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

November 21, 2022 **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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Call to Order 7:00 p.m. Mike Edgington, Co-Chair

Attending are Mike Edgington, Briana Sullivan, Guy Wade, Amanda Sassi, Jennifer Wingard

Disclosures:

Amanda Sassi: RE item 1 AS works for USFS; RE item #12 spouse and AS work for Alyeska No substantive conflict.

Mike Edgington: RE item #12 spouse works for Alyeska. No substantive conflict

Jennifer Wingard: Re item #6 owner of rental properties in Girdwood. No substantive conflict

Agenda Revisions and Approval

November 21, 2022 Meeting agenda approval	BS/GW	Assent
Amend to combine #2 and #7 under #6 in Old Business	BS/GW	Assent
Amend to combine #16 and #17 under #15 in Old Business	GW/BS	Assent
October 17 2022 Meeting minutes approval		
October 24 2022 MOA GBOS meeting minutes approval		
November 14 2022 GBOS Work Session OMA and Ethics Meeting minutes approval		
Approval of all 3 meeting minutes	BS/GW	Assent

Announcements:

- GBOS Committees: GTC, LUC, PSAC will hold elections at their January 2023 meetings.
- GBOS Seats D and E are up for election in the spring municipal election.

Introductions, Presentations and Reports:

1. GBOS Resolution of Service for Tim Charnon

GBOS Motion:

Motion to approve the Resolution of Service as written.

Motion by Briana Sullivan, 2nd by Guy Wade

Roll Call vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries

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2. Legislative Report – Sen. Roger Holland, Rep. James Kaufman: No report

Assembly members – R. Sulte, S. LaFrance

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Assembly to discuss code change regarding commercial parking minimums. Amendment to original ordinance would add Girdwood commercial parking to that code change.

Budget vote will likely be postponed as some changes are under way.

MOA SEMT Funding distributions include funding for Girdwood Fire Dept (\$200,000). This funding will be put toward Utility vehicles for Chief and Deputy Chief. Chugiak/Eagle River also received SEMT funding.

Cemetery bonding is confused by the Areawide vs Service Area responsibility. Assembly is considering amendment to 2023 budget for \$5M as Capital Improvement Project funding for Girdwood Cemetery.

Assembly review of election code (Title 28).

Upcoming dates:

Assembly meeting TUE Nov 22

Assembly WS on Holtan Hills FRI Dec 2 at 3:50PM

Assembly meeting TUE Dec 6

Assembly members are reminded of Girdwood interests in upcoming Assembly items: Holtan Hills land disposal, Parking code amendment, GVSA Police Services Contract

Mayor's Office: Brice Wilbanks. No report

Anchorage School Board Liaison – Andy Holleman. Ongoing work to close the \$60M budget shortfall. Although Girdwood is not impacted specifically by proposed elementary school closures, there will be impacts to Girdwood through proposed larger class size grades 1-12. District will formally announce return to full busing throughout the ASD area before Winter break.

3. Supervisor Reports

Amanda Sassi: Coffee with Cops was great success on SAT. Thank you WPD and Tommy O'Malley for organizing.

PSAC recommended to GBOS the Public Safety Contract, later on the agenda.

Guy Wade: Thank you Fire Dept for mud rescue. Equipment used was funded through donations.

Briana Sullivan: Cemetery committee is reaching out to Anchorage Community Councils for support on Bond in April

Thank you Assembly members for supporting 2023 CIP funding for construction.

Mike Edgington: Proposed change in code regarding commercial off-street parking will impact Girdwood commercial parking code if amendment to the code change is passed.

4. Service Provider Reports (5 mins)

Fire – Chief Weston. Busy fall with 491 calls YTD. Without boat access to Turnagain Arm, mud rescue required department to send a swimmer to the stuck individual.

Police – Chief Achee is unable to attend. GVSA staff updates that WPD enjoyed Coffee with Cops. Statistics are available on the PSAC webpage. Oct and November have been steady with police calls.

Roads/Parks & Rec – Kyle Kelley. Report in the meeting packet. Dec 1 review committee will review the proposal received for the Glacier Creek bridge, to replace the hand tram. GVSA has \$1.8M for design and construction. Additional funding via other sources should get GVSA nearly to the full cost of construction. Design documents will provide solid budget figures.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

5. Presentation by R&M with project update on the Alyeska Highway Interchange project

Christina Huber with DOT and R&M present overview of the Interchange project and comparison mapping of the "Diamond" vs "Trumpet" designs. In DOT view, Diamond is a larger build with more fill, additional bridge, more expensive than the favored Trumpet design.

Based on prior comments, Toadstool connector with emergency access gate has been added.

At this meeting the need for Toadstool connector to allow southbound connection is discussed. Also egress from Old Girdwood on to the Highway via emergency access gate.

GBOS discusses that the interchange remains too large for it's purpose and beyond the scale desired by the community and it's natural environment. Project goes to Planning and Zoning December 5. Response from GBOS should be provided for that meeting.

Letter of Objection needs to be updated to address information that has changed since it was originally drafted in September.

Motion:

GBOS moves to postpone action on this item to the GBOS LUC Joint Meeting on November 28.

Motion by Briana Sullivan, 2nd by Jennifer Wingard

Roll call vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion passes.

6. Review of status of Holtan Hills project.

HHHAC met last week and provided motion as follows:

Holtan Hills Housing Advisory Committee recommends that GBOS write a resolution rejecting the disposal of the Holtan Hills parcels. The development agreement in its current form does not meet the needs of the community. The process has lacked any transparency or adequate community involvement. The HHHAC has attempted to address these needs repeatedly with the MOA administration with no results. The HLBAC has attempted to address some community needs in haste, made through amendments to Resolution 2022-09(s), however these amendments, while appreciated, do not have any guarantee of being accepted by MOA/HLB and do not fully reflect the needs of the community.

HLBAC created amendments to the resolution through a series of meetings leading up to the October vote of 5 in favor and 1 opposed, but the voting was held by secret ballot, which is not in accordance with Open Meetings Act requirements. A re-vote occurred on November 17, resulting in a vote of 3 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstaining (2 absent members). At the meeting this vote was announced as a fail, based on majority of the membership. However, the rules of HLBAC are a majority of the members present, so the resolution with its amendments, passed.

GBOS motion:

Girdwood Board of Supervisors moves to accept the motion by the HHHAC and will write a Letter of Objection to the disposal of the Holtan Hills parcels under the Development Agreement. The Development Agreement does not meet the needs of the community, lacked transparency and community involvement. The efforts of the HHHAC and HLBAC are appreciated, however their effort to address the community's needs with HLB and the Administration have not produced reliable results.

Motion by Briana Sullivan, 2nd by Jennifer Wingard

Roll call vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion passes

Letter of Objection will be directed to the Assembly and HLB. Letter will be written by Mike Edgington and Briana Sullivan.

Other ideas are inclusion in the letter:

- lack of community involvement/input
- precedent for other HLB land disposal
- lack of HLB staff

Upcoming meetings regarding Holtan Hills are:

December 2 Anchorage Assembly Work Session 3:50PM

Attending for HHHAC: Sam Daniel. Attending for GBOS: Mike Edgington and Jennifer Wingard.

December 6 Anchorage Assembly Regular Meeting, with possible vote on disposal.

Attending for HHHAC: Emma Kramer. Attending for GBOS: Briana Sullivan

7. GBOS vote to correct distributions for the GVSA Non-Profit Recreation grants 2023.

At the October GBOS meeting there was a number transposed in the spreadsheet, so the amounts originally announced were not correct. This vote corrects the distributions to meet the \$35,000 budget for these grants, cumulatively

Motion:

Girdwood Board of Supervisors moves to award GVSA non-profit recreation grants as follows for 2023, pending GVSA budget approval:

Little Bears Playhouse Inc	\$9,460
Challenge Alaska	\$7,460
Girdwood Art Institute	\$6,105
Girdwood Community Club	\$6,315
Glacier Valley Transit	\$5,660

For a total distribution of \$35,000.

Motion by Briana Sullivan, 2nd by Guy Wade

Roll call vote, 5 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries

Group does not re-vote on FVCS distribution as it was correctly stated at the October meeting.

8. **Agenda Item LUC 2201-06:** Girdwood Industrial Park concerns (power, platting) (Mike Edgington)
Mike Edgington updates that he has contacted leaseholders and will provide a summary of the concerns to address with HLB, in addition to the concerns that the GVSA has regarding power and platting.

9. Discuss parliamentary procedure training options for GBOS and committees (Jennifer Wingard)
Jennifer Wingard requests that this topic is postponed.

10. PSAC recommendation for GBOS Resolution of Support for the GVSA Public Safety contract (Kyle Kelley)
PSAC voted to recommend Resolution of Support after thorough review of the options for police services, service provided by Whittier, and review of requests of the GVSA and Whittier for changes from the current contract, which expires Dec 31.
New contract is 3 years with (1) 2-year extension possible, providing potential for a 5 year contract. Price increase at signing and use of the extension of the contract. It is necessary to have the Resolution of Support for Purchasing dept to complete the contract and for the Assembly to approve it. Upon receiving the signed resolution, the item will be added to the Dec 6 Assembly agenda, which will keep in on track to be completed prior to expiration of the current contract. A similar process is underway in Whittier.

Mike Edgington requests that Whittier provide an estimate of the actual amount of time spent physically in Girdwood. Contract requirement is significantly less than the time that is spent here and/or working on Girdwood cases.

Draft resolution is included in the meeting packet for review.

GBOS Motion:

Girdwood Board of Supervisors votes to approve Resolution 2022-24 Resolution of Support for the Municipality of Anchorage and the City of Whittier to Contract for Police Services in the Girdwood Valley Service Area (GVSA), as presented.

Motion by Amanda Sassi, 2nd by Briana Sullivan

Roll Call vote, 5 in favor 0 opposed

Motion carries

Signed resolution will be forwarded to purchasing on 11.22.22.

11. **Agenda Item LUC 2210-06:** Discuss addition of GBOS powers to raise funds for Housing and Economic Stability through vote in the Spring 2023 municipal election. (LUC new business in Oct) (Mike Edgington)

Work Session was held on this item at 5PM today, recording is available on the GBOS website:

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Concept is similar to the vote to add Cemetery power to the GVSA areas of responsibility and taxation. 6 mill tax cap is not proposed to change. Budget cannot be established until power is given to the GBOS, but an estimate is .11 mills to fund a housing study. Intent is to provide a mechanism that does not currently exist for Girdwood to address housing concerns through local government. The implementation would fall under a non-profit entity which would be funded via grants etc (not tax funds).. Determination of the entity and their scope would be handled once GBOS has the power and funding to do so. GBOS has scheduled a GBOS LUC Special Meeting on MON Nov 28 at 5PM to discuss this further and to put forward a resolution for this to be added to the Girdwood ballot for GVSA consideration and vote in the Spring Municipal election.

12. **Agenda Item LUC 2210-05:** Update re: outcome of Alyeska Resort license for Glacier Lounge, license number 6095. GBOS conditionally approved LONO pending LUC positive vote at their Nov 14 meeting.

LUC voted in agreement with GBOS and the Letter of Non-objection was provided for licensing. This item is complete

13. **Agenda Item LUC 2210-07:** Girdwood Community Club Inc. dba Glacier City Radio, KEUL FM 88.9 request for GBOS Resolution of Support for a continuation of its Revocable No Fee Land Use Permit in Girdwood Park with the Municipality of Anchorage.(Lewis Leonard)

This item is standard renewal of the Land Use Permit for land that KEUL uses for the radio station and received support from LUC at their regular meeting in November.

Motion:

GBOS moves to accept Resolution 2022-25: GBOS Resolution of Support for the Girdwood Community Club's continuation of a no-fee revocable use permit for their facilities in Girdwood Park as presented.

Motion by Briana Sullivan/2nd by Guy Wade

Roll Call vote; 5 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries

14. **Agenda Item LUC 2210-08:** Request GBOS Resolution of Support for designation for Girdwood, at large, as an Overlay Zoning District as outlined under AMC 21.04.070. (Brett Wilbanks, presenting) This item was postponed at LUC after connection difficulties with Brett and is postponed at GBOS.

15. GFR BOD request for GBOS Resolutions of Support:
CERT funding from Emergency Management funds not to exceed \$2,000.
Community Wildfire Protection Defense funds of \$TBA for brush truck.
GFR will return with resolution language for these and maybe requests for other directed funding related to natural disasters.
Item is postponed.

NEW BUSINESS:

16. Review proposal for Racial Equity community engagement through the Alaska Humanities Forum. from TBA fund for community forum to be held on diversity. (Guy Wade)
Proposals by the Alaska Humanities Forum to hold discussions in Girdwood in 2023. Funds can be spent from Parks and Recreation budget to address this need, which was addressed in Resolution 2020-11: Resolution Against Racism.
Group will discuss further how to promote and hold the forum to get as much of the community involved as possible.
17. **Agenda Item LUC 2211-05:** LUC recommendation for GBOS Resolution of Support for Community Transportation Program (CTP) grant application for Timberline Drive/Vail T paving.
Introduction of this action, which will be needed if the item is invited to apply for the CTP grant funding. Pre-application was submitted Oct 30 and pending notification of status.
18. **Agenda Item LUC 2211-06:** LUC recommendation for GBOS Resolution of Support for Community Transportation Program (CTP) grant application for Fish Passage Culverts to replace existing non-compliant culverts at Mt. Hood, Davos and Lake Tahoe.
Introduction of this action, which will be needed if the item is invited to apply for the CTP grant funding. Pre-application was submitted Oct 30 and pending notification of status.
19. GTC recommendation for GBOS Resolution of Support for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application for repave of Arlberg bike path.
GVSA has received notice that this project will be invited to apply for the TAP grant. Resolution is on GTC agenda for recommendation and action by GBOS in December.
20. **Agenda Item LUC 2211-07:** LUC recommendation for GBOS Letter of Non-Objection regarding new liquor license #6101 application for Basecamp Eatery, 194 Hightower Rd. (Sloane Unwin).
Introduction of topic, seeking LONO in December. Location was previously Sadie Romo's and Picnic Club.

REPORTS:

21. Committee & Subcommittee Reports (see packet)
PSAC Report
Girdwood Trails Committee Report
LUC Report
Housing Working Group Report
22. 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 (2 held of 2 required in 2022): June/August; Special meeting scheduled for 11.28.22

Request for GBOS/GFR Joint meeting (0 held of 2 required in 2022):

Request for Executive Session:

Other:

Adjourn 9:55PM