

# Girdwood Cemetery Committee

Date: April 1, 2021

12PM

## Meeting notes Draft

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 Cemetery Committee operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

Call to order 12:05PM, Tommy O'Malley, Chair  
Attending are Tommy O'Malley, Jack Goodnoe, Margaret Tyler

Agenda approved for April 1, 2021  
Minutes approval for February 4, 2021 - tabled  
Minutes approval for November, 2020 - tabled

### Old Business:

1. Discuss Chugiak/Eagle River site selection and Phase 1 of feasibility study/schematic design study  
(Jack Goodnoe)

Jack provided a presentation regarding the sites considered by Chugiak/Eagle River.

4 sites currently under consideration, each is able to handle full body burials for decades. Full presentation is available in the meeting packet

A-2 is site by Eagle River High School, managed by Heritage Land Bank. This site is smaller than others but has more buildable land with good drainage.

Phase 1 could be 7.7 acres and would accommodate approximately 7,700 full body burials.

A-5 is a more complex site, managed by Heritage Land Bank. This site is large and is part of existing dedicated park land.

Phase 1 could be 7.6 acres and would accommodate approximately 7600 full body burials

E-4 is located North of Chugiak, bordering Knik Arm. This land is owned by the Native Village of Eklutna. There are no major roads accessing this parcel, access would be via residential roads.

Phase 1 could be 5.3 acres and would accommodate approximately 5300 full body burials.

E-5 is located North of Chugiak also, near Mirror Lake School. This land is owned by the Native Village of Eklutna. There are no major roads accessing this parcel, access would be via residential roads.

Phase 1 could be 13 acres and accommodate approximately 13,000 full body burials.

Eagle River is now ready to proceed with community review of the site and selection of the preferred location. This phase may be handled by The Boutet Company.

2. Discuss collaboration and strategy of Girdwood Cemetery and Eagle River Cemetery for funding.

Tommy has been discussing inclusion of other Anchorage Cemetery needs in the bond proposition and plans to work with Josh Durand, Anchorage Parks and Rec Director, to encourage him to keep the cemetery bond separate from other parks and recreation funding.

Bonding effort spring 2022: Tommy plans to request support from funeral homes to help with the campaign. No city funds can be put toward this effort.

Girdwood Cemetery Committee Agendas and minutes are available on line: <http://www.muni.org/gbos>



Fact Sheet and talking points: Existing fact sheet will be updated, current version is included in the meeting packet. Cemetery Committee members are encouraged to provide input regarding additional content needed to provide comprehensive collection of information.

Address neighborhood community councils: Cemetery Committee members are asked to volunteer to attend neighborhood meetings in Anchorage to garner support for the bond. Community Council information is available on line at: <http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/home.html>

Address churches/civic groups: Cemetery Committee members are asked to volunteer to attend church groups and civic organizations (Lions, Rotary, etc) to help spread information and garner support for the bond.

**New Business**

3. Discuss return to regular in person public meetings/continuation of virtual meetings once Emergency Orders have been lifted.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Other Business:**

Next meeting scheduled for June 3 at 12PM

**Adjourn**