

Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee Regular Meeting

Sept 12, 2023

Minutes Final

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

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.

7:08PM Call to order, Emily Lewis, Co-Chair

Roll call: Attending are Mike Opalka, Emily Lewis and Amanda Sassi. Quorum confirmed
Tommy O'Malley arrives 7:15.

Agenda approval for Sept 12 2023	A Sassi/M Opalka	Assent
Minutes approval from Aug 7 2023	M Opalka/A Sassi	Assent

Announcements/Introductions/Presentation: None

Old Business:

- 1) Community relations opportunities:
Outreach with WPD info and EMS Info to the following: Newspaper; newsletters; Clinic; Other
No update
- 2) Cyber Bullying event October 6 is confirmed. Funding approved by GBOS.
Flyers are being posted and event is posted on social media and through local organizations as well.
Feedback from Officer Browning is that parents of teens wished their kids had attended with them.
Outreach to Whittier via Victor Shen also. PSAC is hopeful that there will be attendance from Whittier parents and kids.
- 3) Discuss status of upgrades to Whittier Police Station in Girdwood, owned by ACS
Proposal for upgrades to facility is provided in the meeting packet. Total cost is \$15,000.
Kyle will provide additional information at the Oct meeting.
- 4) PSAC recommendation to GBOS to write a Resolution of Support for no parking signs to be added to one side of Donner Rd per AMC 9.30.080.A Parking on Narrow Streets

Motion:

PSAC moves to recommend a GBOS Resolution of Support for no parking signs to be installed on one side of Donner Road per AMC 9.30.090.A Parking on Narrow Streets.

Motion by T O'Malley, 2nd by M Opalka

Motion approved unanimously by assent vote

New business:

- 5) Discuss and consider PSAC recommendation for GBOS to pursue GVSA Property Tax exemption for Fire and EMS Volunteers.
Tax exemption would apply to GFD volunteers during active years of service. This action is intended to thank them for their volunteer service, to encourage volunteers to work for GFR, and to encourage retention of active volunteers with the department. This type of exemption is in place in Fairbanks North Star Borough and in Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Other Business:

- 6) Review upcoming community events:

Rotary Festival	Sept 23	Town Square Park
Alyeska Oktoberfest	Sept 29 & 30	Alyeska Daylodge
Cyber-bullying workshop	Oct 6	Community Room
Girdwood Trails Marathon	Oct 7	All Trails
Kids and Cops	Oct 14	Ice Cream Shop
Health Fair (Rotary)	Oct 14	Community Room

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Tsunami mapping	Oct 17	Community Room
Challenge Alaska Drive in movie	Oct 20 & 21	Alyeska Daylodge Parking
PTA Trunk or Treat	Oct 27	Girdwood k-8 school
Halloween	Oct 31	Cabanaland
FVCS Sports Swap	Nov 7	Daylodge
Coffee with Cops	Nov 18	Girdwood Grind

7) Girdwood Grassroots concerns from prior meetings: No substantial updates on these on-going concerns. Thea Ritter wrote regarding speeding on Alyeska Highway and requests additional enforcement on the highway. She inquired about other options, such as lowering speed limit, etc. Chief Achee states that officers have increased enforcement and ticketing and will continue to do so. Highway is managed by DOT, changes to speed, designation, etc are AK DOT responsibility and are regulated by state law. Longtime DOT planner who has been helpful to PSAC, Scott Thomas, has retired

- DOT Alyeska Highway Pedestrian Safety Corridor (Bike Path) concerns
Refresh of painted stencils indicating ped/bike only
Bridge abutment over Glacier Creek
- Speeding/parking concerns:
Alyeska Highway
PSAC recommendations following review of 2023 study of State and MOA Roads
Loveland pending Alyeska Resort changes for 2023/24 season
- Parties on airport land past the access gate

8) Roundtable comments from the PSAC board: None

9) Confirm next meeting date: Oct 2 2023

Public Safety Reports:

WPD Update (WPD Chief Andre Achee) – review most recent stats. Chief Achee reminds public to lock cars etc as there have been some breakins recently.

GFR Update (Chief Michelle Weston) – request written report. Chief Weston is out of town on assignment.

GBOS Public Safety Supervisor report (Amanda Sassi): items of interest have been covered. Sassi is participating on the Safer Seward Highway working group, which is addressing highway improvements from Rabbit Creek to Bird Safety corridor. Currently plan is to extend bike path to Bird, which will connect it to the path to Girdwood.

Public Comment:

Briana Sullivan: Trails Marathon Oct 7 will have volunteers handling intersection at the T and at the road crossing at Hightower.

Adjourn 7:49PM