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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Mike Edgington & Briana Sullivan, Co-Chairs
Jennifer Wingard, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade

February 14, 2022 **GBOS Special Meeting RE: Glacier Creek Suspension Bridge Funding** **Minutes Final** **6:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams**

This meeting is taking place via Microsoft Teams:

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Call to Order 6:04 p.m. Briana Sullivan, Co-Chair

Roll Call: Mike Edgington (ME), Briana Sullivan (BS), Guy Wade (GW), Jennifer Wingard (JW) attending
Amanda Sassi is excused

Disclosures: None

Agenda Revisions and Approval

February 14, 2022 GBOS Special Meeting agenda approved with addition of item #2

Approval to amend agenda ME/JW 4-0 Consent vote

Approval of amended agenda GW/ME 4-0 consent vote

Announcements:

- HLB Draft 2022 Annual Work Program and 5 Year Management Plan are being prepared and draft is available to review on line. HLB plans to present and hold public hearing at the HLBAC meeting in March, date TBA:
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/hlb/Pages/Plan.aspx>

Agenda:

1. Discuss funding and vote on Resolution of Support for Rasmuson Tier 2 Grant for Winner Creek Trail Suspension Bridge over Glacier Creek.

GVSA has been encouraged to apply for Rasmuson Tier 2 Grant for \$300,000. Letter of Inquiry is due Feb 15, this is preliminary to the grant cycle. Next cycle will be in November. Resolution signed by GBOS in January supporting the bridge did not address a specific amount of financial support that GVSA is able to provide for the project, because GVSA reimbursement from storm damage in October was not clear. Emergency Declaration has opened up funding stream for that reimbursement, GVSA is pursuing payment for the expenses already paid and for final work to be completed this spring. In addition, GVSA 2021 budgets surplus of \$146,487, will transfer to the GVSA Undesignated Fund and will help to replenish the emergency fund back to the target amount of \$300,000. 2021 capital fund allocations have been transferred to the 406 Capital accounts, except for \$50,000 that was set aside for Fire Dept in case funds were needed for end of year gap. Full replacement of the Ruane Road culvert to bring it to proper standard will be pursued through FEMA funding, state infrastructure funding and federal grants designed for that purpose.

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Current bridge funding is:

Project is anticipated to cost approximately \$1.55 million

MOA Parks and Recreation contribution from Cares Act funds \$521,280.89

GVSA contribution request (parks and Rec capital fund) \$500,000

Rasmuson Foundation request \$300,000

These designated sources complete all but \$200,000 of the project.

Currently GVSA has \$640,000 in the Parks and Rec capital account and another \$125,000 has been allocated for 2022. Encumbering \$500,000 for this project will still leave flexibility for projects.

GVSA goal is to pursue funding from as many sources as possible to relieve the cost of construction from the Service Area. There is considerable support for this project at the local, state and federal level.

Possible funding sources for bridge include:

State of AK Capital Improvement Project requests (CAPSYS)

USFS funding possibilities

State managed grants, such as Recreation Trails Program Grant and Land and Water Conservation Fund

Local Grants, such as Anchorage Park Foundation

Regional Grants, such as Kenai Mountains Turnagain Arm Heritage Area

Private donations

Motion:

GBOS moves to amend Resolution 2022-02: Resolution in support of design, engineering and construction of a suspension bridge to replace the hand tram to span Glacier Creek to add financial support of \$500,000.

Motion by Mike Edgington, 2nd by Jennifer Wingard

4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining via roll call vote

Motion carries

2. Revisit GBOS Resolution 2018-03 regarding Girdwood Industrial Park as sale of lots 1-5 is on Feb 15 Anchorage Assembly Agenda.

Anchorage Assembly is meeting on Feb 15 and one topic on the agenda is disposal of the first 5 lots, which were subdivided and platted in 2018. Sale of these lots to the current leaseholders will fund HLB, as HLB is a self-funded organization within the MOA. GBOS Resolution 2018-03 supported the expedited completion of Phase 2 and 3 of the Girdwood Industrial Park. No significant progress has been made, survey and plat of the rest of the park for existing leaseholders remains prohibitively expensive. Industrial park lots that need power do not have it, including the MOA Road Service. This remains a serious need, GBOS members Edgington and Sullivan plan to testify at the Assembly meeting. No changes are made to the existing Resolution as it is determined that the resolution accurately identifies the community's concerns and needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Emma Kramer states that GVSA should be aware that road maintenance of Crow Creek Road is handled by Upper Crow Creek Community Association. Traffic to visit Winner Creek Trail/parking puts added pressure on the community that pays for plowing and sanding. Funding bridge project when housing crisis is unresolved is callous.

Mike Edgington suggests that GBOS and UCCCA should meet to discuss concerns in the coming months.

Adjourn 6:57PM