

# Municipality of Anchorage



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**GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

*Briana Sullivan & Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chairs*

*Mike Edgington, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade*

## **August 21, 2023 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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The Girdwood Board of Supervisors operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

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

\*Meeting is starting late as Teams recording function was not working. Meeting begins with audio recording available only. Teams recording began late.

Roll call: Attending are: Briana Sullivan (BS), Jennifer Wingard (JW), Guy Wade (GW), Mike Edgington (ME), Amanda Sassi (AS).

Disclosures: None

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

August 21 2023 meeting agenda approved	ME/AS	Assent
July 17 2023 meeting minutes approved	GW/ME	Assent
Aug 2 2023 Budget WS 1 minutes approved	GW/JW	Assent

#### **Announcements:**

- GBOS is working on 2024 budgets. Budget meetings are scheduled as follows:  
Work Session 2 MON Aug 21 at 5PM; Proposed budget will be provided to the Assembly in September.
- GVSA Non-Profit Recreation Grant applications are available thru Sept 15 at 3PM;  
GVSA Non-Profit Grant presentation meeting is MON Oct 23 at 5PM

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

1. Resolution of gratitude for Linda Mankoff – Postponed to September meeting
2. Legislative Report – Sen. Cathy Giessel: representative attending has no report  
Rep. Laddie Shaw not in attendance  
Assembly members – R. Sulte not attending, Zac Johnson reports that Assembly passed bike safety and infrastructure, adding back in helmet requirement for minors. Funding for Engine 41 passed unanimously. Changes in State Transportation Infrastructure Planning (STIP) to require more community involvement in DOT scope and development. Assembly recommending change to scofflaw law allowing for vehicles to be seized for unpaid traffic fines with a higher threshold for fines. Assembly continues to work on proposed shelter/facility at Tudor and Elmore. Changes to residential zoning ordinance now makes the ordinance apply only to Anchorage Bowl and takes 14 zoning districts down to 5.  
GBOS requests information on the passing of the HLB 5 year plan with the floor amendment that returned Holtan Hills project to the plan with no notice and no written record. Member Johnson will follow up on this, he did not attend the meeting at which this occurred.

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Anchorage School Board Liaison – Andy Holleman, not in attendance.

3. Supervisor Reports

Guy Wade: Cemetery meeting on THU at 12PM will include guests to discuss the bonding proposition which will be coming from the Assembly.

Wingard: None

Edgington: Attended meeting with Alyeska Resort to view proposed updated Master Plan, which is expected to be proposed formally in October.

Sassi: None

Sullivan: Also met with Alyeska Resort regarding Master Plan.

Alyeska Resort request for meetings: Alyeska Resort reached out to GBOS members separately as well as other community group representatives and provided a presentation on their future development plans. It is universally agreed that sharing of information by the resort is positive and welcome. Resort has no reason to be aware of OMA. Several GBOS members sought guidance on this, staff recommendation was to discuss at this meeting and assign not more than 2 people to engage with the resort in order to avoid any OMA issues and appearance of impropriety.

Motion:

GBOS moves to request that staff receive clarification from Municipal attorney regarding Open Meetings Act concerns related to GBOS members meeting individually with Alyeska Resort.

Motion by Mike Edgington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Wingard

Motion carries by Assent Vote

Motion:

GBOS moves to appoint Mike Edgington and Briana Sullivan to be the points of contact for Alyeska Resort and report information that can be shared with the GBOS and public.

Motion by Mike Edgington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda Sassi

Amended motion:

GBOS moves to appoint Mike Edgington and Briana Sullivan to be the points of contact for Alyeska Resort updates to their Master Plan and report information that can be shared with the GBOS and public.

Amendment by Mike Edgington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Guy Wade

Amendment approved via roll call vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Jennifer Wingard)

Amended motion approved via roll call vote 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Jennifer Wingard)

Soren Wuerth requests if a copy of the presentation that has been provided to some members of the public and to some members of GBOS is now available to be viewed by others. No representative of Alyeska is available to respond, GBOS member Sullivan indicates that likely it is not publicly available at this time but will be presented soon as part of the approval process.

4. Committee updates to GBOS: 3 min each; items not on the agenda but items of interest to the community  
GTC; LUC; PSAC; Cemetery; Housing and Economic Committee: No additional items presented. Cemetery meeting on THU has been previously discussed.
5. Status of Proposed Girdwood Developments: document provided last month has links that should help public access most up to date information on projects that are under way.
6. Service Provider Reports (5 mins each)  
Fire – Chief Weston: 300 calls year to date. Fire dept is recruiting new members. Fire Dept service in Fairbanks area on wildfire and rental of equipment has provided revenues of \$14,200 and \$1000/day as well as great field experience.  
Tsunami mapping shows that Turnagain Arm and Girdwood have some potential for tsunami and flooding post-earthquake that is rare but significant. Meeting is scheduled for public review of the updated tsunami maps on October 17 at 6:30PM in the Girdwood Community Room.

Police – Chief Achee: unable to attend.

Roads/Parks & Rec – Kyle Kelley: Thanks to volunteers John Gallup, Zack Behney, Summer Trail Crew, Friends of Girdwood Trails: Shannon O'Brien, Kalie Harrison, Paul Crews and the Mission group from the Methodist Church. Roads – completing work on fish culvert on Lake Tahoe Road.

Budgets are on pace.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Krystal Hoke: Girdwood Inc preliminary grant request of Rasmuson Foundation has resulted in request for full application, which is due Sept 15. Request that GBOS consider adding this item as New Business currently and then add special meeting if needed to produce the letter requested. Rasmuson foundation may contribute \$350,000 to the Workforce Childcare facility if approved.

Motion:

GBOS moves to add this item to this agenda under New Business item #19.

Motion by Mike Edgington, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Guy Wade

Motion carries by assent vote

Laurie Tryck: Requests that GBOS address flooding risk caused by overgrowth in Glacier Creek with removal of trees and brush that cause the creek to braid.

Written comments provided by Christina Hendrickson and provided in the meeting packet regarding:

US Army Corps of Engineers Re: Cabana Wetland permit. Staff is requested to find out if there is a public hearing scheduled for the Cabana wetland permit.

2024 Mass Update and AWWU 2024 Design Construction Practices Manual.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

8. **Agenda Item LUC 2306-06:** LUC recommendation for GBOS to pursue some transportation planning. review and approve resolution drafted by AS/JW  
Meeting packet includes draft resolution.

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve the draft resolution as presented

Motion by Amanda Sassi/2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Wingard

Vote via roll call, 5 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries.

9. PSAC request for funding assistance Not to Exceed \$1200 for Cyber Bullying workshop to be held October 6, 2023 (Police Supervisor)  
PSAC has tried to secure funding from other sources, including ACF grant but has not been successful yet. Overnight accommodations will be provided through PSAC members at no charge to the service area. Expense is expected to be \$988.66, information on this provided in the meeting packet. Staff confirms that there are sufficient funds in the PSAC misc expenses fund to pay for this presentation. Fire dept offers to provide refreshments for the program.

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve expense of NTE \$1200 to be paid from the PSAC miscellaneous fund for Lt. Browning's presentation in Girdwood.

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

Vote via roll call, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion carries.

10. GBOS Land Acknowledgement (Sullivan)  
GBOS members have been working on the land acknowledgment for a few months after LUC adopted one. Members are interested in additional input as this hasn't had much input from public or GBOS members during the time its been on the agenda.  
Guy Wade mentions that the cultural awareness workshops held last year were not widely attended but the conversations and information shared were valuable. Chief Weston adds that acknowledgements are common these days and important to share with the community. Group discusses postponing the vote to allow for continued consideration and collaboration on the acknowledgment language.

Motion:

GBOS moves to postpone the Land Acknowledgement until September.

Motion by Mike Edgington/2<sup>nd</sup> Guy Wade

Vote via roll call, 5 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries

11. GBOS consider recommending property tax exemptions for volunteer fire fighters (Edgington)  
Several members of GFD are in attendance at the meeting to provide input on this item.  
Tax exemption would be a maximum of \$10,000 per person, \$20,000 per household for members of volunteer departments, areawide.

This will be possibly an aid in recruitment, but more certainly an aid in retention of service members.  
Such a system exists in Fairbanks and Kenai.  
Final language for the resolution is not yet ready, although a draft is provided in the meeting packet.

Motion:

GBOS moves to postpone this topic until September, when final language for the Resolution will be provided.

Motion by Mike Edgington, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Guy Wade

Vote via assent, motion carries.

12. Update on GVSA Budgets 2024: GBOS discuss and approve budget in September for 2024  
Budget discussion and the meeting prior. Meeting packet has full information on proposed budgets. GBOS may hold a 3<sup>rd</sup> budget work session if needed, depending upon action by the Fire Board on the Girdwood Fire budget.
13. Review of remaining Holtan Hills Questions (Land Use Supervisor)
  - o GBOS request that CCNLUP is removed from use as Area Master Plan for development purposes.  
There may be future work on Holtan Hills development, but for now this item is concluded and will be removed from the agenda.
14. **Agenda Item LUC 2201-06:** LUC recommendation for GBOS Resolution to address GVSA Industrial Park concerns (power, platting and others) (Land Use Supervisor)  
LUC had recommended action, however GBOS has talked to HLB and understands that the Industrial Park is their priority upon adoption of the 5 year plan. GBOS wants to give HLB some time to initiate work on this before following up with new action

Motion:

GBOS moves to table this item.

Motion by Jennifer Wingard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Edgington

Vote via assent, motion carries.

15. GBOS review HLB response to comments on HLB 2023 Work Plan and 5 year Management Plan  
[DRAFT 2023 Annual Work Program & 2024-2028 Five-Year Management Plan](#)  
Consider drafting resolutions generated from discussion about HLB 1 and 5 year plans. Originally this topic was a space holder to address HLB responses to GBOS input. If there is, they will be taken up separately.

Motion:

GBOS moves to table this item.

Motion by Mike Edgington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Wingard

Vote via assent, motion carries

16. **Agenda Item LUC 2307-05:** LUC request GBOS information on implementation of ballot measure in 2023 that proposed marijuana tax distribution within MOA and possible avenues for a portion to be received in Girdwood.  
LUC did not take action on this item at their August meeting and GBOS is hoping that they will wait to see what the proposal looks like and if it provides some distribution within Girdwood.

Motion:

GBOS moves to drop this item from their agenda indefinitely pending review of draft proposal.

Motion by Mike Edgington/2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Wingard

vote via assent, motion carries.

GBOS takes a 5 minute recess, returning at 9:05 to complete the agenda.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

17. GTC and **Agenda Item LUC 2308-05:** Review of design proposed for the Winner Creek Trail suspension bridge crossing Glacier Creek. Presentation of the 35% design for the bridge to replace the hand tram and reconnect Winner Creek Trail. Bridge will be year-round use. Design is in collaboration with the USFS as they will adopt maintenance and operation once the project is complete. Staff is seeking approval at GBOS and GTC in September.
18. Request for GBOS Resolution supporting no parking signs to be placed on one side of Donner Road per AMC9.30.080.A Parking on Narrow Streets  
Donner Rd is becoming congested with overflow parking from the Brewery that is impeding normal flow on the narrow road. Neighbors have requested no parking signs be added to one side of the road via PSAC.

19. Request for GBOS Resolution of Support for Rasmuson Foundation grant funding assistance for child care facility construction in Girdwood.  
Item added earlier in this meeting. New construction for Little Bears has funding as follows:  
\$1.6 from ARPA funds  
\$55,000 from State of AK  
Possible \$350,000 from Rasmuson is possible. Full application is due Sept 15. Krystal will check to see if letter can be provided following meeting on Sept 18, if not, GBOS will hold a special meeting for this item.

**REPORTS:**

20. Reports (see packet)  
APL Gerrish Library Report  
Girdwood Service Area Report  
Imagine!Girdwood

**Action Item Updates as assigned:**

**Request for GBOS/LUC Joint meeting (5 held of 2 required in 2023): January 4, January 9, April 10, July 3, July 10**

**Request for GBOS/GFR Joint meeting (0 held of 2 required in 2023):**

**Request for Executive Session:**

**Other:**

- Parliamentary procedure training for GBOS and Committees  
Alyeska Interchange project status  
Girdwood Cemetery re: need to clarify intent re: GVSA Cemetery powers.

Adjourn 9:23PM