

# Municipality of Anchorage



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

## **July 29, 2024 MOA GBOS Quarterly Meeting Minutes Final**

**4:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams & Anchorage City Hall, 8<sup>th</sup> FI Conference Room**

This meeting is being held via teams with in-person attendance at Anchorage City Hall

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The Girdwood Board of Supervisors operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.  
Call to Order 4:00 p.m. Mike Edgington, GBOS 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 Alutiq 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: GBOS attending are Mike Edgington, Briana Sullivan, Brian Burnett; Jennifer Wingard is excused.

Disclosures: Mike Edgington is chair of Imagine Girdwood, petitioner for the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan. He is recused from voting on this item however is a resource on behalf of Imagine!Girdwood.

MOA attending:

Mayor Suzanne La France; Becky Windt-Pearson, Municipal Manager; Lance Wilber, Director of Community and Economic Development; Tiffany Briggs, Real Estate Director; Emma Giboney, HLB Land Management Officer; Graham Downey, Mayor's Assistant on Housing and Transportation; Quincy Arms, Legal Dept.; Bill Falsey, Chief Administrative Officer; Kelli Toth, Acting SWS Director; Kirklin Washington, SWS Customer Service Manager; Kyle Kelley, GVSA Manager; Margaret Tyler, GVSA Municipal staff

### **Agenda Revisions and Approval**

July 29, 2024 MOA GBOS Quarterly Meeting Agenda approved

BS/BB

Assent Vote

### **Agenda**

Welcome and Introductions: New administration is in place.

1. Discuss SWS Girdwood Transfer Station days and hours of operation (Acting SWS Dir. Kelli Toth)  
SWS Staff are able to open the transfer station on Thursdays, starting this week.  
Hours are 9:30A-5P MON, THU, FRI, SAT with a half-hour lunch from 12:30P-1P.  
Transfer station is closed TUE, WED and SUN.  
This change in schedule restores hours and days to service levels prior to 2022.

Girdwood staff will help to share the message about increased service at posting sites and on Girdwood Facebook pages.

2. Planning Department Items (Planning Dir. Craig Lyon, Sr. Planner Tom Davis, Current Planning Mgr. David Whitfield). Planning Dept is not attending, Lance Wilber discusses on their behalf.
  - GBOS provide summary of Girdwood Comprehensive Plan (Supv. Burnett):  
Girdwood Comprehensive Plan was reviewed by P&Z with several recommendations that went forward to Planning and Zoning Commission. P&Z Commission will be writing a Resolution recommending four changes to the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan that are not in alignment with the community's plan. Imagine! Girdwood will have a work session July 31 and GBOS/LUC will hold a joint meeting on August 12 to determine direction on this.

Lance Wilber confirms that the process is for the P&Z Commission recommendation to go forward to the Assembly, where it will be introduced, likely have a work session, and then go forward for hearing/vote.

  - Information about Historic Districts and outline of process for doing so in the MOA (re: Old Girdwood)  
Process for Historic District designation is application, staff review, Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission review, P&Z review and Assembly approval. Tom Davis is the staff member in planning that handles these applications.
  - Use of Zoning Overlay Districts compared to Service Area to achieve local goals  
Lance Wilber offers to provide guidance.
3. Housing and Economic Development Service Area responsibility (Director of Community Development Lance Wilber)  
Method for transfer of land management responsibility from HLB to GVSA  
With power for Housing and Economic Development Girdwood and HLB are working toward withdrawal of land from HLB and placement of it under the Girdwood Valley Service Area. It is unclear exactly how to do this, but it will be necessary to understand the process before withdrawals in the HLB 1 and 5 year plan can be accomplished. HLB will seek Legal assistance on this. A clear plan will be needed to achieve the placement of management authority of municipal land.
4. Discuss Girdwood Levees:
  - California Creek on ASD property (ASD and HLB)  
Active erosion on this creek levee caused by treefall changing water flow on ASD land. GVSA Manager is working with HLB to reinforce the creek embankment with riprap. Funding source for this work is not yet finalized.
  - Glacier Creek/California Creek confluence at the Railroad Trestle. No active erosion on this site but public has requested that the land managers/owners review the area. At this time, the main request is that the USGS place a gauge at the trestle so that flow and level can be evaluated.

**Public Comment:** None

Adjourn 4:45PM