-016 and 6-017 (area commonly known as Holtan Hills).
This item was discussed at last month's meeting without action taken.

GBOS Motion:

2021-18 Resolution of support for allocation of percentage of attainable housing in the agreement for disposal of HLB parcels 6-011, 6-016, 6-017.

Motion by ME, 2nd by AS

Proposed amendment:

Add Whereas to define "attainable housing" and replace "Pomeroy Property Development Group Ltd" with "the entity for the winning proposal"

Amendment proposed by ME/2nd by AS

Amendment passes 5-0 in roll call vote

Amended motion passes 5-0 in roll call vote

Motion passes,

9. GTC request for approval of Huddle AK proposal to complete the Girdwood Trails Master Plan @ \$22,680 from the Parks and Rec 406 account.
Huddle Ak has worked hard with GTP subcommittee to produce draft Girdwood Trails Master Plan. Project has taken several more meetings and more outreach than originally budgeted for. Additional funds are needed to complete the project. Of the \$22,680 that are needed, about \$11,300 are already spent. The other \$11,370 include additional subcommittee meetings.

Mike Edgington expresses that some of the work completed is outside of the scope of a trails plan and falls instead under the Area Plan. He believes that the subcommittee's work is done and should not use more of the contractor time, he proposes approval of the funds already spent:

Motion:

Girdwood Board of Supervisors moves to approve expense of \$11,310 to be paid by the Girdwood parks and rec capital fund.

Motion by ME, 2nd by JW

Proposed amendment:

Add unspent funds of \$7,400 for approval process to the motion.

Motion by ME, 2nd by GW.

Motion carries 5-0

Amended motion: Girdwood Board of Supervisors moves to approve \$11,310 in previously spent funds and \$7,400 in funds allocated for approval process to be paid by the Girdwood Parks and Rec capital fund.

Motion by ME, 2nd by JW

5 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion passes.

10. Economic development tax exemptions under service area boards (Mike Edgington)
Opportunity for service areas to use tax exemptions/credits has recently changed. This is a tool for incentivizing property owners with tax relief that is not now available for service area boards to use. Item will return to the agenda in future months.
11. Review and vote on 2022 GVSA budgets
Kyle Kelley provides overview – GVSA property taxes are capped at 6.0 mills. 10 year average is in the 4 mill range, however need to begin police services in 2016 resulted in about 1 mill increase. GVSA has the lowest mill rate of all anchorage neighborhoods with full services. Girdwood is the 5th lowest mill rate throughout the bowl (compared to those that do not have full services).
- a) Fire Budget – budget has not yet been reviewed by Fire Board, GFR seeks postponement of the GBOS budget vote pending fire board approval. GBOS states that the budget cycle has been posted and the fire budget is a key component in the budget overall. Delay would delay all budgets. Changes can be proposed and made in the 1st Quarter revisions if needed.
Fire Dept proposes an operations budget of \$868,000 and a capital budget of \$154,000, plus intergovernmental charges. Operations budget includes \$35,000 for fire fighter physicals and capital budget includes \$80,000 for Engine 41, as well as \$74,000 to save for other upcoming projects.

GBOS Motion:

GBOS moves to extend the meeting to 10:30PM

Motion by ME/2nd GW

Motion carries 5-0

Motion:

GBOS Moves to approve 2022 GVSA Fire Budget of \$1,279,002.

Motion by ME, 2nd by JW

Discussion: AS states that fire budget has not been approved by GFR Board.

Roll call vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed

Motion carries

- b) Street Maintenance – Budget reflects small increase in operation budget due to salaries, office supplies. Roads contribution to capital account is an increase. Recommendation is \$125,000 be added to this fund through 2022 tax. This will allow for gradual replacement as infrastructure requires. Total increase to budget is \$106,000, budget request is \$1,290,248.

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve 2022 GVSA Roads budget of \$1,290,248.

Motion by ME/AS

Roll call vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries

- c) Parks and Recreation – Budget reflects possible increase in salary if seasonal staff return next year. \$125,000 to be added to parks and rec capital account. Budget request is \$398,974.10.

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve 2022 GVSA Parks and Rec budget of \$398,974.10.

Motion by ME, 2nd by GW

Roll call vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries

- d) Police – contract cost remains flat, no additional funds requested. As required under contract, Consumer Price Index will be calculated in January and increase will be added at 1st Quarter Revisions. Budget request is \$691,419.

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve 2022 GVSA Police Services budget of \$691,419.

Motion by Me/2nd JW

Roll call vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries

- e) Cemetery – no budget proposed.

Group also reviews capital project lists, see meeting packet for full list. Highlights are:

Little Bears: Project is on hold, no update on this item.

Glacier Creek Bridge Study: Currently MOA is working toward funding engineering and design of suspension bridge over Glacier Creek.

Glacier Creek Bridge construction: Construction would remain a GVSA item, paired with grant or other funds.

Lions Club Park Pavilion: Request of Lions Club for some time, plan is to apply for Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for this, GVSA will need to fund the engineering and design work on this project, this item will be on the agenda next month.

Fish Passages: Likely fund through roads improvements using term contractor.

Industrial park projects: need power to lot, warm storage for sanding vehicle and covered sand storage.

Chief Weston mentions that Utility 41 has been bumped down to 2023 for replacement as priority is a new snow machine to replace one that was totaled last year. Hose replacement this year.

Motion to extend the meeting to 10:35

Motion by ME, 2nd by JW

Motion carries

GBOS Motion:
GBOS approves the GVSA Capital Projects List as presented.
Motion by GW, 2nd JW
Roll call vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed
Motion carries

12. Discuss and vote on Girdwood Fire Department Board of Directors request for approval of hose replacement @ approximately \$27,000 from the GFR 406 capital account.

As discussed at previous GBOS budget meetings, hose replacement required due to delamination, hoses are beyond their expected life and have been taken out of service.

Motion:
GBOS approves the expense of \$27,000 for hose replacement from the Girdwood Fire Dept Capital account.
Motion by GW/2nd ME
Roll call vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed
Motion carries

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Action Item Updates as assigned:

Request for GBOS/LUC Joint meeting (1 held of 2 required in 2021):

Request for GBOS/GFR Joint meeting (2 held of 2 required in 2021):

Request for Executive Session:

Other:

Adjourn 10:34PM