

Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
February 7, 2022
Minutes Final

Meeting held via Teams Teleconference

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

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

Roll call: PSAC Attending are Mike Opalka, Tommy O'Malley, Jason Porter. Quorum confirmed.

GBOS Public Safety Supervisor Jennifer Wingard has connection issues and arrives approx. 7:25

Other attending are: Briana Sullivan, Kyle Kelley, Margaret Tyler

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| Agenda approved for February 7 2022 meeting | Jason Porter/Tommy O'Malley | 3-0 Assent vote |
| Minutes approved from Jan 3 2022 meeting | Jason Porter/Tommy O'Malley | 3-0 Assent vote |

Announcements/Introductions/Presentation:

Old Business:

- 1) Public Safety Contract Review and analysis.

Following Executive Session Jan 12 the direction was to open discussion with Whittier City Council for consideration of 3 year contract instead of extending current contract in 1 year increments. PSAC and Whittier Police Department should review the existing contract and bring up items that they may want to change within the contract. Attorneys from both parties will work on final contract language. Current contract is on line on the PSAC website and will be provided with these minutes. A formal recommendation from PSAC to GBOS to pursue contract with Whittier will come forward through this process.

Anchorage Police Dept has a new Police Chief; Kyle will reach out to him and set up a meeting with PSAC to discuss Girdwood policing, Seward Highway concerns and Turnagain Arm policing structure.

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

Girdwood Fire Dept contract is not yet signed, however as amendment to increase to full AreaWide EMS funding hit the AreaWide tax cap, the GFR funding for EMS from the MOA has been dropped by \$15,0000. Chief Weston is discussing this with AFD Chief Schrage. First Quarter Revision cycle may be an option for funding review.

Having the Girdwood EMS AreaWide funding separated from the overall AFD budget as its own line item is not discussed.

Alcohol Tax distribution for Girdwood resident services.

Discuss reimbursement process for training through alcohol tax funds owed to Whittier PD.

- 3) PSAC Organizational discussion: chair/vice chair election -topic tabled as all members are not present.
- 4) Discuss towing/impound plan for Spring Carnival. Similar plan as New Years Eve only the tow truck/impound lot will be daytime instead of overnight. Impound at the Industrial Park.

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- 5) Discuss meeting style options for future PSAC meetings (virtual, hybrid, in-person) (Jennifer Wingard)
PSAC attending are interested in in-person meetings with hybrid option for those who cannot attend in-person. Technology for hybrid meetings has been ordered, installation TBA. PSAC can consider hybrid meeting for March depending on installation status and discussion with the chairs.
- 6) Discuss mechanics of new/old Business topics and what is needed to take action on new business items, if necessary.
This item has not been an issue at PSAC, however is a topic that all the committees of GBOS are discussing. More information will come forward from the LUC and GTC discussions of new/old business model.

New business:

- 7) PSAC messaging and community relations
Tommy O'Malley wants to encourage community engagement with Whittier and Girdwood. Tommy is interested in attending Whittier Town Council meetings and is encouraged to do so as a member of the public. Discussions on behalf of the PSAC should be approved by PSAC.

Other Business:

- 8) Review upcoming community events:

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| Night Ski | THU – SAT until Spring Break |
| Military Monday | Feb 7, Feb 28 |
| GNSC/KMTA Race at the 5K | Feb 27 |
| 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 |

- 9) Girdwood Grassroots concerns from prior meetings:
Holtan Hills Development proposal & possible impact on Public Safety: Main concerns of PSAC currently are developers responsibility to improve the intersection at Crow Creek Road and Alyeska Highway and concern that the service area's public safety providers may not have adequate capacity for the potential increase in population.
A town hall is taking place this Saturday to discuss community concerns and aspirations for the development.

Update on funding Oct 29-31 storm recovery and impact to Girdwood tax payers: Emergency Declaration was made, adding MOA to the State declaration. Kyle is working with the State on reimbursement for expenses related to the storm. Full reimbursement would refill emergency and other funds that were tapped to cover the expenses.

Update on Stop signs replacing Yield signs: No update, Mike Edgington was to reach out to new MOA Traffic Director. Kyle will follow up with Mike for progress report.

Girdwood Bear Aware Amendment to STRZ code and progress on defective cans: No update from Girdwood Bear Aware or John Weddleton.

- 10) Roundtable comments from the PSAC board
Mike Opalka: None
Tommy O'Malley: Question regarding the mission and purpose of the PSAC. PSAC current role is to act as a liaison between Girdwood and the Whittier Police, to hear community concerns regarding policing, and to make recommendations regarding contracting for police services.
Jason Porter: None

11) Set next meeting date: March 7 2022
Jason Porter will not be able to attend.

Public Safety Reports:

WPD Update (WPD Chief Andre Achee) – Chief is out on leave.

GFR Update (Chief Michelle Weston) – No report.

GBOS Public Safety Supervisor report – No report.

Public Comment:

Briana Sullivan: Girdwood Nordic Ski Club and KMTA will hold a race on the 5K on SUN Feb 27 at 12PM. Parking is recommended in Parking Lot A, maximum 100 participants. Briana will pursue traffic control plan for Arlberg Extension and Arlberg parking lot with Kyle/MOA.

Adjourn 7:47PM