



MINUTES DRAFT
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 2024 7:00PM

Girdwood Trails Committee meetings are taking place on Teams with in-person attendance at the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd.

GTC Voting members are defined as any person eighteen (18) years of age or older who has attended one or more Trails Committee meetings in the last 12 months, and is:

- a) a current resident and/or property owner, business owner or designated representative of a non-profit association; and
- b) who has resided in, owned property in, owned a business located in, or operated as a non-profit association for the preceding ninety (90) days or longer in Girdwood Valley.

Attendance is verified through a sign-in sheet available at each meeting, or equivalent process.

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 Trails Committee operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

Call to Order

Approval May 7 2024 meeting agenda
Approval of Apr 2 2024 meeting minutes

Brian Burnett/Carolyn Brodin
Kate Sandberg/Briana Sullivan

Assent
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Announcements & Presentations:

Alaska Long Trail Feasibility Study comment period extended to June 28. GTC members are encouraged to participate by providing comments. Information: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2030342/510>

Comments: <https://logansimpson.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/reporter/index.html?appid=c2de6a60f56a474083849ebb9896b7ba>

Introductions: No new members noted.

Public Comment (3 minutes each):

Brian Burnett updates the group that he has been elected to GBOS and assigned to Parks and Rec as his supervisor role.

Briana Sullivan: Alaska Run for Women is June 8 with a Girdwood component and team. <https://www.akrfwregistration.org/teams>
Girdwood's Breast Intentions Main page: <https://www.akrfw.org>. Clinic and GFD /Linda and Chief Weston are selling raffle tickets for \$10 each.

Old Business:

1. Bikewood request for support for Flow Trail construction summer 2024 (Rich Peterson/Dan Starr)

Phase 2 of the bike park has been presented at Trails previously as a part of potential grant funding through RTP. Girdwood Trails Plan includes bike park zone without specific trails detailed in the plan. As the trails are not defined in the Trails Plan, the process will be as before: Local approval by GTC, presentation at LUC with request for support, GBOS, HLB and then it will be up to the discretion of the Planning Director if it must go to Urban Design Commission or P&Z full review or to the Assembly for approval. Bikewood has initiated conversations with HLB. Trails will likely be primarily hand-built and with less clearing/tread than existing trails. Bikewood is aiming for Class 2 or 3 for Mtn Bike.

GTC members ask about signage where the bike trails cross/merge with the 5K. Bikewood will address this concern. There are signage options on both trails as well as structural features to slow down bikes at those locations (turns, bollards, etc).

Bikewood will re-flag the trail and will walk the area with GNSC to review the project. Trails were originally flagged several years ago.

Motion:

Girdwood Trail Committee moves to recommend that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors write a Resolution of Support for the Bikewood Phase 2 trails as presented.

Motion by Carolyn Brodin, 2nd by Kate Sandberg

Motion carries by Assent

Item will go forward to LUC and GBOS at their May meetings.

2. Alaska Trails conference information (Kyle Kelley)

Excellent presentations at the conference. Kyle attended sessions on winter grooming and learned a lot about the many projects that are going on currently in Alaska.

Alaska Trails News:

Hayley Johnson mentions that GPR might apply for the Active Transportation Grant, Safe Streets program which is currently open and a good fit for the Barren Ave trail.

Budget request for Middle INHT via Alaska Trails is included in the Senate and House budget requests, which will move forward for Governor review and possible approval.

3. Consider dates for trails work parties Summer 2024 in lieu of scheduled meetings

June GTC Trails Work Party instead of June meeting: Aiming to hold this on the day of the scheduled meeting, June 4. Likely project is to haul supplies to the upper Middle INHT Bridge site for bridge construction.

July GTC meeting will be canceled.

Friends of Girdwood Trails "Trails Days" Summer-long program dates are TBA. Kyle will follow up with Friends of Girdwood Trails.

4. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek

Project has been approved for \$250,000 from Rasmuson Foundation and the check is expected soon. Thank you to Chris von Imhof for all of this support in securing these funds. GTC will follow up with a Thank you letter and social media posts shortly.

Remaining funds needed is estimated at \$250,000. There will be various fundraising efforts starting soon.

Notice to proceed for the 100% design documents has been signed today. This will produce documents that will be used in an RFP to receive bids for construction.

5. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media

Trails are soft in spring, wait until they have drained to use them. Don't leave trenches in trails.

Parks and rec placed signs at entry points to meadows today advising that they are closed for the season.

6. Update of Trail maps

Staff met with Corvus designs May 1 and should receive an updated map to share with the maps subcommittee.

Remaining work is mainly on the key, including distances of trails, information for trail users.

Once summer maps are done, we will work on winter ones.

New Business:

None

Other:

7. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:

- Status of Trails grants
- Other Trails Issues
- Oversize vehicles at Virgin Creek Falls Trail

8. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives:

9. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet

Adjourn 7:45PM