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David Bronson, Mayor

GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mike Edgington & Briana Sullivan, Co-Chairs

Jennifer Wingard, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade

November 15, 2021 GBOS Regular Meeting Minutes Final 7:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams

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Call to Order 7:07 p.m. Mike Edgington or Briana Sullivan, Co-Chair

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

Disclosures: Regarding Grants discussion under item #8, each of the GBOS has past or present connection with several of the grant applicants, no substantive conflict is noted, except:

Guy Wade, who has a family member who works directly for FVCS. Guy will not vote on this item.

Regarding item #13, Amanda Sassi is Vice-Chair of Imagine!Girdwood. This item is up for discussion only at tonight's meeting.

Agenda Revisions and Approval

November 15 2021 meeting agenda approved	JW/BS	5-0
October 18 2021 meeting minutes approved	BS/JW	5-0
October 19 2021 GVSA nonprofit grants work session minutes approved	BS/JW	5-0
October 25 2021 MOA GBOS Quarterly meeting minutes approved	BW/JW	5-0
November 10 2021 GBOS Special Meeting minutes approved	AS/GW	5-0

Introductions, Presentations and Reports:

1. Anchorage School Board Liaison Kelly Lessons: See report in the meeting packet. Superintendent Dr. Deena Bishop has notified the school board that she will not renew her contract when it expires the end of June, 2022. Bus staffing shortages continue; ASD has links to view impacted routes. ASD is holding COVID vaccination clinics and has vaccinated 2000 youth 5+ since the pediatric vaccination became available. ASD has rapid COVID tests available at each school, turnaround time is 24 hours. Bond proposition for 2022 election and ESSER funding are topics being addressed by ASD Board in the upcoming meetings.
Legislative Report – Sen. Roger Holland, Rep. James Kaufman: Matthey Harvey with Sen. Kaufman's office states that they are working on the capital project requests and have discussed Girdwood priority projects with Mike Edgington and Briana Sullivan. Legislative session begins in mid-January. Federal infrastructure bill signed today will have significant funding for AK projects, funding will go to the state and will be distributed, unclear yet how funds will be disbursed and projects selected. Redistricting board has completed work and redistricting is slated for end of 2022. rep.james.kaufman@akleg.gov 907-465-4949
Assembly members J. Weddleton, S. LaFrance: No update

2. Supervisor Reports

Briana Sullivan: Girdwood Trails Special Meeting on TUE Nov 16 at 7PM.

Amanda Sassi: Thanks to Western Construction for the flood damage road repairs.

Jennifer Wingard: Public Safety Advisory Committee is working on GW portion of the MOA Alcohol Tax, to ensure that Girdwood receives services.

Guy Wade: Thanks to public safety crew for their work and communications to the community during flood events the end of October.

3. Service Provider Reports (5 mins)

Fire – Chief Weston: October had 20 calls, in November so far there have been 13 calls. 2 new local members have started at the fire dept.

Police – Chief Achee – Continued consistent scheduling in Girdwood. Emphasis is on traffic. Seeking bids for dispatch services. Currently in Whittier city budget cycle. Nov 20 is Coffee with a Cop, 10A-12P at the Grind.

Roads/Parks & Rec – Kyle Kelley – please see written report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ingrid Klinkart: Conquer Covid Coalition is helping to provide information on COVID at grassroots level. Next clinic is on FRI 11a-4p at the Hotel Alyeska. Walk-in and appointments accepted. www.conquercovidAK.com.

Terrence Shanigan: Director of Legislative Affairs. Positions are being filled on boards and commissions. 97 have been approved, 70 vacancies remaining. Infrastructure funding will be coming to Alaska for projects. Reminder to shop locally, Small Business Saturday event upcoming.

Huhnkie Lee: Independent candidate for US Senate

OLD BUSINESS:

4. Halloween 2021 Storm update & financial discussion

Storm the last weekend of October dropped 17” of rain from Fri Oct 29 -Wed Nov 3. For 12 hours straight Girdwood received 1/2 “ per hour of continuous heavy rainfall.. Snow line was low; drainage from higher elevations did not impact creeks and culverts in some of the locations prone to flooding in the past. Volume of water in some of the creeks was lower than it could have been.

Damage occurred to Echo Ridge, Loveland, Ruane. Most of the work that was done to repair Echo and Loveland will work as long term solution. Crystal Mtn, Brighton and Egloff parking also needed more minor repairs. Total cost for repairs is approximately \$700,000. Western is compiling billing and will categorize based on project site. Crow Creek Road was damaged and repaired by DOT as this is a state road.

Ruane Rd was the location of most significant damage, which eroded the road. Sewer and gas lines that run under the road were not damaged but are significant considerations in temporary fix and long-term solution. Temporary road was set to allow AWWU to service the water treatment plant and to allow leaseholders in the Industrial Park access; road was re-closed, work re-started and road was reopened on FRI afternoon. New culverts are larger than original however hydrologist has warned that they are undersized for volume to be expected in the future. Box culvert that is compliant with fish passage requirements is needed.

This will require survey of the creek followed by design, engineering and construction, at an anticipated cost of \$1.5-\$2M. Bridge is not considered an option due to sewer line beneath the road bed.

Thank you to Alyeska Resort for their support. Daylodge Parking provided perfect location for temporary lot for equipment and materials.

- Funds available currently to pay for work that has been done:
 - \$612,000 in the Girdwood Emergency Fund
 - \$163,000 in a MOA Areawide Bridge and Dam Fund
 - \$109,000 in the Girdwood Road Capital fund
 - \$298,000 in the Girdwood Undesignated Fund

The Emergency Fund and Areawide Bridge and dam fund are otherwise unallocated. GVSA would need to rebuild the emergency fund through property tax. The Road capital fund and Undesignated Fund both have planned allocations, including savings for significant projects. Girdwood is unable to bond for capital improvements, so funds are saved in the Undesignated Fund and then distributed to various Girdwood capital funds at the end of the year. Removing funds from the Undesignated Fund will require Assembly approval. Draining these funds would significantly impact Girdwood's ability to continue projects in all areas of capital improvement, and this would only pay for the repairs to date. Since part of the cost of repair was temporary solution to allow access to AWWU plant there may be funding assistance from AWWU to cover costs associated with that temporary repair.

Survey of California Creek at Ruane Road and 150' up and downstream is needed. Snowfall will complicate the survey, so this should be undertaken soon. Estimate from CRW is \$37,000 for survey, documentation provided in meeting packet.

Motion:

Girdwood Board of Supervisors moves to approve \$37,000 from the Roads Capital budget to survey California Creek for Ruane culvert.

Motion by Amanda Sassi/2nd by Briana Sullivan

Roll call vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries.

GBOS held a special meeting last WED to discuss and determined that the community needed to request an emergency declaration from the Mayor to open funding options other than local resources. [The letter](#) was sent to the Mayor Bronson, Girdwood's Assembly Members Weddleton and LaFrance, MOA Public Works Director Lance Wilbur, State legislators Kaufman and Holland, Governor Dunleavy, and state and city Emergency Operations Centers on Friday. No response has been received from the Mayor's office at this time.

There may be other funding options as well. Some that have been mentioned are FEMA BRIC funds.

Western Construction is working on full billing for the storm damage response and information will be needed to request moving funds through Assembly action in early December. GBOS agrees to hold a second Special Meeting to discuss further on MON November 29 at 7PM via Teams.

5. **Agenda Item LUC 2110-06:** Girdwood Community Land Trust request for GBOS Resolution of Support for Grant Applications related to community gardens by Girdwood Community Land Trust (GLCT, Krystal Hoke)

Motion:

Draft Resolution of Support i#2021-21 Resolution of Support for Grants and Funding for the Girdwood Community Land Trust is read into the record.

Motion by Briana Sullivan, 2nd by Amanda Sassi

Discussion: This is support for the concept, location and other specific action would require additional presentation and action by GBOS. GCLT requests minor change to language to clarify that GCLT can apply for support separately as well as under Girdwood Inc.

Motion to amend proposed resolution 2021-21:

GBOS moves to accept minor amendment to text of the proposed Resolution as discussed.

Motion by Briana Sullivan, 2nd by Guy Wade

Roll call vote to accept the amendment; 5 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries

Vote to accept motion as amended.

Roll call vote to accept the resolution as amended; 5 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries.

6. **Agenda Item LUC 2110-08:** HLB request for GBOS Resolution of Support for Rezone of approximately 6.35 acres from GIP (Institutions & Parks) to GR3 (Residential), located within Tract B, Girdwood Elementary School Subdivision (Plat 85-38) with 50' buffer from the parcel line along the Athabaskan Trail and 50' buffer from the center line of the Iditarod National Historic Trail.

Rezone will allow for additional lots at entry to Holtan Hills project and by offering more lots spread cost out over more volume, creating better affordability. Previously discussed are 50' buffers for Iditarod and Athabaskan trails, which are located nearby.

Concerns:

It is observed that there is no mechanism to ensure owner-occupancy of these properties and no way to maintain affordability that this action attempts to make available.

Loss of GIP land without replacement of it elsewhere in Girdwood. HLB responds that rezone does not eliminate community uses.

Short presentation of the land developers concept is provided, see meeting packet. This project is undertaken by residential land developers. Plan is to bring a variety of builders to work on the project.

Rezone will continue to Planning and Zoning and consideration/action by Assembly. The disposal of the property itself will require only Planning and Zoning approval of the Planned Unit Development under Conditional Use.

Recommend that the Athabaskan Trail is formally connected to the Iditarod National Historic Trail. This is currently a social trail connection after the Athabaskan Trail crosses the AWWU water road.

Motion:

Draft Resolution of Support 2021-22: Resolution of support for HLB Rezone of Approximately 6.6 acres of GIP to gR-3 within Tract B, Girdwood Elementary School Subdivision is read into the record.

Motion by Briana Sullivan, 2nd by Jennifer Wingard

Roll Call vote, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion carries

- 7. Proposed changes to GBOS Rules and Procedures to allow virtual, hybrid or in-person meetings, regardless of public health emergency status. (Jennifer Wingard)

No updated Rules & Procedures to view at this time, however Anchorage Assembly has now taken action on their own bylaws that will provide useful language that may be able to be adopted and resolve this issue.

- 8. GVSA Budget: Determination of grant awards for GVSA Non-Profit Recreation Grants: Challenge Alaska, Girdwood Art Institute, Girdwood Community Club, Glacier Valley Transit, Little Bears Playhouse, Four Valleys Community School.

GBOS has reviewed grant applications, received presentations by applicants and have completed evaluation forms, which are to be sent to GBOS office.

	Little Bears	Challenge	Art Camp	KEUL	GVT	Total
Mike	\$ 10,000	\$ 6,400	\$ 5,600	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 35,000
Guy	\$ 9,200	\$ 8,500	\$ 5,600	\$ 6,700	\$ 5,000	\$ 35,000
Jennifer	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,500	\$ 35,000
Briana	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 35,000
Amanda	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 35,000
Average	\$ 9,640	\$ 7,980	\$ 5,340	\$ 6,340	\$ 5,700	\$ 35,000
Less overage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revised Average	\$ 9,640	\$ 7,980	\$ 5,340	\$ 6,340	\$ 5,700	\$ 35,000

% Gross Down	0.00%
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Requested	10000	10000	5600	8000	6000	39600
% of what requested	96%	80%	95%	79%	95%	88%

Motion:

Girdwood Board of Supervisors moves to award GVSA 2022 Non-Profit Recreation grants as follows:

Little Bears	\$9,640
Challenge Alaska	\$7,980
Girdwood Art Institute	\$5,340
Girdwood Community Club	\$6,340
Glacier Valley Transit	\$5,700

Motion by Guy Wade, 2nd by Briana Sullivan

Roll call vote, 5 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries

Motion:

Girdwood Board of Supervisors moves to award \$25,000 to Four Valleys Community School from GVSA 2022 Non-Profit Recreation grant program.

Motion by Briana Sullivan, 2nd by Amanda Sassi

Roll call vote, 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 recused due to stated conflict of interest

Motion carries

- 9. Discuss status of MOA GVSA 2022 Budget concerns:

- MOA GVT funding of \$20,000 per year has been confirmed by Mayor and should be showing up in amendment to budget.
- Areawide EMS contribution shortfall in Mayor's proposed budget: GBOS wrote [Resolution 2021-09](#) for First Quarter Revisions that addresses this and clarifies that the amount was to be carried forward under the new contract. GBOS discusses sending a letter to the MOA along with the prior resolution to restate the full funding.

Motion:

GBOS moves to write a letter to the MOA to support full funding of \$507,500 for Girdwood EMS in the Areawide EMS budget.

Motion by Guy Wade, 2nd by Briana Sullivan

Roll call vote; 5 in favor 0 opposed

Motion carries

Letter to be drafted by Guy Wade/Briana Sullivan.

- Alcohol Tax allocation accessibility for Girdwood service providers and residents. Tommy O'Malley has been working on this item under Public Safety Advisory Committee. [PSAC wrote letter](#) to the Anchorage Assembly outlining the amounts of funding needed to send police and fire to training and requesting an allocation to be set aside for Girdwood mental/behavioral health providers as well as those who work with homeless and other populations intended to be served by the tax approved by voters in 2020. Since then, Assembly has become more active and local news has been reporting on the shift of the allocation of funding by the Bronson administration. Assembly has scheduled a work session to discuss this. PSAC has requested that GBOS also write letter supporting GVSA specific funding under the alcohol tax.

Motion:

GBOS moves to write a letter to the Assembly to reiterate the points in the PSAC letter.

Motion by Briana Sullivan, 2nd by Jennifer Wingard

Roll call vote; 5 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries

Letter to be drafted by Briana Sullivan and Jennifer Wingard

Motion to extend meeting to 10:30 by Briana Sullivan/2nd by Guy Wade

Roll call vote, 5 in favor, 0 opposed

NEW BUSINESS:

10. **Agenda Item LUC 2111-04:** Discuss agenda topics for GBOS/LUC Joint meeting Dec 20 at 6PM
 - * Status of hybrid, virtual, and in-person meetings & return to regular meetings.
 - * Requirements to move items from new to old businessAs this is new business and there is not another regular meeting to discuss items GBOS may want to add to the agenda, this topic will be added to the Special meeting on Nov 29 to review and add topics.
11. **Agenda Item LUC 2111-07:** USDA USFS request for LUC recommendation of GBOS Resolution of Support for the USDA USFS acquisition of 8.05 acres of land at 144 Forest Station Road, which is currently leased from HLB. USFS has had 30 year lease of the land however they have need for expansion that requires ownership of the land. USFS manages permitting for 50 businesses in Girdwood. Discussion includes whether this is the best financial decision for HLB. Sale of this land would help to fund other projects in Girdwood. Price is not yet negotiated. HLB has rules about disclosure of real estate details and may not be able to provide all the information that they have for public discussion. HLB is interested in disposing of land so that they can work on projects of interest to the community and is required by code to be self-supporting. Value of the purchase by USFS to the community is more than the financial amount, particularly as it relates to employment, community members and involvement and upcoming projects of the USFS related to the Great American Outdoors act and the Iditarod National Historic Trail.

GBOS requests map of the subject area for future discussion.
12. **Agenda Item LUC 2111-08:** Initial presentation of request for LUC recommendation for GBOS Resolution of Support for variance for development within the stream protection setback at 515 Vail Dr. Mike Ausman/Alexandra Robinson, presenting. Subject property was purchased last year and GBOS provided letter requesting removal of plat note at that time. Parcel is notably impacted by drainages. Owner wants to build a small addition and possibly a shed on the property.

Motion to extend meeting to 10:45 by Amanda Sassi/2nd Briana Sullivan

Roll call vote, 5 in favor, 0 opposed

13. Imagine!Girdwood request for GBOS Resolution of Support for applications for assistance through grants and other programs to assist with development of Girdwood Land Use Plan (Imagine!Girdwood)
Imagine! Girdwood needs additional planning funding to complete task, several funding options are being looked in to.

Group discusses that housing study excluded local market study that renders its conclusions unreliable. Although the errors have been identified, the study has not yet been revised to correct these errors. Concern expressed in providing support for additional work until this is resolved.

14. Girdwood Parks and Recreation request for GBOS Resolution of support for EDA Competitive Tourism Grant for assistance in Park master planning efforts. (Kyle Kelley)
Grant opportunity that GVSA may want to pursue for a variety of projects, including possibly park planning at Moose Meadows/Alyeska Playing field and Girdwood Park.
Aiming for grant application in January 2022.

REPORTS:

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

Action Item Updates as assigned:

Request for GBOS/LUC Joint meeting (1 held of 2 required in 2021): 2nd scheduled for Dec 20

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

Request for Executive Session:

Other:

Adjourn 10:31PM