



MINUTES FINAL
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 3, 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 7PM Barb Crews, Chair

Approval of December 3 2024 meeting agenda approval

Burnett/P Crews

Approval of October 1 2024 meeting minutes

Burnett/P Crews

Announcements & Presentations:

Project Anchorage Submission for Girdwood Arts and Recreation (Krystal Hoke) Presentation in meeting packet. Item will be discussed at LUC next week and GBOS the following week. GHEC approved the concept with request for a prioritized list of projects within the proposal.

Introductions: No new members introduced

Public Comment (3 minutes each): None

Old Business:

1. Status of the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan: Assembly hearing is scheduled for Dec 17.
Group is encouraged to learn more from the Imagine!Girdwood website and meetings and to watch the Assembly work session held last FRI, which is recorded and accessible from the Assembly website.
2. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek
On track for the 90% plans to be complete Dec 21, then there will be an internal review and cost estimate review.
Goal is to bring the 90% plan to GTC in February for presentation and put the project out to bid in March.
3. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media
Currently experiencing significant thaw. Meadows are not ready for use.
4. Consider Trails in Virgin Creek Area
Brenden Raymond-Yacoubian is the leader on this project and isn't available to attend this meeting. Discussions so far have been regarding trails accessed from Virgin Creek Road to connect to the Danich Trail. Projects include acquiring easement, improving access, installation of a trail sign/marker and building a trail to access to the bluff as social trail is inadequate for volume of users.

New Business:

5. GTC and all GBOS committees will hold elections in January to fill executive committee seats. GTC positions are Chair, Vice Chair x 2 and Treasurer

Other:

6. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:
 - Trails maps: Winter maps meeting occurred in November and focused on categorizing trails of similar type/experience in winter.
 - Status of Trails grants:
Wrapping up ACF grant tools funding by end of year deadline.
No RTP grant in 2025.
RTP from 2024 for work on Middle INHT has been extended to next summer due to delay in decision/determination.

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- Other Trails Issues
Staff and volunteers have been removing downed trees on trails.
Add Girdwood Trails Management Plan update to January GTC agenda.
- Winter grooming
Refresher class for returning groomers is Dec 14. Contact Jim for info.

7. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives: Brian Burnett
8. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet

Adjourn 7:50PM