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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Mike Edgington & Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chairs
Briana Sullivan, Brian Burnett, Kellie Okonek*

April 27 2026 MOA GBOS Quarterly Meeting Minutes Final

4 p.m. via Microsoft Teams & Girdwood Community Room

This hybrid meeting is taking place via Microsoft Teams & at the Girdwood Community room.

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Call to Order Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chair

Land Acknowledgement: 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.

Roll Call: Attending for GBOS are Mike Edgington, Briana Sullivan, Brian Burnett & Jennifer Wingard
Kellie Okonek is excused.

Disclosures.

Agenda Revisions and Approval

April 27 2026 MOA GBOS Quarterly Meeting Agenda approved ME/BS

Invitees determined by Municipal Manager after pre-meeting: Becky Windt Pearson, Municipal Manager; Bill Falsey, Chief Administrative Officer; Tiffany Briggs, Director of Real Estate; Bob Doehl, Economic and Community Development; Ona Brause, Office of Management and Budget; Kelli Toth, Director of Solid Waste Services; Quincy Arms, Managing Assistant Municipal Attorney; Zach Schwartz, Assistant Municipal Attorney;

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

1. SWS/Anchorage Parks and Rec fee surcharge & recycling: Kelli Toth, SWS & Becky Windt-Pearson
Surcharge for dump use is pass-through to Parks and Rec for Healthy Spaces work on public land Areawide. MOA wants to collect information before considering change to ordinance. GBOS expresses concern that the fee increase has an outsized impact on people who dump one or two bags of trash frequently, and the data collection and reconsideration will be late compared to the impact to the community. Early spring is when the bears appear and become habituated to trash. Girdwood has done a lot of work via the Secure Trash Regulation Zone and volunteer efforts through Girdwood Bear Aware as well as other programs to keep the community and bears safe. SWS will track dump data and update at the MOA GBOS meeting in October.

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Aluminum recycling began at the Girdwood Transfer station on April 25. Recycle aluminum cans, rinsed, inside the gate in a recycling collection box. Electronics recycling day is being scheduled likely in June. Citywide clean up with orange collection bags May 2-31.

2. Tourism Improvement Projects (bed tax revenue to offset negative visitor impact) Bill Falsey
12% bed tax distribution is divided equally among 3 areas through municipal code: convention center, general fund, and Visit Anchorage. Recent revision to the Visit Anchorage contract allows for an amount to be used toward tourism infrastructure support. Because of the timing of the change in distribution, 2026 funds of approx. \$1.6M were allocated via Assembly action to downtown Anchorage projects related to policing and work in town square park. 2027 allocation is expected to be about \$1.5M, thereafter it is anticipated to be approximately \$1.4M. Starting with budget year 2027, the allocation will be distributed in the regular Assembly budget process. Those seeking funding would advocate for them through Visit Anchorage, Mayor and Administration; and/or via the Assembly. Budget items are all collected by October for Assembly budget hearings. Projects need to fit within the definition of tourism infrastructure and are intended as seed money, not forever funding.

GBOS will add Tourism Improvement Projects (TIPs) to their regular meeting agenda to put forward ideas for 2027 budget cycle to help Girdwood with tourism impact of Short Term Rentals. Possible projects are housing study, RV park feasibility study.

3. Follow-up on some Intergovernmental Charges in GVSA budgets (specifically Fire and Roads): Ona Brause
Following work session with GBOS, OMB has been reviewing IGC formula and distribution related to Fire IGCs. Adjustments could be made to 2027 proposed IGC budget, also there could be revision to IGC budget for 2026 in Q2 or Q3.

There should be more information at the next MOA GBOS meeting in July.

4. HLB Items: Tiffany Briggs & Ryan Yelle
Ruane Rd (Girdwood Industrial Park): platting moving forward, should record end of May.
Orca View Subdivision: platting moving forward, should record in the next few weeks.
GBOS is concerned that the Orca View land is protected for the purpose of creation of workforce housing through local entity. HLB says that currently only actions have been plat and a desktop study of sewer mainline, at the request of the community. HLB awaits direction from community.

Discuss process for handling speculative inquiries regarding HLB land. Recent highly speculative land development came to Land Use Committee. Due to ease of researching and generating ideas through AI, both HLB and GBOS are concerned that these are likely to increase in frequency and be largely unvetted and unlikely prospects. GBOS and HLB agree that in the future, prospective presenters will be directed to the GBOS Land Use Liaison, who can help determine the next steps.

5. MOA Capital funding for WPD capital needs in Girdwood
Areawide Tax levy for Police IT has so far only been distributed to APD for their IT needs. Going forward, GBOS and WPD could work on finding a project that is owned by MOA (either outright or by percentage) in support of WPD IT needs. Additional information on a specific purchase is needed. As with other municipal budget items, this would need to come forward in October for Municipal budget cycle for the coming year.

Public Comment:

Michelle Weston: Fees for Girdwood Fire Dept response outside of GVSA should be reviewed and increased.

Adjourn 5:05PM