

# Municipality of Anchorage



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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS*

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*Mike Edgington, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade*

**June 1, 2023**

## **GBOS Special Meeting RE: Airport Lease & HLB Plans Formal Comment Minutes Final 2PM Hybrid meeting via Teams**

This meeting is taking place via Microsoft Teams and in-person in the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd.

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors, its committees, and subcommittees are subject to the Alaska Open Meetings Act as found in Alaska Statute 44.62.310 and Anchorage Municipal Code 1.25 - Public Meetings.

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

Call to Order Briana Sullivan, Co-Chair

Roll Call: Attending are Briana Sullivan, Amanda Sassi, Mike Edgington

Disclosures: None

### **Agenda Revisions and Approval**

June 1 2023 GBOS Special Meeting agenda approved ME/AS Assent vote

### **Agenda:**

1. Discuss letter for GBOS to submit as comment to ADA-09547 Proposal to Lease State Airport land at Girdwood Airport. Comment period ends June 12. Mike Edgington/Briana Sullivan Proposed draft letter received and included in the meeting packet. Comments are due 6/12.

Motion:

GBOS moves to submit the letter as written.

Motion by Mike Edgington/2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda Sassi

Discussion: public bring up concerns about parking/infrastructure etc. It is noted that information on the overall plan has been offered but cannot be provided until the competitive bid period has ended.

Overriding concern is that the municipal process of permitting is adhered to as this will allow for greater community input.

No response has been received by GBOS to their request for extension of comment period.

Developer offers email that they received from DOT Airport leasing that indicates they plan to end the competitive bid process on June 12 as currently posted and then will extend the public comment period

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after that date for 1 month to July 12. This will allow the developer to disclose more about their project without risk to their proposal.

GBOS takes a 10 minute break to allow staff to connect with DOT for clarification of this possible extension. Staff is unable to connect with airport leasing.

With this possible change, the GBOS considers edits to their letter:

Amendments:

GBOS considers the following amendments to the letter:

i. Add a paragraph before the conclusion of the letter:

Deadline for Competing Applications and Reopening of Public Comment

GBOS supports maintaining the deadline for Competing Applications as 4:30pm on June 12th 2023. GBOS requests that public comment be reopened after June 12th to allow qualified potential lessees to provide additional details to Girdwood community about their proposal(s).

ii. Change “will” to “appears” in last sentence in item #2 and associated syntax:

A substantial majority of the economic activity and site usage appears to be for road-access visitor accommodations, so the proposal would neither meet the letter of current zoning, nor the broad intent of being primarily for aviation use.

iii. during the meeting staff was asked to review the content of item #7 and changes was made to paragraph 2, sentence 3:

This proposal should be required to direct runoff to the north and northwest draining directly to Glacier Creek rather than the residential neighborhood to the south

Motion:

GBOS moves to accept amendments to the letter.

Motion by Amanda Sassi/2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Edgington

Motion carries 3-0 in roll call vote

Return to motion:

GBOS moves to accept the letter to DOT as amended

Motion made by Mike Edgington, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda Sassi

Motion carries 3-0 in roll call vote

Developers restate their interest in working with the community on the project, perhaps through a stakeholder group once more can be revealed about their plans. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

2. Discuss letter for GBOS to submit as comment to HLB 2023 Work Plan and 2024-2028 Five-Year Management Plan. Comment period ends June 9. Mike Edgington/Jennifer Wingard

Mike Edgington provided information that he sees needs to be addressed in the HLB plans, Jennifer Wingard has provided her concerns as well. The two have not had an opportunity to collaborate on the project of writing.

Trails also are needing to be addressed more fully in the letter in a way to state that HLB will be involved in trails discussions and projects will follow the soon-to-be adopted Girdwood Trails Plan. There is concern that if not addressed generally in the plan, trail projects could be delayed if they are not specifically addressed in the HLB 5 and 1 year plans.

GBOS will hold a separate meeting next week to review a draft letter for approval.

**Public Comment:** Persons offering public comment must state their full name and address. Public Comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person and must be on subjects not listed on the agenda.

Adjourn 3:33PM