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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Jennifer Wingard & Kellie Okonek, Co-Chairs
Brian Burnett, Amanda Tuttle, Nick Crews*

May 18 2026 GBOS Regular Meeting Minutes Draft

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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Call to Order 7:00 p.m. Jennifer Wingard

Land Acknowledgement: The Girdwood Board of Supervisors acknowledges the indigenous peoples of Alaska, whose land we reside on. The community of Girdwood, situated between the areas known to be Dena'ina and Alutiiq homeland, respects the people who were stewards of this land for generations. We commit to the continued stewardship of this land and are grateful to be part of a wider community that seeks to maintain a sustainable use of Girdwood Valley for present and future peoples.

Roll Call:

Attending are Brian Burnett (BB), Amanda Tuttle (AT), Nick Crews (NC), Kellie Okonek (KO), Jennifer Wingard (JW)
No Disclosures

Announcements:

- GHEC has two vacant positions, to be filled by registered voters in the Girdwood Valley Service Area. To be considered for appointment, email gbos@muni.org.
- Girdwood Parks Master Plan project is continuing the approval process. P&Z hearing is scheduled July 6. www.girdwoodparksplan.com

Agenda Revisions and Approval:

May 18 2026 GBOS meeting agenda approved	BB/KO	Assent
Amendment to move item #14 to Old Business, consent item	BB/AT	Assent

Minutes Approval:

April 20 2026 GBOS Meeting minutes approved	BB/NC
April 27 2026 MOA GBOS Meeting minutes approval	BB/NC

Presentations (10 Min):

Resolution of Gratitude: Mike Edgington
Resolution of Gratitude: Briana Sullivan

Consent agenda: LONO for The Herbal Cache License renewal Approved

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Reports (5 Min):

1. Legislative Reports

Sen. Cathy Giessel, Rep. Ky Holland: No report, finishing Legislative Session.

Assembly members – Z. Johnson: 1Q Revisions include funding for Wildland Division

Mayor La France, Bob Dole, Suzanne Fleet-Green, Becky Windt Pearson: Group addresses projects that they have been focused on including Anchorage Port Construction, Public Safety, Education Funding, resolving vacancies in Health Dept and MOA Legal Dept.

Anchorage School Board Liaison – Rachel Blakeslee: Legal action due to school closure. ASB is reviewing what could be restored if school funding increases for the upcoming year.

HLBAC Report – Tim Charnon no report.

2. Supervisor Reports

Kellie Okonek: Attended GHEC; discussion of Housing Study RFP; No PSAC report

Amanda Tuttle: Attended HLBAC and was pleased to have MOA Watershed Dept there. Unlikely for study this year, but progress for a study in the future.

Jennifer Wingard: Land Use request for comments on Timberline Drive short plat case by June 12.

Question for MOA staff attending regarding comment at LUC about difference between comps and property tax assessments. Answer from staff is that the system of valuation for these two purposes is likely different.

3. Committee updates to GBOS: 3 min each; items not on the agenda but items of interest to the community
None

4. Standing Reports, see meeting packet

Proposed Girdwood Developments

Girdwood Airport Parcel H

GVSA non-property tax funds

GBOS Rules and Procedures revisions

STR Registration and regulation

5. Service Provider Reports (5 mins each)

Fire – Chief Weston: Chipping planned for June 6, thank you Chugach Electric.

23 calls in April. No news yet on award of Rural Health Grant.

See meeting packet for Wildland Urban Interface Community Action Team information.

Police – Chief Achee

235 calls in Girdwood. Many centered on Spring Carnival weekend.

Roads/Parks & Rec – Kyle Kelley

Summer list includes repairs and maintenance, some of which was caused by extraordinary ice all winter; dust control and grading. Working with purchasing on contact for roads. Ruane RFP is in Purchasing. Winner Creek Bridge has approved PO and moving to contract with Spernak. Likely start this fall with completion next year.

Campground opening this weekend, hosts are in. Summer Crew is working hard. Disc golf tournament this weekend. Pavilion construction at Lions Club Park to start this week.

Group reviews meetings to be scheduled; Budget meetings are priority. Poll to set budget meetings will be sent to GBOS members soon.

GBOS LUC Joint meeting with DOT re Alyeska Highway speed Assigned to PSAC Liaison

GBOS Parliamentary Training Fall

GBOS Special Meeting on Rules and Procedures Fall

GBOS meeting to establish chairs and areas of responsibility Today

GBOS Work Session Re: 2025 Budget/Projects in review May/early June

GBOS 2027 Budget Work Session Summer 2026 x 2 June/July/August

Complete for Final Budget Sept GBOS

GBOS Work Session Re: capital projects/leaseback options later

Anchorage Public Library – Katarina Pavic, Gerrish (Girdwood) Branch Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mitch Roth: CEA election now, ends May 29.

OLD BUSINESS:

6. Welcome GBOS new members Tuttle and Crews.
GBOS Roles:

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve the assignment of roles outlined as follows:

Jennifer Wingard: Land Use

Brian Burnett: Parks and Recreation

Kellie Okonek: Housing and Economic

Amanda Tuttle: Police, Roads, Utilities

Nick Crews: Fire Department

Motion by KO/2nd AT

Motion carries 5-0 in roll call vote

Review of upcoming meetings to be scheduled: Discussed previously.

Election of Co-chairs for 2026

Motion:

GBOS moves to appoint Jennifer Wingard and Kellie Okonek as co-chairs of GBOS for 2026.

Motion by AT/ 2nd NC

Motion carries 5-0 in roll call vote

7. Girdwood Forest Fair 2026 Request for Letter of Non-Objection (LONO) for Permitting and fee waiver
Some elements of permitting are pending, including insurance. Grand marshal this year are Brooks and Kate Chandler.
Theme is sparkles, glitter and bubbles.

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve the letter of support for 2026 Forest Fair and fee waiver, pending completion of permitting

Motion by BB/2nd NC

Motion carries 5-0 in roll call vote

8. **Agenda Item LUC 2605-04:** Planning and Zoning case 2026-0062 Amendment to 21.05.040G.2.b to match process for adoption of Park Master Plans in Turnagain Arm public or private parks with the process to adopt master plans for Anchorage Parks. P&Z case set for public hearing June 8 2026.(Burnett/Staff)
Girdwood Park Master Plan is the first plan to go through process in many years. Anchorage Parks Plan process has changed over the years but Turnagain Arm Process didn't change over those years. This change will align process of the two.

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve the draft Resolution of Support as presented.

Motion by BB/2nd NC

Motion carries 4-1 in roll call vote. AT is dissenting vote

9. Municipal Budget Items: (GBOS GHEC Supervisor/Public Safety Supervisor)

These items were discussed at MOA GBOS meeting.

* Municipal Room Tax funded Tourism Improvement Projects (TIPs) 2027 allocation recommendations from GVSA

GBOS ideas are Housing Study and RV Park feasibility Study

GBOS recommendation for funding in 2027 Municipal Budget should be provided in early September to Visit Anchorage, MOA and Bill Falsey. AR that set aside the funding is clear in stating that the purpose must "promote tourism", group is encouraged to review AR 2026-55 to make sure proposed projects fit within the definition required.

Item is to be added to GHEC agenda for review and recommendation.

* Municipal levy for police IT projects: potential allocation for WPD IT Girdwood needs. (GBOS Public Safety Supervisor)

Girdwood-specific projects for consideration of funding.

Item is to be added to PSAC agenda for review and recommendation.

10. FCC Delegate Clarification (Land Use Committee Supervisor)

Jennifer Wingard states that FCC as an information source is helpful to Girdwood.

Girdwood has wrestled with whether to send an official delegate or not. Formal delegate would come from GBOS, and it has been previously determined that the member would be the individual who serves as LUC liaison.

Motion:

GBOS moves to participate in the Federation of Community Councils and send the GBOS LUC Liaison to serve as delegate.
Motion by KO/2nd NC

Through discussion, motion is amended:

Amended Motion:

GBOS moves to send this item to LUC to decide if Girdwood shall participate and send GBOS LUC liaison to serve as delegate, status quo will maintain until a different decision is made.

Motion by KO/2nd NC

Motion carries by Assent vote

While this is under discussion at LUC and returns to GBOS, the current situation remains in place, so the GBOS LUC Liaison remains the FCC delegate from Girdwood.

Motion:

GBOS moves to void the GBOS March 2026 vote regarding FCC delegation. A recused member participated in the discussion for, and voted on the matter in which they had a demonstrated conflict of interest, upheld by MOA legal opinion. Additionally GBOS is to send a letter to FCC clarifying that they did not have a delegate from Jan 2021-Oct 2025, when the LUC supervisor was elected to that role. Mike Edgington was not elected to that role by either LUC or GBOS and therefore was not a legitimate delegate at any point.

Motion by KO/AT

BB states that this seems outside of the scope of the topic at this time. AT states that item has been discussed in the past but GBOS didn't follow legal opinion at the March meeting regarding conflict of interest. AT moves to call the question, ending discussion among GBOS.

Motion

GBOS moves to call the question, ending discussion.

Motion by AT/KO

Motion carries 4-1 in roll call vote (BB dissenting)

Vote on original motion. Motion carries 3-2 in roll call vote (BB and NC dissenting)

Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. Girdwood Fire Department request for GBOS Resolution of Support and approval for NTE \$20,000 for annual replacement of fire hose, turnouts and mattresses from the GVSA Fire Capital account (Chief Weston and GBOS Fire Supervisor)
Introduced, information is in the meeting packet.
12. Girdwood Fire Department request for GBOS Resolution of Support and approval for NTE \$100,000 for command vehicle supporting GVSA from the GVSA Fire Capital account. (Chief Weston and GBOS Fire Supervisor)
Introduced, information is in the meeting packet.
13. **Agenda Item LUC 2504-04:** GHEC and LUC recommendation for GBOS to provide input and move forward on draft ordinance with MOA to allow more flexibility for small forms of housing and relocatable dwelling units in the gR-1, gC-5 and gC-8 zoning districts. (Hoke/Chandler, GHEC and/or Land Use Supervisor)
Although this item is new business for introduction, GBOS discusses that there are safety, fire, density and unintended consequences that they want LUC to review more fully before it comes back to GBOS for hearing and vote. Item will return to LUC for additional discussion. GBOS seeks information on the requested traffic study for new girdwood townsite (Resolution 2025-14).

REPORTS:

14. Reports (see packet)

Supervisor reports:

Action Item Updates as assigned:

Request for GBOS/LUC Joint meeting: (0 of 2 required meetings held)

Request for GBOS/GFR Joint meeting (0 of 2 required held)

Request for Executive Session: None

9:30PM Adjourn KO/NC