

# **Girdwood Land Use Committee**

## **Notice of Meeting on January 13, 2025 7PM**

### **Minutes Draft**

Meeting will take place via Teams teleconference and in person at the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd.

The following items have been submitted as agenda items for consideration at the meeting of the Girdwood Land Use Committee. A voting member is any Girdwood Valley resident eighteen (18) years of age or older. Non-resident property owners, businesses, and non-profit associations are allowed one (1) vote per entity. Detailed voting qualifications can be found in the rules outlined in the Girdwood Land Use Committee Operating Principles.

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 Land Use Committee operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

#### **Agenda Item LUC 2501-01:**

Land Acknowledgement: As we gather with a common intention for our GVSA this evening, LUC would like to begin by acknowledging the stewardship of the indigenous peoples of Alaska, whose land we reside on and the surrounding waters we depend on.

The current area of Girdwood is situated between the areas known to be Dena'ina and Alutiiq homeland. A necessary connection for Alaska Native people, the landscape and waters around us served to carry their traditional ways of life; to gather here and harvest Native foods. The community of Girdwood respects the Dena'ina and Alutiiq people, who were stewards of this land for generations. We will continue to be stewards of this land and are grateful to be a part of this community.

701PM Call to order Kevin McDermott

Agenda Approval for January 13 2025 Meeting	Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi/Brice Wilbanks	Assent
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Minutes approval from the December 9 2024 meeting	Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi/Tim Charnon	Assent
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LUC Officer report: None

HLBAC Update: HLB 1 and 5 year plan comments due Jan 23, hearing is Feb 27.

HLBAC meeting Jan 23 has no items related to Girdwood on the agenda.

GBOS Update: PSAC vacancy noted, see announcements below

#### **Announcements:**

ZBEA will hear Dimensional Variance Case 2025-0009 for property at 1230 Timberline Rd on 2/13/25. Packet includes information on the project and information on making comments.

GBOS Meetings in JAN and FEB will be shifted by 1 week to avoid MLK and Presidents Day Holidays.

Staff is requesting shift of MAR LUC and GBOS meetings by 1 week (LUC on March 17; GBOS March 24) to avoid schedule conflict.

PSAC seat D is vacant. GBOS is accepting nominations through Jan 23. See PSAC website for details: [Municipal Road Maintenance Service Areas Girdwood Public Safety](#)

**Presentation:** Arianna Bellizzi, Executive Director of the Federation of Community Councils

#### **Reports:**

**Agenda Item LUC 2501-02:** Public Comment:

Eric Gurley, candidate for District 6 Assembly seat.

**Agenda Item LUC 2501-03:** Committee Reports. None

#### **Old Business:**

**Agenda Item LUC 2403-04:** Status of the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan, Intro Nov 19, hearing Dec 19 and further hearing anticipated Jan 21. (Imagine!Girdwood).

Addressed in GBOS LUC meeting just prior to this meeting. At that meeting LUC and GBOS voted to approve a resolution supporting (S) amendment to the Anchorage Assembly. Resolution will specifically address the airport and virgin creek areas as Open Space and the natural vegetative buffer requirements. There is likely to be an S1 amendment proposed by planning but that has not been made public yet. Imagine!Girdwood plans to hold a meeting on THU Jan 16 to address any new activity.

Public hearing on Jan 21 may be postponed or extended to Feb Assembly meeting as ballot items must be addressed in January.

**Agenda Item LUC 2409-07** & **Agenda Item LUC 2409-08** Status of DNR Section Line Easement appeals

No update

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**Agenda Item LUC 2408-04:** Request for LUC recommendation for exclusion of the GVSA from the proposed 3% Municipal Sales Tax (Brice Wilbanks)

At the GBOS/LUC meeting, GBOS postponed this topic to their Feb Regular meeting as the item has been removed from the spring election ballot and will instead be addressed in a Special Election later in the year. Item will return to LUC in Feb.

**Agenda Item LUC 2412-04:** GVSA consider requesting Army Corps of Engineers courtesy assessment of the Glacier Creek Levee in Old Girdwood

Motion:

LUC moves to recommend that GBOS ask HLB to request that the Army Corps of Engineers complete an assessment of the Glacier Creek Levee in Old Girdwood.

Motion by Lisa Miles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Krystal Hoke

Motion carries by assent vote

**Agenda Item LUC 2412-05:** GVSA consider permit with HLB for use of embankment along Glacier Creek in Old Girdwood for existing use as Right of Way

Motion:

LUC moves to recommend that GBOS have GVSA pursue a permit for use of the embankment as Right of Way along Glacier Creek in Old Girdwood.

Motion by Brice Wilbanks/2<sup>nd</sup> Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi

Motion carries by assent vote

**Agenda Item LUC 2411-05:** LUC Officer Elections; positions are Chair and 2 vice-chairs

Motion:

Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi nominated to serve as LUC Chair

Motion by Kevin McDermott/2<sup>nd</sup> Krystal Hoke

Motion carries

Motion:

Lisa Miles nominated to serve as LUC Vice Chair

Motion by Krystal Hoke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brice Wilbanks

Motion carries

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Brice Wilbanks nominated to serve as LUC Vice Chair

Motion by Lisa Miles/2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin McDermott

Motion carries

**New Business:**

None

**Request for GBOS/LUC Joint Meeting (1 of 2 required meetings completed in 2025, Jan 13)**

**Adjourn 7:55PM**