

Girdwood Cemetery Committee

Date: November 10, 2022

12PM

Minutes Draft

This meeting is taking place via teams with in-person attendance in the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd.

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

Call to order 12PM Tommy O'Malley, Chair

Introduction of Guests.

Attending are Tommy O'Malley, Briana Sullivan, Rachel Burkhart, Raina Hammel, Mike Edgington

Staff attending are Kyle Kelley, Margaret Tyler

Agenda Approval for November 10 2022 meeting

Minutes approval from October 17 2022 meeting not discussed

Old Business:

1. Discuss Chugiak/Eagle River Cemetery process

Tommy has heard a lot of support for CER Cemetery.

One of the community councils wrote a resolution of support.

Assemblyman Kevin Cross is supportive of the proposition.

2. Discuss bonding in Spring 2023 election

- Status of MOA bond propositions: MOA bonds are either approved by the Mayor or through the Assembly.

Tommy met with Mayor Bronson last year and found that it was not a priority for this administration.

Item must be on the Municipal capital budget in the next 2 weeks, in order to proceed with bonding action. This will require a floor amendment, which Tommy indicates is to be handled by Assemblyman Constant.

Tommy has provided information to MOA legal to conduct capital assessment to forward to bond counsel for review: Girdwood portion has clear values established from the 2019 Schematic Design Study; Eagle River has some values established through their site selection work; MOA Cemetery has values established from a white paper that covers a variety of efforts for site improvements.

Office of Management and Budget will take studies and add Operations and Maintenance charges to the proposal

Currently seeking a stand-alone bond for the 3 projects.

- Assembly support

Cemetery bond has received support from Assembly members Cross, Constant and LaFrance. Review Fact Sheet and talking points

• Generic Fact sheet and Girdwood specific fact sheet is in the meeting packet. Updates to these info pieces is easy. Committee will review them in December, once it is confirmed that the bond will be on the ballot.

- Discuss groups/dates to address targeted voting population prior to vote-by-mail

Deferred to next meeting.

3. Update on status of request for Girdwood Inc Account and authorized members of GTC to the account

Tommy agrees to take on this responsibility through the term of his service as chair (Oct 2023). No account is needed until bonding effort is certain.

New Business

4. Girdwood Archeological Report 2021

There may be remains from the original Girdwood graveyard on the slope near Alyeska Highway. Tommy has discussed this with MOA Planning Dept. New highway construction may disturb this area, subject has been discussed at public meeting with the DOT. DOT is required to perform NEPA study of the sites before construction. Tommy O'Malley will contact DOT project manager to discuss.

Public Comment:

Mike Edgington: Time is short to get the cemetery on the ballot in April. Definitely need solid budget numbers and to get that into the budget very soon.

Other Business: Next meeting THU Dec 15 at 12PM

Adjourn 12:50PM

Girdwood Cemetery Committee is a sub-committee to the Girdwood Board of Supervisors