

Girdwood Land Use Committee
Notice of Meeting on August 14, 2023
7PM
Minutes Final

Meeting will take place via Teams teleconference and in person at the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Eglhoff Rd.

The following items have been submitted as agenda items for consideration at the meeting of the Girdwood Land Use Committee. A voting member is any Girdwood Valley resident eighteen (18) years of age or older. Non-resident property owners, businesses, and non-profit associations are allowed one (1) vote per entity. Detailed voting qualifications can be found in the rules outlined in the Girdwood Land Use Committee Operating Principles.

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

Agenda Item LUC 2308-01:

Land Acknowledgement: As we gather with a common intention for our GVSA this evening, LUC would like to begin by acknowledging the stewardship of the indigenous peoples of Alaska, whose land we reside on and the surrounding waters we depend on. The current area of Girdwood is situated between the areas known to be Dena'ina and Alutiiq homeland. A necessary connection for Alaska Native people, the landscape and waters around us served to carry their traditional ways of life; to gather here and harvest Native foods. The community of Girdwood respects the Dena'ina and Alutiiq people, who were stewards of this land for generations. We will continue to be stewards of this land and are grateful to be a part of this community.

Call to order 7:01PM Kevin McDermott, Chair

Agenda Approval for August 14 2023 meeting	Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi/Tim Cabana	Assent
Minutes approval from July 10 2023 meeting	Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi/Tim Cabana	Assent
Minutes approval from July 10 2023 GBOS LUC Joint meeting	Briana Sullivan/Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi	Assent

LUC Officer reports: None

GBOS updates: Jennifer Wingard reports that GBOS is in Budget discussions and considering increases in Fire Dept budget as well as capital accounts to address Girdwood projects. GVSA non-profit grant cycle is now open for applications, ending mid-September. Enstar gas line in the State DNR easement was a discussion that took place at GBOS but not really at LUC due to timing of the public comment period. Enstar has responded to the GBOS letter of objection, see meeting packet for both letters.

Announcements:

GBOS is holding budget work sessions for the 2024 budget. Work session 2 is scheduled for August 21 at 5PM.

Agenda Item LUC 2308-02: Update and community input regarding housing and housing developments

- Update on outcome of GBOS Letter of Request to HLB April 19 2023 (unredacted map/CCNLUP removal as an Area MP)
- Progress on facilitated housing workshop/open house with Imagine!Girdwood

All requested information has been received and are posted on the GBOS website. Links to this information are in the LUC meeting packet. Removal of the CCNLUP as a Master Plan document for the area will require that HLB request a new plan via the Assembly. It is unprecedented that a plan is removed without a replacement put in place.

Imagine! Girdwood continues to move forward with their work having now received funding. Upcoming meetings are announced by Imagine! Girdwood.

Agenda Item LUC 2308-03: Public Comment provided in advance on the two topics below are included in the meeting packet:

- US Army Corps of Engineers Re: Cabana Wetland permit. Tim Cabana addresses that there were 17 comments received during public comment, 5 in support of the project. Current permit is for utilities, including water. This work provides a loop system with redundancy in the system for water service up Timberline. Once the pressure is tested and no leaks are found, the ground will be refilled and revegetated and inspected as required.

No other permits are needed at this time as there is no construction planned. Information provided on the permit documents is speculative and was requested to be included by USACE.

- 2024 Mass Update and AWWU 2024 Design Construction Practices Manual. Staff explains that MASS provides guidelines for construction on municipal projects. MOA Public Works will provide support and ideas for some improvements in this manual as there are elements that are out of date or redundant. Last update of MASS was 2015.

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Agenda Item LUC 2308-04: Committee Reports. Any items for update or discussion should be brought up at this time.

Girdwood Housing and Economic Committee Update: Meeting in the end of July focused on data collection to support the amount and type of housing needed. Ideas for reducing costs of developing property, such as storage of infill and exfill. GHECT is watching the discussions in Anchorage related to residential zoning, which would essentially change the many types of zoning to two: those with water utilities and those without.

Old Business:

Agenda Item LUC 2307-05: LUC recommendation for GBOS action to ensure that implementation of program funded via marijuana tax funds benefit early childhood education in Girdwood. This came up via LUC as a request to find out the status of the MJ tax project as passed by Anchorage votes. GBOS followed up with MOA at the manager's meeting in late July. Program is under development by administration and Assembly. Staff recommends that LUC consider requesting GBOS Letter or Resolution as a formal reminder of Girdwood (and Eagle River) participation in the funding and need for inclusion in the program produced. Public comment is that projects for early childhood education should be via existing resources in Girdwood.

No motion is made at this meeting. LUC requests that the item return to LUC in September for action.

New Business:

Agenda Item LUC 2308-05: Review of design proposed for the Winner Creek Trail suspension bridge crossing Glacier Creek.

Presentation of the 35% design, as presented at GTC earlier this month. Hand tram closed in 2020 following accidents that were caused by number of people trying to use the hand tram. Suspension bridge uses the same alignment as the hand tram did and will provide year-round access to the trail connection. Width allows for snow dog grooming equipment. Both timber frame tram buildings will be salvaged, one will be reused for interpretive site for the tram nearby and the other will be reused elsewhere in Girdwood. Bridge is a collaborative effort with the Forest Service, USFS will take over operation and maintenance after construction.

Request for GBOS/LUC Joint Meeting (2 of 2 required meetings completed in 2023): Jan 4, Jan 9, Apr 10, July 3, July 10 2023

Adjourn 8PM