

# Municipality of Anchorage



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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*

## **September 20, 2021 GBOS Regular Meeting Minutes Final**

**7:00 p.m. Girdwood Community Room and Via Teams**

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 7:00 p.m. Mike Edgington, Co-Chair

Roll Call & Disclosures: Attending are Mike Edgington (ME), Briana Sullivan (BS), Jennifer Wingard (JW) and Guy Wade (GW).

Amanda Sassi is excused.

This meeting is held on Teams, in person and is broadcast on the radio. It is noted that the audio is difficult for those on line and on the radio.

3 people plus GBOS attend in person; 12-15 are on Teams

### **Agenda Revisions and Approval**

September 20 2021 meeting agenda approved	GW/BS	4-0
August 16 2021 GBOS Regular meeting minutes approved	BS/GW	4-0
August 16 2021 GBOS Budget Work Session 3 minutes approved	BS/JW	4-0

correct mistake in roads/parks and rec original capital account contribution requests.

### **Introductions, Presentations and Reports:**

1. Legislative Report –  
Sen. Roger Holland: No report  
Rep. James Kaufman: Matthew Harvey reports that special sessions are on going, final budget pending

Assembly members J. Weddleton, S. LaFrance: John Weddleton is participating on a committee to figure out a solution to homeless issue that will provide services and allow the Sullivan Arena to return to its normal operation. Several options are expected to be reviewed at a meeting on Friday with follow up next week. Assembly is likely to consider some new ordinances, which are just being introduced. One is a time limit for Mayoral appointments. Currently the mayor has up to 6 months to bring candidates up to Assembly for approval, which seems a long time in 'acting' capacity. The other is a mask mandate. Mr. Weddleton explains that he did not vote for mask mandate when brought up through Assembly resolution as it didn't actually do anything. This would be law, so a much different effort. Mr. Weddleton says he is interested in this more actionable item and is curious to see what happens as he anticipates Assembly approval and Mayoral veto. Hospitals are now over capacity and health of the city is in a different situation than when masking was required previously.

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Members of the public attending encourage Mr. Weddleton to push forward items to help the public through the pandemic. MOA website provides good COVID information and encourages masking and vaccination, however the mayor himself does not, and he is listened to.

Setting up special clinics outside of hospitals for monoclonal antibody treatment would get some patients out of the hospitals for treatment. It would be better to focus on keeping people from getting sick through solid support of masking and vaccination by the administration.

Anchorage School Board Liaison Kelly Lessons: full report in the updated meeting packet.

For ASD's K-3 reading proficiency data:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ak/asdk12/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5L4PV022AB2>

ASD's plans to allocate ESSER III (Federal Funds) + Finance snapshot:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ak/asdk12/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5L4WV02BCD3>

ASD COVID news: 21-22 School Start Plan (in 6 languages!); community receives bimonthly updates 1<sup>st</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.asdk12.org/schoolstart>

School Status: This list is updated in real time to reflect the # of positive Covid cases in each school building (includes staff and students) <https://apps.asdk12.org/PTAC/>

Districtwide COVID Summary: These cases are self-reported to ASD and may not reflect all positive cases being tracked by the Municipality <https://apps.asdk12.org/PTAC/Report/ExternalDashboard>

Parents **will** get notified if child is in class w/ someone who tested positive

BUT quarantine of asymptomatic close contact is no longer required

What to do if staff/student exposed? <https://sites.google.com/asdk12.net/returntoschoolpolicy/return-to-schoolwork>

To connect with ASD: <https://www.asdk12.org/connectwithasd>

Great info for families/parents <https://www.asdk12.org/Parents/>

Future Board meetings: Finance Committee Meeting: 9/22, 11:30 am

Main meetings (To testify/participate: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/1443>)

Tuesday, September 21, 6 PM

Tuesday October 5, 6pm

21-22 ASD School Calendar: <https://www.asdk12.org/cms/lib/AK02207157/Centricity/Domain/4/21-22%20School%20Calendar%20Board%20Approved%20October%208%202018.pdf>

## 2. Supervisor Reports:

Guy Wade (Fire Dept): MOA is close to approval of additional \$300,000 in Fire Dept EMS funding for 2021. 2022 and contract are still pending.

Jennifer Wingard (Public Safety): Public Safety (police) contract expires in Dec 2022 and review of the options is about to begin. All options are on the table. PSAC may request that Girdwood receipt of alcohol tax funds for mental health rapid response and crisis intervention team are on the agenda.

Mike Edgington (Land Use): Omnibus changes to T21 have been proposed by administration and it was possible that those were to be fast tracked, however Assembly has routed them through normal process of public review and planning and zoning.

## 3. Service Provider Reports (5 mins)

Fire – Chief Weston – Chief is on fire service in the Lower 48. Her report is included in the meeting packet.

Police – Chief Achee – Stats provided for all summer months. GBOS requests comparison of this year and last year. 1 vacancy to be filled, seeking experienced officer.

Roads/Parks & Rec – Kyle Kelley – report in the packet, please note dates for local Health Fair, Mobile Mammography, and flu and COVID vaccination.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kalie Harrison: Mammography also will be available through the Providence mobile unit.

Krystal Hoke: Has been working on changes to Girdwood Code regarding recycling and Community Gardens. She has heard from Planning Dept Director that this could be best handled through Girdwood Omnibus Amendments with other changes that have also been discussed at the local level and are now ready to begin code change process (commercial parking and accessory dwelling units). John Weddleton adds that MOA Omnibus changes that were discussed in his presentation might also be best pulled from the MOA Omnibus Amendment and added to the Girdwood specific-amendments.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

4. Discuss and vote on proposed update to GBOS Rules and Procedures and GVSA infrastructure to allow online/hybrid public meetings.

As required under Rules and Procedures, this item was brought forward at the August GBOS meeting and copies of proposed change have been posted for 30 days. Change allows for GBOS to meet virtually if a Federally Public Health Emergency that impacts in-person attendance is declared.

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve the proposed changes to the GBOS Rules and Procedures.

Motion by Briana Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Wingard

Vote via roll call

4 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries

Several people attending via teams state that the supervisors are hard to hear.

Group discusses that there is an assembly ordinance currently under consideration that would require the public be able to attend board or commission meetings that are taking place in person.

Jennifer Wingard states that she is interested in pursuing hybrid or online meetings in general, not related to health crisis. Attendance and participation have been higher at all meetings when online option is available.

She will work on a survey to help demonstrate the local support for this and will provide specific language to be considered for GBOS Rules and Procedures as new business.

5. Discuss Economic development tax exemptions under service area boards (Mike Edgington)

Issue is a difference in State Law and Municipal Code regarding the possibility of service area boards offering tax exemptions. Mike Edgington is researching this and will have information for a comprehensive discussion at the October GBOS meeting.

6. **Agenda Item LUC 2101-06b**: LUC Recommendation for GBOS Resolution of Support for code change to table 21.09-02 under Health Care Facilities, Health Services column within the gC-7 District from 6500 to 7500 SF. (Lou Theiss/Kathy Trautner, presenting)

Kathy Trautner presents that LUC voted in favor of this unanimously. Text amendment would apply only to those business that are Health Care Facilities/health services operating in the gC-7. This could include possible physical therapy, hospital, orthopedic clinic. It is unclear if a pharmacy would be included in this group.

Girdwood Clinic has seen an increase in need for behavioral health services since their original survey in 2018, when it was near the top of the list of desired services and the clinic began providing these services. Increase in Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Depression, Substance Abuse, etc has been documented. Space would be used for group therapy, family therapy and other community based efforts related to health, education, etc. Phase 1 and 2 are adopted, this item would enclose the patio created in Phase 2 and provide private access for services.

John Weddleton encourages clinic to pursue funding from MOA alcohol tax dedicated to mental health/crisis intervention sooner rather than later as the budget season is under way.

As the sound at this meeting is difficult, GBOS discusses not reading the resolution into the record. It is available in the meeting packet.

GBOS Motion:

GBOS Moves to approve Resolution 2021-19: Resolution of Support for Text Amendment to Table 21.09-02 under Health Care Facilities, Health Services column within the gC-7 District to increase maximum building size from 6500sf to 7500sf, as written.

Motion by Briana Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Guy Wade

Roll Call vote

4 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries

**NEW BUSINESS:**

7. Girdwood Fire Dept request for \$TBA for purchase of a snow machine to assist in winter backcountry rescue efforts.

As discussed earlier, Chief is out of state on fire service. This came to GBOS during work session regarding budgets, and now appears as new business. When originally discussed, the amount needed for purchase of a snow machine to replace one that was totaled last year was \$15,000. For purposes of this discussion, it is recommended to consider the item as "not more than \$20,000", with firmer figure and availability to be updated by Chief at next months meeting, when this will appear as old business.

8. Discuss GTC recommendation for GBOS Resolution of Support of proposed for Girdwood Bike Park master plan to submit with construction grants applications in the upcoming year.  
 GTC has approved this request, LUC heard it for the first time as new business in September. This is a follow up from 2019 request that was approved by GTC and LUC. At that time the resolution was not written because it became clear that a full Girdwood Trails Master Plan was needed. Master plan effort is under way, and the Girdwood Bike Park is included in the current version of that plan.  
 Bikewood (fka Girdwood Mountain Bike Alliance) is planning to apply for grants for trail building and needs to show community support for their plans in order to be considered. The Girdwood Trails Master Plan will not be complete in time for grant funding for the 2022 construction season.  
 Group discusses what would happen if the Girdwood Trails Master Plan does not support the bike park.

9. Discuss agenda topics for MOA GBOS Quarterly meeting scheduled for MON October 25 at 4PM in the Girdwood Community Room.  
 Preliminary draft agenda is presented. Group adds Large Infrastructure Costs, such as Hand tram to the agenda. Group also discusses adding the distribution of alcohol tax revenue in Girdwood. Chief Weston states that EMS contract should hopefully be signed, however Chief Schrage could attend and provide information on the Crisis Intervention Team and Rapid Response Team (alcohol tax funded projects).

10. **Agenda Item LUC 2109-05:** Notice of Liquor license renewals in 2022. Request for LUC recommendation for GBOS Letter of Non-Objection Re: 2022 Annual Liquor License Renewals 2022
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|------|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|
| 5466 | Bore Tide Deli        |      |                       |
| 287  | Crow Creek Mercantile | 3445 | Hotel Alyeska         |
| 996  | La Bodega             | 3446 | Seven Glaciers Lounge |
| 1632 | Jack Sprat            | 3447 | Sitzmark Bar & Grill  |
| 3263 | Chair 5 Restaurant    | 5498 | Girdwood Picnic Club  |

Currently seeking input regarding renewal of these licenses. No negative comments have been received about any of them. Next step will be to seek Letter of Non-Objection for renewals.

**REPORTS:**

- 11. Committee & Subcommittee Reports (see packet)
  - PSAC Report
  - Girdwood Trails Committee Report
    - Girdwood Trails (Master) Plan Subcommittee Report
  - LUC Report
    - Housing Working Group Report
- 12. 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):**  
**Request for GBOS/GFR Joint meeting (2 held of 2 required in 2021):**  
**Request for Executive Session:**  
**Other:**

Adjourn