

# Girdwood Cemetery Committee

Date: February 4, 2021

## Minutes Draft

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**What:** Girdwood Cemetery Committee

**Where:** Via Zoom

**Date:** Thursday, February 4, 2021

**Time:** 12PM

12:10PM Call to order, Tommy O'Malley, Chair

Introduction of Guests: Jack Goodnoe, Rob Jones

Attending are: Tommy O'Malley, Julie Raymond-Yakoubian, Kyle Kelley, Margaret Tyler, Briana Sullivan,

Agenda approval for February 4, 2021

Minutes approval for November 5, 2020 - tabled

### Old Business:

1. Discuss Chugiak/Eagle River site selection status and Phase 1 of feasibility study/schematic design study

Chugiak/Eagle River have considered 12 sites and are now down to 4 under consideration. 3 of the sites are North of Chugiak, 1 is south of Eagle River. 2 are on Eklutna land, 2 are on Municipal land. Site vary in size from about 20 acres to 75+ acres, each is able to be developed into 200-300 year cemetery capacity. Preliminary analysis and plans for the 4 sites under consideration have been presented to the Chugiak/Eagle River Cemetery Committee by The Boutet Company/Jack Goodnoe to show how cemetery operations could be handled on each one. Chugiak/Eagle River group is likely nearing rollout of the concept to neighborhood councils to receive their feedback.

2. Discuss collaboration of Girdwood Cemetery and Eagle River Cemetery for funding. Bonding effort spring 2022

Chugiak/Eagle River Cemetery committee seems positive regarding collaborating for bonding for cemetery development. It is noted that Anchorage as a whole will need to approve the bonding effort. Group discusses that it would be helpful to include Anchorage Cemetery needs on the bond. Anchorage Cemetery had projects in the 2020 election, but they were not approved. Items for the 2021 ballot were not moved forward to assembly. Groups will need to strategize regarding election closer in, meet with churches, other groups, provide fact sheet on cemeteries.

3. Discuss potential of adding Girdwood and Eagle River members to the Anchorage Cemetery Advisory Board.

Cemetery Advisory board meets once per year and members are appointed by the Assembly. Cemetery Advisory Board has discussed adding two seats – 1 for Girdwood, 1 for Eagle River to the board. John Weddleton has offered his support for Assembly to make this change. Currently Julie Raymond-Yakoubian has agreed to consider this appointment.

**New Business;** None

**Public Comment:** None

### Other Business:

Group discusses other funding options if bond fails. Other ideas are:

Funding from the Girdwood Tax base, realizing that Girdwood must stay under their tax cap.

Rasmuson Foundation or similar – better option for final completion of project.

Inter-Government Loan – low interest loan paid by service area

Grants – perhaps VA or other grant ptions

As Cemetery is an areawide service and must be managed by MOA, it is considered best to receive funding through the MOA.

Consider next meeting date – similar timing/day in March

### Adjourn 12:43 PM

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