

# Girdwood Cemetery Committee

Date: October 17, 2022

12PM

## Minutes Draft

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

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 12PM Tommy O'Malley, Chair

Introduction of Guests: attending are Julie Raymond-Yakoubian, Briana Sullivan and Jack Goodnoe

Agenda Approval for October 17 2022 meeting JRY/BS Assent

Minutes approval from July 2022 meeting JRY/BS Assent

Announcement: The Alaska End-of-Life Alliance is holding an event at the Anchorage Museum SEED Lab on October 25th from 6:30-7:30p to introduce the public to the organization and discuss end-of-life issues. More information can be found online at [www.alaskaendoflifealliance.org](http://www.alaskaendoflifealliance.org)

### Old Business:

#### 1. Discuss Chugiak/Eagle River Cemetery process

Chugiak/Eagle River cemetery has support however is complicated by the current effort to separate from the Municipality of Anchorage. Tommy is continuing to work with the group to have them be included in the bond proposition.

Shift of Cemetery from Health and Human Services to Parks and Recreation does not change that Cemetery is an Areawide responsibility. Bonding requires a majority vote of the MOA as a whole, and repayment of the debt is the responsibility of the entire MOA. Girdwood and Chugiak/Eagle River pay for their own Parks and Rec services, but Cemetery remains Areawide.

#### 2. Discuss schedule for bonding in Spring 2023 election

- Vote on Cemetery Committee request for GBOS Resolution of Support for bonding for the Girdwood Cemetery in the Spring 2023 Municipal election.

### Motion

Girdwood Cemetery Committee moves to recommend that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors write a Resolution of Support for the Cemetery Bonding effort in the spring 2023 municipal election.

Motion by Briana Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie Raymond-Yakoubian

Motion carries 3-0

- Review resolution draft/bullet points

Cemetery Committee reviews draft Resolution language to send to the GBOS for this evenings meeting. Language adjusted to represent the vote in 2019 to give GBOS power to tax for study of the cemetery site and creation of the Schematic Design and to provide a budget amount for phase 1 of the Girdwood Cemetery. Cost in 2019 was estimated at \$4M, Cemetery Committee added \$1M to this for inflation, materials increase and OMB contingency funds. No current amounts are known for the Anchorage Memorial Park renovations or for the Chugiak/Eagle River construction cost.

- Fact Sheet and talking points

This can be reviewed at the next meeting.

- Assembly support

Tommy has spoken with 9 of the Assembly members and thinks there is support for a bond and cemeteries in both communities.

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

This can be reviewed at the next meeting.

#### 3. Annual election cycle for Cemetery Committee

- Tommy O'Malley is nominated to serve as chair. He states that following bonding effort, he will look for others to serve in this capacity.

Motion:

Girdwood Cemetery Committee approves nomination of Tommy O'Malley as the Chair for 2023.

Motion by Tommy O'Malley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Briana Sullivan

Assent vote

- Tommy asks Julie Raymond-Yakoubian to serve as treasurer, she declines nomination but offers help.

### **New Business**

Tommy discusses the Cemetery Committee need to establish and account with Girdwood Inc. Cemetery Committee will need to designate a member to request fund disbursements.

### **Public Comment:**

**Other Business:** Next meeting THU Nov 10 at 12PM

**Adjourn 12:55PM**

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