

Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
December 6, 2021
Minutes Final

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

7:05PM Call to order, Mike Opalka, Co-Chair

Roll call: PSAC Attending are Mike Opalka (MO), Ken Waugh (KW), Jason Porter (JP) and Tommy O'Malley (TO); Jennifer Wingard (JW), GBOS Public Safety Supervisor, is also attending.

Quorum confirmed

Agenda approved for December 6 2021 meeting	KW/JP	4-0
Minutes approval from September 8 2021 meeting	JP/JW	2-0
Minutes approval from November 1 2021 meeting	KW/MO	2-0

Announcements/Introductions/Presentation:

Old Business:

- 1) Public Safety Contract Review and analysis: Kyle will have documents for PSAC to review in at PSAC in January. The alternatives to be studied are as follows:
 - Girdwood Police Dept
Cost comparison of options
 - Join Anchorage Police Dept
Cost and options to join Police Service area or contract with APD
 - Whittier Police Contract extension and new contract
Discussion with Whittier re interest in 1 yr renewal and/or 3 year contract

- 2) Update on MOA budget items of concern to PSAC:

Girdwood Areawide EMS funding:

Full funding has been approved for 2021.

Funding in budget for 2022 was restored by Assembly and then vetoed by Mayor. Assembly has not yet added review of budget to meeting, outcome of this is pending.

5% Alcohol Tax distribution for Girdwood public safety & services. This item is also tied up in Assembly and Mayor budget process. Tommy would like to find a way to compensate police officers for having received additional training.

Group also discusses expenses to GVSA from storm damage. GBOS requested emergency declaration from Mayor, which would open up some additional funding resources, however at this time no such declaration has been made. Resources to be used for repairs are from the following sources:

GVSA Emergency Undesignated Fund (\$298K)

MOA Areawide Bridge and Dam Fund (\$165K)

GVSA Roads Capital Account (109K)

This will not impact the Public Safety capital account or Fire Dept account, however it is likely that GVSA will need to tax additionally to replenish the accounts that are being drained to pay for the repairs.

- 3) PSAC will vote for chair/vice chair at Jan 3 2022 meeting. All members of PSAC are available and plan to attend this meeting.
- 4) Consider and vote if towing and impound is needed for NYE.
Fred's Towing is available for New Years Eve Service for the GVSA. Alyeska Resort has regular plans for fireworks that evening and skiing until midnight. Cost for tow truck, secure impound lot and overnight accommodation for driver is \$2,000.

Motion:

PSAC moves to approve \$2,000 from the PSAC budget for towing and impound lot for New Years Eve.

Motion by Jason Porter, 2nd by Ken Waugh

Motion passes 4-0 via roll call vote.

New business:

None

Other Business:

- 5) Review upcoming community events:

Passholder Day	December 9
Opening Day	December 10
Night Ski	Dec 18-Jan 1 (except Christmas Eve and NYE) THU – SAT until Spring Break
ASD Winter Break	Dec 16-Jan 3
New Years Eve	Dec 31 (torchlight parade and fireworks)
Military Monday	Jan 3, Feb 7, Feb 28
Superbowl Sunday	Feb 6
Town League final Party	March 3 Sitzmark
ASD Spring Break	March 4 -March 13
Spring Break Night Ski	March 3 – March 12
Spring Carnival	April 22-24
- 6) Girdwood Grassroots concerns from prior meetings:
 - Oct 29-31 storm recovery update – reviewed under Budget Areas of Concern.
 - Update on Stop signs replacing Yield signs – Kyle will follow up.
 - Girdwood Bear Aware Amendment to STRZ code and progress on defective cans – no update
- 7) Roundtable comments from the PSAC board

Tommy O'Malley: Coffee with a cop was great success Nov 20. 5 officers including a ranger with USFS. 20+ public attended, including families with adult disabled children. Many positive comments about WPD service in Girdwood and use of alcohol tax funds for training. Next Coffee with a Cop is likely to be in March at the Ice Cream Shop.

Tommy plans to attend next Whittier Town Council meeting on Dec 14 on behalf of PSAC to extend thanks for WPD service. Tommy will discuss the meeting and his message with Kyle prior. Tommy is writing Assembly members on his own behalf regarding budget veto override. See opinion piece from other community members in the ADN, included in the meeting packet.

Jason Porter: Resort is planning opening on Dec 9 for season passholders, Dec 10 for all guests. Full mountain will be opening, however tram will not be operating for the first week or two, due to delay in parts. Expect heavy volume of people at the lower mountain without tram upload option. New Years Eve will have fireworks and skiing until midnight, no late night concert/party at the Sitzmark. Nordic Spa will have soft opening with massage service only on Dec 17, full spa services after Jan 1 and outdoor amenities opening later.

8) Next meeting: January 3 2022

Public Safety Reports:

WPD Update (WPD Chief Andre Achee) – Working on stats for year end; coffee with a cop was great event. Continuing to work on speed enforcement on main roads and arteries, including Airport road in this enforcement based on neighborhood request.

GFR Update (Chief Michelle Weston) – Thank you for support with budgeting and funding. Current Seward Highway patrol by APD is being funded through a grant. Michelle attended Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) today. This is meeting scheduled annually and could use a local representative to serve on the committee.

5 EMTS are completing EMT III training.

26 active members, 8 new members starting soon, including one in paramedic school.

Replacement of Rescue 41 is moving forward at the MOA, receipt of apparatus probably 2 years out. Replacement snow machine is coming on line soon, pending insurance.

Installed camera in the entryway vestibule.

Seeking a person to be Santa for the community drive-around. Michelle has a costume.

GBOS Public Safety Supervisor report (Jennifer Wingard) No report

Public Comment: Persons offering public comment must state their full name and address. Public Comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person and must be on subjects not listed on the agenda.

Adjourn 8:10PM