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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

October 16, 2023 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. Briana Sullivan, Co-Chair

Roll Call: Attending are Briana Sullivan (BS); Jennifer Wingard (JW), Mike Edgington (ME); Amanda Sassi (AS), and Guy Wade (GW) Disclosures: None

Agenda Revisions and Approval

October 16, 2023 meeting agenda approved	ME/GW	Amended Agenda approved by Assent
Amend agenda to move Lions Club Resolution to #7 and add #20, resolution for Little Bears Rasmuson Grant		
September 18, 2023 meeting minutes approval	JW/AS	Assent

Announcements:

- GTC intends to apply for a Recreational Trails Program Grant to work on the Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail. Please see public notice on bulletin boards and posted on site. Full information included in the meeting packet.
- GVSA Non-Profit Grant presentation meeting is MON Oct 23 at 5PM
- MOA GBOS Quarterly meeting is MON Oct 23 at 4PM
- HLB has virtual Open House scheduled WED Oct 25 at 5:30PM via teams. Link is available on the HLB webpage: [Real Estate Department Heritage Land Bank \(muni.org\)](https://www.hlb.org/Real-Estate-Department-Heritage-Land-Bank) Information on HLBAC meetings is in the meeting packet, including links to meeting materials.

Introductions, Presentations and Reports:

1. Legislative Report – Sen. Cathy Giessel, Rep. Laddie Shaw
Cathy Giessel reports that Legislature will reconvene right after MLK day in January. Bills that were in play at the end of the last session remain on the table, including her bill to extend SNAP benefits and several behavioral health bills. In addition, she is working on a bill to add transparency to the Pharmacy Benefit management company that administers state benefits. Optum has a secret contract with the state and is earning high revenues with this contract, with elements undisclosed. The other bill she is working on is one to return the option of Defined Benefit Pension to public employees. New employees would automatically be enrolled in Defined Benefit pension; existing employees could choose to join or remain with the existing Defined Contribution Plan.

Assembly members – R. Sulte, Z. Johnson No report

Anchorage School Board Liaison – Margo Bellamy. Report with links will be added to the meeting packet.

Anchorage School Board meets the first and third TUE monthly. School Board anticipates a deficit of \$65M to address in the next budget year. There will be a new process for discussion of potential school closures.

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2. Supervisor Reports
 JW: Lisa Miles is new co-chair at Land Use Committee
 ME: Assembly's proposed Short Term Rental ordinance will be discussed as the last item in new business.
 GW: Cemetery project is working through channels to be on the ballot in spring election.
 AS: Parenting in the Digital Age was held 10/6. Feedback has been positive on the program Kids and Cops at the Ice Cream Shop had about 24 kids attend.
 BS: Some disappointment that more parents/teenagers didn't attend cyberbullying workshop. Trunk or Treat is Oct 27.
3. Committee updates to GBOS: 3 min each; items not on the agenda but items of interest to the community
 GTC; LUC; PSAC; Cemetery; Housing and Economic Committee: None
4. Status of Proposed Girdwood Developments: Page will be updated for next month.
5. Service Provider Reports (5 mins each)
 Fire – Chief Weston: 30 calls per month, consistently. Recent calls have included several cardiac arrests with fire department administering CPR and successful result. Recruitment resulted in 7 new members, none are from Girdwood.
 Police – Chief Achee – review [activity report here](#):
 Roads/Parks & Rec – Kyle Kelley. See meeting packet for report. Tread lightly on trails and meadows during fall. Grooming will begin in meadows when frozen and snow accumulates to 24". Working on securing the funding via EPA for the new box culvert at Ruane. Budgets are in line with season.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 Krystal Hoke: Recommends that HLB turn over parcels 6-149; 6-166 and 6-205 (south townsite wetlands) to Service Area/Girdwood Parks and Rec

OLD BUSINESS:

7. Girdwood/Turnagain Arm Lions Club and Staff request for updated Resolution of Support for LWCF grant for construction of a pathway and picnic pavilion in Lions Club Park. (Lions Club/Staff)

 Motion:
 GBOS moves to approve Resolution 2023-19 Resolution of Support for a Covered Picnic Pavilion in Girdwood Lions Club Park.
 Motion by GW, 2nd by AS
 Edits to the draft moved by ME/AS and approved unanimously by roll call vote
 Motion carries 5-0 in roll call vote
8. GBOS Land Acknowledgement (Sullivan)
 Land Acknowledgement has been discussed on many occasions. The drafts are listed in the meeting packet. GBOS will have their proposed statement reviewed by Melissa Shaginoff, who facilitated the original workshop on this project.

 Motion:
 GBOS moves to approve this Land Acknowledgement Statement:
 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.
 Motion by AS, 2nd by GW
 Motion carries by Assent vote

 Jennifer and Briana will review this statement with Melissa.
9. Follow up on Housing/Homelessness input letter to Assembly from GVSA (Wingard/Edgington)
 Draft is included in the meeting packet. There may still be some changes to text, but intent will remain as presented.

 Motion:
 GBOS moves to accept the letter in concept as presented.
 Motion by ME, 2nd by AS
 Motion carries unanimously by Assent vote
 Jennifer and Mike will continue to work on this letter and will sign and send it when complete.

10. Discuss Glacier Creek erosion concerns and consider Resolution of Support to DOT to expedite mitigation (Sassi/Sullivan). Draft resolution is included in the meeting packet. Some clerical edits have been noted. New director of Central Region is Sean Holland, who has worked extensively with Girdwood in the past. DOT so far has expressed that they will seek funding and do repair in 2024, however coming storm cycles still remain a concern.

Motion:

GBOS moves to accept Resolution 2023-20 in Support of Immediate Remediation of Glacier Creek Embankment.

Motion by AS 2nd by ME

Motion carries unanimously in roll call vote

11. Discuss Foraker Proposal for training on Effective Board Meetings, NTE \$1825, to be paid from TBA fund (Wingard) Program will be provided to all to attend. Hopefully it can be scheduled still this calendar year. Funding source is to be determined by Kyle as he manages end of year budgets.

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve NTE \$1825 for Foraker Group training on Effective Board meetings, to be paid from one of the Girdwood funds.

Motion by ME, 2nd by GW

Motion carries by Assent vote

12. GBOS discuss projects for MOA and SOA Capital Improvement Projects
Kyle will work on updating language with the MOA CIP list. As most projects would be funded via bonding and bonding has been generally unsuccessful in Girdwood, the focus has been on keeping the list with GVSA up to date. GVSA has had success meeting it's goals with funding through inter government loans and our capital account. Similarly, the State of Alaska maintains a CIP list but Girdwood projects are unlikely to be funded this way with current state revenue and spending. Group discusses that they want to discuss capital projects with the city administration to make sure they are aware of the budgeting system in Girdwood.
Group also discusses the Cemetery bonding effort. Dean Gates has requested information from the Girdwood Cemetery Committee, which has been provided by Tommy O'Malley via email.
13. GBOS Review of GVSA Non-Profit Grant Applications and amounts of request for 2024.(Wade)
Four Valleys Community School remains hard-funded at \$25,000. The rest of the application requests total \$40,625 and \$35,000 is funded. This is typical for the grant cycle. GBOS will receive grant applications and evaluation sheets in the meeting packet prior to the grant presentation meeting next MON. Between that meeting and the regular meeting in November, GBOS members will review the applications, consider their distributions to total \$35,000. At the meeting GBOS members will be asked for their funding recommendations and then a weighted average will be determined.
14. GTC recommendation for GBOS Resolution of Support for RTP grant to work on the Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail (Wade)
Information in the meeting packet on the location of proposed trail work with map and proposed resolution. This grant would pay for materials and labor on the trail and requires 10% match. GVSA proposes applying for maximum amount, \$200,000, so \$20,000 match.

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve Resolution 2023-18 in support of rehabilitation of the Girdwood Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail from Girdwood K-8 school to the USFS boundary up Crow Creek Road.

Motion by GW, 2nd by AS

Motion carries unanimously in a roll call vote.

15. GTC recommendation for GBOS Resolution of Support for Bikewood RTP grant application to construct 2 new trails from the Bike Park Master Plan. (Dan Starr)
Dan Starr is not available to address this request at this meeting and may not be able to complete the RTP application before it is due. However, the work has been done to request this resolution via Trails Committee, and it would be easy to expand the resolution to make it possible to use for other grants that may be suitable for Bikewood.

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve Resolution 2023-21 Support for the Bikewood Recreational Trails Program Grant Application.

Motion by GW, 2nd by ME

Amended motion to expand intent to include other grant applications.

Amendment by ME/AS Approved unanimously by Roll Call vote

Amended Motion approved unanimously by Roll Call vote

16. **Agenda Item LUC 2309-05:** Liquor License renewals in 2024. Request for hearing of any of the proposed license renewals must be provided via resolution prior to October 15, 2023, if no request is made, LUC is requested to recommend GBOS Letter of Non-Objection for liquor licenses coming up for renewal in 2024;
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|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 287 Crow Creek Mercantile | 996 La Bodega | 1632 Jack Sprat | 3263 Chair 5 |
| 3445 Alyeska Resort | 3446 Seven Glaciers | 3447 Sitzmark Bar & Grill | 6025 Alpenglow Coffee House |

There have been no objections to any of the liquor license renewals. Letter of Non-Objection is included in the meeting packet. Mike Edgington states that there may be a change to state law that will impact MOA regarding tax collection from events supporting non-profits. This will include Girdwood Forest Fair, which spends significant time and resources calculating their alcohol tax.

Motion:

GBOS moves to send the Letter of Non-Objection to 2024 liquor license renewals as presented.

Motion by ME/2nd JW

Motion carries unanimously in roll call vote

17. **Agenda Item LUC 2309-06:** Update on Girdwood Housing and Economic Committee request for LUC to discuss infill/exfil possibilities in Girdwood, including feasibility study for gravel extrication from Glacier Creek. GBOS action pending GHEC meeting 10/25/23(Brett Wilbanks) LUC voted in support of this idea. Staff will work on a scope of work and will return to GHEC with that and an anticipated fee to complete that study. GHEC will review when it comes in and can move forward with recommendation to GBOS to fund the study.
18. **Agenda Item LUC 2309-07:** Update on Girdwood Housing and Economic Committee request for LUC to discuss use of HLB parcel 6-134 for RV camping. GBOS action pending GHEC meeting 10.25.23(Krystal Hoke) LUC provided support for the concept. GHEC will work on their next steps to determine how to go forward in review of this.
19. Confirm agenda topics for MOA GBOS Quarterly Meeting, scheduled for October 23 at 4PM in Girdwood and on Teams. Items are reviewed and will be updated and reposted.
20. Updated Resolution of Support for Little Bears/Girdwood Inc Rasmuson Foundation grant application (Edgington) It has been determined that an updated resolution will be helpful for the grant application. Mike Edgington will draft a copy, which will be presented at the end of the MOA GBOS meeting on Monday.

Motion:

GBOS moves to write an updated resolution of support for Little Bears Rasmuson grant to be presented at the MOA GBOS meeting on October 23.

Motion by ME/2nd by JW

Motion carries by Assent vote

GBOS Break, returning 9:30PM

NEW BUSINESS:

21. **Agenda Item LUC 2310-05:** Z architects seeking GBOS Letter of Non-Objection for a Conditional Use Permit for a proposed triplex at 1550 Alyeska Hwy in the gR-1zoning district. (Marco Zaccaro, presenting). Presentation in the meeting packet. LUC meeting last week served also as the community presentation of the project. Main takeaways from that meeting for the purpose of Conditional Use were:
 South Wall: Wall is of concern to neighbors. Z Architects has proposed design changes to the neighbors.
 Parking: Concern of on-site parking. Z Architects has expanded parking to 16 spots on site, which is greater than the number that would have been required under old parking requirements, which have since been removed.
 Development will go to pre-application meeting with Planning and Zoning next, comments from that meeting incorporated, and then will submit an application to be heard at Planning and Zoning. From application to P&Z is typically about 2 months.

GBOS moves to extend the meeting to 10:15 by Assent vote

22. Girdwood Fire Department requests for capital expenses in 2024: Fire Personal Protective Equipment, Fire Hose and gas monitor replacement, total expense NTE \$28,000 from the Fire Dept 406 account in 2024.

GBOS moves to postpone this topic to the December 2023 meeting.

23. **Agenda Item LUC 2310-06:** Discussion of Short Term Rental Permitting proposal by the Anchorage Assembly AO 2023-110.

Assembly is considering an ordinance that will create permitting for Short Term Rentals in the MOA. With this action the assembly would receive some revenue, but mainly information regarding STRs. The action would also remove the argument that STRs aren't technically legal in neighborhoods, as a commercial use in a residential area. STRs are much less common in Anchorage bowl, and the issues in Girdwood are not necessarily captured in the action currently proposed. Assembly hearing is planned for December 5.

REPORTS:

- 24. Reports (see packet)
 - APL Gerrish Library Report
 - Girdwood Service Area Report
 - Imagine!Girdwood

Action Item Updates as assigned:

Request for GBOS/LUC Joint meeting (5 held of 2 required in 2023): January 4, January 9, April 10, July 3, July 10

Request for GBOS/GFR Joint meeting (0 held of 2 required in 2023): Scheduled for November 13 at 5PM

Request for Executive Session: No

Other:

Adjourn 10:02PM