

# Municipality of Anchorage



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**GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

## **February 21, 2022 GBOS Regular Meeting Minutes Final 7:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams**

This meeting is taking place via Microsoft Teams:

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Call to Order 7:00 p.m. Briana Sullivan, Co-Chair

Roll Call: Mike Edgington (ME), Briana Sullivan (BS), Jennifer Wingard (JW), Guy Wade (GW)

Amanda Sassi is excused

Disclosures: ME lives next door to petitioner in item #7. No substantive conflict determined.

### **Agenda Revisions and Approval**

February 21, 2022 Meeting agenda approved

ME/JW Assent

January 17, 2022 Meeting minutes approved

GW/ME Assent

January 24, 2022 MOA/GBOS Quarterly Meeting Minutes approved

ME/JW Assent

January 24, 2022 GBOS Special Meeting RE: Continuation of 1.17.22 meeting minutes approved

GW/ME Assent

February 14 2022 GBOS Special Meeting: Funding for Suspension Bridge approve

ME/GW Assent

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

1. Anchorage School District – Bond Information (Kelly Lessons): Mask optional announced by Superintendent starting Feb 28. Superintendent search on-going. Bonding in 2022 election information to be included in the meeting packet, includes reconstruction of Inlet View School
2. Update of housing developments in Girdwood, including Holtan Hills  
Currently HLB meeting in May is planned for discussion of disposal of land to developer for Holtan Hills. Request for developer to return to community for another discussion as they were not prepared for questions that community posed. Mike Edgington will discuss with CY Investments.  
Soren Wuerth discussed under public comment that the Town Hall SUN Feb 13 had about 75 people turn out in person and on line. Discussions included:
  - concerns of Social Service needs – broad spectrum of people here seeking housing at various income levels
  - Local infrastructure needs to be addressed, including fire department
  - Ideas on community development, including holding a planning and zoning meeting in Girdwood
  - Girdwood Area Plan effort ongoing but not completeLikely that future meetings will also be held to address community concerns related to housing.

GBOS Meeting Agendas and minutes are available on line: <http://www.muni.org/gbos>

3. Legislative Report – Sen. Roger Holland, Rep. James Kaufman: Matthew Harvey addresses group. Working through budget and audits, Campaign contribution limits, Passed paperwork reduction act unanimously. Senator Lisa Murkowski will address legislature tomorrow. Meeting scheduled to discuss vehicle extrication tools with Chief Weston later this week, possible to add it to state capital projects system (CAPSYS). Girdwood has items on the CAPSYS as well, however this has to do with highway, not Girdwood specifically. Group discusses lack of support for highway safety. Highway construction has been funded in recent years but not highway enforcement (Alaska State Troopers) or Highway EMS/Rescue response. These are made the responsibility of the government overseeing that stretch of road and are not funded by state and left lacking if no local government happens to overlap an area of roadway.

Assembly members J. Weddleton, S. LaFrance

John Weddleton attended the Housing Town Hall Recommends discussing Industrial Park development with Sen Rep Kaufman to get it on the infrastructure list. Assembly discussing tax abatement for development of Accessory Dwelling Units. State has been looking to Municipality to turn over management authority for airports, including Girdwood. Please send feedback to John on this. APD working on receiving bodycams for all officers. Reapportionment discussions on-going, maps are available for viewing on the MOA website. Next meetings are THU Feb 24 and TUE March 1, it is possible there is an extension later into March.

Mike Edgington mentions concerns of lack of transparency from AWWU regarding fluoride in water in Girdwood. Accidentally disclosed that fluoride was not being added and equipment will not be fixed until 2024. Concern is not about the fluoride, but about the lack of disclosure to the population.

4. Supervisor Reports

Jennifer Wingard – none

Mike Edgington: Tax abatement for construction of Accessory Dwelling Units has unclear impact on Girdwood because of tax structure here. Lack of consideration of use of ADUS for Short Term Rental is a concern for Girdwood. Discussion about AWWU and fluoride, concern that community was not informed earlier.

Guy Wade: Fire department does a great job attracting volunteers. Volunteer base to serve on department is a significant limiting factor for Girdwood development.

Briana Sullivan: testified at Anchorage Assembly regarding Girdwood Industrial Park sale of Phase 1 lots.

5. Service Provider Reports (5 mins)

Fire – Chief Weston:

Added 5 new ALS certified volunteers and a new paramedic. New class of 13 for firefighter 1 class and 11 for Firefighter II class. 30-35 calls per month, currently 74 calls to date in 2022. 8 applicants for new members to join the department. Extrication tools are 30 years old and failing. They were received through funding from Sen. Stevens when no other agency could fund them. Currently using some 15+ year old equipment on loan from AFD. Prior MOA bond was to fund them but this item was removed from the bond language prior to election.

Police – Chief Achee – no report

Roads/Parks & Rec – Kyle Kelley

Thanks to Don Davis for helping with parks trash cans, Alyeska Resort for hosting Throwdown Showdown and Groomers for working on all the groomed trails.

Working on grants and grant applications, including Anchorage Park Foundation, Rasmuson Foundation and GBOS non-profit grants.

Chugach Electric plans an outage for FRI at 1AM.

Roads: Busy with lots of snow removal, sanding. Thanks to Bob Wolfe for helping plow when road crew was stuck on other side of avalanche on the Seward Highway last week. Full report in the meeting packet.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kathy Trautner: Anyone else notice odd odor from water?

Soren Wuerth: Comments regarding Town Hall added to Agenda Item #2.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

6. Permitting for Girdwood Forest Fair 2022 (Karen Zaccaro). Beginning permitting phase and will be addressing GBOS over the coming months while working on the plans for the fair.
7. **Agenda Item LUC 2111-08:** 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation and request for GBOS Resolution of Support for Project#2022-0014: Dimensional Variance for development within the stream protection setback at 515 Vail Dr. ZBEA meeting scheduled for March 10 2022. <https://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=17505>. Mike Ausman/Alexandra Robinson, presenting.

Presented to LUC and received recommendation for GBOS resolution, draft included in meeting packet. Added distances from setback in the site plans presented at this meeting. Guy Wade questions if these streams are considered anadromous by AK Dept of Fish and Game, staff will check.

Motion:

Mike Edgington reads draft resolution into the record, amends to address fish status to Whereas #3 and correct setback in #7.

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

Roll Call vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

Motion carries

Staff will confirm if stream/s are anadromous or not and revise as needed.

8. 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>  
GBOS will hold a work session to review and discuss these documents in order to have a formal discussion at GBOS regular meeting in March. Staff will poll group to set meeting.
9. **Agenda Item LUC 2201-06:** Power to Bob Wolfe's Lot in the Girdwood Industrial Park/HLB Lot (Bob Wolfe)  
As a plow contractor, Bob Wolfe provides critical service to the community but cannot buy or improve industrial park lot. Road equipment needs to be kept warm in order to run in winter.  
When asked about the current idea from HLB to sell industrial park lots to developer, Bob says that existing leaseholders need to be taken care of in this arrangement.  
Kyle was asked to follow up on getting power to MOA lot, which also is not platted. Still unclear if Chugach Electric can bring power to lot that is not platted.
10. **Agenda Item LUC 2201-07:** Discussion of Assembly redistricting/reapportionment of Assembly Seats and consider GVSA formal comment. Currently 4 maps under consideration. Meetings later this week and March 1. Item is added to Feb 28 Special meeting for more discussion and action.
11. Update on Oct 2021 Storm & financial discussion
  - Status of Emergency Declaration: Declaration made, working through reimbursement process with State.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Revision needs. Set meeting date if one is needed.: Not needed as Girdwood has funding to begin to replenish emergency fund.
  - Long term solution for Ruane Road: seeking help from State through CAPSYS and Infrastructure funds. GVSA would work on design immediately upon receiving funding. Best time to go out to bid would be January 2023.
12. Structure of New/Old Business meeting requirement and discuss what is needed for petitioners to receive 1 meeting review. Sample concept questions to be added to the GBOS Rules and Procedures are to be drafted into document for review at the next meeting.
13. Update on GBOS Resolution 2020-11 Resolution Against Racism & community forum  
Mike Edgington took this on originally but did not find a forum to best discuss it and bring to fruition. He requests help from other supervisors. Briana Sullivan and Guy Wade agree to collaborate on this. Mike will pass on the information he has acquired.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

14. **Agenda Item LUC 2202-05:** Girdwood Parks and Recreation and Girdwood Turnagain Arm Lions Club request GBOS Resolution of Support to seek matching grant funding for a picnic pavilion in Lions Club Park (Application due **March 17**). Concept is a smaller shelter with ADA access, as it's in a park the structure must meet MOA requirements for snow load etc. Draft resolution for consideration will be presented at Feb 28 meeting as application is due prior to next GBOS meeting.
15. Discuss GVSA First Quarter Budget Revisions.  
CPI increase for Whittier Police contract, will increase contract from \$675,000/yr to \$708,075/yr.

#### **REPORTS:**

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

Adjourn 10PM