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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Briana Sullivan & Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chairs

Mike Edgington, Brian Burnett, Guy Wade

April 29, 2024
GBOS/LUC Joint Special Meeting
RE: Girdwood Comprehensive Plan
Minutes Draft
7 p.m. Hybrid meeting via Teams

This meeting is taking place via Microsoft Teams and in-person in the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd.

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 Board of Supervisors operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

Call to Order by Briana Sullivan or Jennifer Wingard, GBOS Co-Chair

Land Acknowledgement: The Girdwood Board of Supervisors acknowledges the indigenous peoples of Alaska, whose land we reside on. The community of Girdwood, situated between the areas known to be Dena'ina and Alutiiq homeland, respects the people who were stewards of this land for generations. We commit to the continued stewardship of this land and are grateful to be part of a wider community that seeks to maintain a sustainable use of Girdwood Valley for present and future peoples.

Roll Call

GBOS attending: Briana Sullivan, Jennifer Wingard, Brian Burnett, Guy Wade, Mike Edgington

LUC Officers attending: Kevin McDermott, Lisa Miles, Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi

Disclosures: Mike Edgington discloses that he is the chair of Imagine!Girdwood. He is recused from this topic and joins as public.

Agenda Revisions and Approval

GBOS/LUC Joint Special Meeting Agenda Approval Jennifer Wingard/Kevin McDermott Assent vote

Agenda:

1. Introduction and overview by Huddle AK. Huddle members are Holly Spoth-Torres, Bri Keifer, Peyton Johnson. Anchorage Planner Daniel Mackenna-Foster has also assisted on the plan.

Work on the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan started in 2019 and will be the guiding document for land use in Girdwood for the next 20 years. Past plan was the Girdwood Area Plan of 1994. Some changes from the GAP are based on less than anticipated population growth and less growth of commercial recreation (golf course). Girdwood Comprehensive Plan has consolidated types of land use designations so that land use designations in the draft plan are broader than in the GAP. Land use is aligned with the priorities of Girdwood, which remain generally unchanged since 1994.

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2. Discuss Girdwood Comprehensive Plan Public Review Draft:

Public review draft received over 400 comments, which have been cataloged and responded to. Changes made based on public input: Changes to the draft plan are noted in the appendix, which correlates to the section of the plan that they address. Group reviews the land use maps and land use designations.

3. Discuss timeline and return of item to LUC and GBOS after staff packet is complete (est June); P&Z meeting expected July 15.

Goal is to complete formal application to Planning and Zoning on May 6, which should bring the public hearing to P&Z in July. Imagine!Girdwood will be the petitioner.

There are additional resources on the Imagine!Girdwood website, including a video of the presentation at their meeting April 24: [Regular Meeting April 24, 2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...). Public is encouraged to review the updated plan entirely. The recording from this meeting will be on the GBOS Youtube channel: [MOA GIRDWOOD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GIRDWOOD, ALASKA - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

At this meeting the LUC and GBOS can take any of the following actions:

No action and wait for planning and zoning process to provide input.

Pass resolution of support for the process and document so far (included in the meeting packet)

Pass resolution of blanket support for the plan. This is unlikely as the community will want to see what changes occur in MOA process.

LUC and GBOS will be requested to provide a resolution of support for the final product for the Planning and Zoning meeting and Assembly.

Motion:

Girdwood Land Use Committee moves to recommend that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors send a resolution of Support to submit the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan revised draft as an amendment to the Municipality of Anchorage Comprehensive Plan.

Motion by Lisa Miles, 2nd by Guy Wade

Land Use votes as follows:

Room: 14 Yes 0 No 2 abstain

Poll: 1 yes 0 No 3 abstain

voice: 12 yes 0 No 0 abstain

Motion carries land use committee by a vote of 27 in favor, 0 opposed and 5 abstaining

Girdwood Board of Supervisors votes on the resolution motion separately

4 in favor, 0 opposed via roll call vote

Public Comment: None

Adjourn 8:20PM