

# Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee Regular Meeting

## May 1, 2023

### Minutes Final

This meeting will be held via Teams with in-person attendance at the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Dr.

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

7PM Call to order, Ken Waugh, Co-Chair; Attending are Tommy O'Malley, Ken Waugh, Emily Lewis and Mike Opalka; Quorum Confirmed

GBOS PSAC Representative Amanda Sassi

Agenda approval for May 1 2023	MO/TO	Assent vote
Minutes approval from Apr 3 2023	TO/MO	Assent vote

#### **Announcements/Introductions/Presentation:**

Imagine Girdwood Land discussion and mapping project: Virtual meeting April 26 at 6PM; In person meeting May 10 at 6PM. Info at [www.imaginegirdwood.org](http://www.imaginegirdwood.org).

#### **Old Business:**

- 1) Community relations opportunities:  
Parent TechTalk Night WED May 3 at 6PM Girdwood Brewing Co.
  
- 2) Discuss possible upgrades to Whittier Police Station in Girdwood, owned by ACS  
Meeting with ACS building manager scheduled for June 5. Upgrades desired are:  
Door to access upstairs sleeping area; improve kitchen area upstairs with kitchen sink  
Move breathalyzer machine downstairs; open up area under the stairs for secure storage
  
- 3) Review of Spring Carnival events  
WPD provided a report of activity over Spring Carnival weekend, see meeting packet.  
New dispatch system worked great. 55 calls for service over the weekend total.

#### **New business:**

- 4) Request for GVSA funding to hold cyber-bullying presentation by Homer Police Lt. Ryan Browning in Oct 2023 @ NTE \$1100.  
Tommy O'Malley is working on the details of this, checking on possibility of holding 2 sessions.  
Group encourages collaboration and seeking shared funding and outreach with other organizations, including: Rotary, Lions Club, Girdwood Clinic, FVCS, PTA, Churches, GCI, ACS

#### **Other Business:**

- 5) Review upcoming community events:

National Bike to school Day	May 3 2023
Last Day of ASD School	May 23
Girdwood Market in Town Square Park	June 4, 18; July 2, 16, 30; Aug 13, 27
Girdwood Forest Fair	July 7-9 2023; friends weekend June 30-July 2
  
- 6) Girdwood Grassroots concerns from prior meetings:
  - Speeding concerns:  
State Roads: Alyeska Highway, Crow Creek Rd, Mt. Hood at Airport – study TBA  
MOA Roads: Timberline, Alyeska View, Mt. Hood at Neighborhood – study pending

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- Parking concerns – Timberline: No parking resolution updated by GBOS and received by MOA.  
Loveland, Olympic Mtn Loop
- Alyeska Highway interchange impact on Public Safety – no update
- Seward Highway enforcement by APD impact on WPD – Tommy O'Malley reports that APD Chief Kerle advised him that there have been few incidents when APD was not able to respond and requested assistance by WPD on highway.

7) Roundtable comments from the PSAC board

Tommy O'Malley: Fentanyl test strips, Narcan kits and condoms available to public at the Girdwood Forest Fair in 2023

Emily Lewis: RE: Recent FB post regarding drugging of people at local bars. Chief Achee states that there has been no report of the drugging to the police, either via the clinic or directly by victims. He stresses that reports can remain anonymous and encourages people to report.

Ideas for PSAC to connect with more people to facilitate engagement with the community:

Clinic Outreach

Separate Facebook Page for PSAC

Table at the Farmers Markets this summer.

Goal is to inform residents and visitors of PSAC role as liaison with police and community.

Mike Opalka: Forest Fair may collaborate with the State Defense Force to provide additional back-up with Whittier Police. Working on this through official channels. Achee states anyone working in this capacity needs to be a trained police officer.

8) Confirm next meeting date: June 5.

Likely July meeting will be canceled as it falls during holiday/forest fair prep.

**Public Safety Reports:**

WPD Update (WPD Chief Andre Achee) – review most recent stats. Review of Forest Fair data.

GFR Update (Chief Michelle Weston) – Kyle updates that GFR has good staffing for the summer and 2 new utility trucks have arrived and are being outfitted for service. They should be fully equipped by mid-summer.

GBOS Public Safety Supervisor report (Amanda Sassi):

GBOS met with Municipal Manager and Dept heads last week to discuss a number of items:

- Holtan Hills:
  - Request for unredacted Development agreement – MOA checking on release.
  - Method to dissolve the Crow Creek Neighborhood Land Use Plan as an Area Plan – MOA checking on how to accomplish this
  - Platting status: replat will go forward as approved
- HLB 1 and 5 year plans are now posted for review
- Discussion of the GVSA industrial lot and need for power to the lot.

GBOS is seeking nominations for people to serve on the new Housing and Economic Stability committee.

GBOS is working toward design documents to improve/pave Timberline Rd from Alyeska Highway to Vail.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjourn 8PM**