

Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting

March 7, 2022

Meeting Notes

This meeting will be held via Teams:

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

Roll call: Attending are Ken Waugh and Jennifer Wingard (GBOS Public Safety Supervisor) Chief Achee and Chief Weston; Margaret Tyler and Kyle Kelley
No Quorum. Group agrees to hear updates from chiefs and business items. No voting, no formal meeting due to lack of quorum.

Public Safety Reports:

GFR Update (Chief Michelle Weston):

Thank you Whittier Police for support in ticketing vehicles illegally parked, blocking hydrants and making roads inaccessible by fire apparatus. Averaging 30 calls per month. GFR is recruiting volunteers. Contract negotiations with MOA over the EMS contract are ongoing, Chief will be attending a different meeting at 7:30 regarding status of contract negotiations. Currently no funding is tied to the contract language. Efforts to fund extrication equipment are ongoing. Working on Legislative request through State CAPSYS funding, Municipal funding, and grants. Bond package for new apparatus does not include extrication equipment. Coordinating training for GFR and WPD for Behavioral Health, thank you PSAC for advocating for Girdwood service providers to receive this training, through Areawide Alcohol Tax.

WPD Update (WPD Chief Andre Achee):

Officer has completed certification training and will be fully certified soon. Recruiting currently for the open position at WPD, anticipating hiring shortly. Traffic enforcement over Spring Break and planned over Spring Carnival, main issues are illegal parking, blocking fire hydrants and road access. Tickets are being issued. Participating in Behavioral Health training along with Fire Dept on April 26. Thank you to Girdwood Fire for coordinating the training. Thank you to Girdwood Fire for support on law enforcement call that required medical assistance in Portage recently.

Announcements/Introductions/Presentation:

Old Business:

- 1) Public Safety Contract Review and suggestions for revisions. Not discussed
- 2) Update on MOA budget items of concern to PSAC: Not discussed
- 3) PSAC Organizational discussion: chair/vice chair election: Not discussed
- 4) Discuss towing/impound plan for Spring Carnival:
Fred's Towing is scheduled to be in town to handle towing needed during Spring Carnival Slush Cup event on SAT April 23.
GVSA will purchase temporary fencing material and will set up temporary impound lot at the industrial park.
Tow truck will be on site from 1PM-10PM.
- 5) Discuss meeting style options for future PSAC meetings (virtual, hybrid, in-person)
Jennifer Wingard updates that there is a community survey currently underway, results are leaning toward hybrid meetings among all the groups. Survey closes next week and results will be shared with committee members. PSAC has discussed in prior meetings that they are open to hybrid meetings in order to maximize participation and accessibility.

- 6) Discuss mechanics of new/old Business topics and what is needed to take action on new business items, if necessary. PSAC has not experienced issues with this old/new business item. No need to discuss in the future.
- 7) PSAC messaging and community relations: Not discussed

New business: None

Other Business:

- 8) Review upcoming community events: Discussion of Spring Carnival included in Police and Fire Reports below.

ASD Spring Break	March 4 -March 13
Spring Break Night Ski	March 3 – March 12
Alyeska Nordic Hill Climb	April 16
Spring Carnival	April 22-24
Bike to school day	TBA
Last day of school	May 19
Fiddlehead Festival	TBA
Forest Fair	July 1-3
Fungus Fair	TBA
Girdwood Health Fair	TBA
- 9) Girdwood Grassroots concerns from prior meetings: Not discussed
 - Holtan Hills Development proposal & possible impact on Public Safety
 - October Storm recovery reimbursement status
 - Update on Stop signs replacing Yield signs
 - Girdwood Bear Aware Amendment to STRZ code and progress on defective cans
- 10) Roundtable comments from the PSAC board: None
- 11) Set next meeting date: April 4 2022

GBOS Public Safety Supervisor report (Jennifer Wingard):

Neighborhood parking/ticketing is primarily related to busy ski area with overflowing parking. Group discusses that Resort has worked to consolidate their parking by adding an additional row of parking and narrowing the driving lanes between parking rows. Solutions include adding signage to allow parking only on one side of the road, as has been done on Garmisch and Echo. This is a possibility for other roads, however it is not quick as the request goes through MOA Traffic. Recent issues have been on Garmisch, Crystal Mountain, Loveland and Alyeska View.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn 7:30PM