



MINUTES DRAFT
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 7 2025 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

Approval of January 7 2025 meeting agenda	P Crews/C Brodin	Assent
Approval of December 3 2024 meeting minutes	P Crews/C Brodin	Assent

Announcements & Presentations:

Introductions: No new attendees.

Public Comment (3 minutes each):

Will Brennan: USFS Glacier Ranger District is changing the Trails Management Objectives (TMO) for Winner Creek to allow biking from the trailhead to Zug's Slide, year-round. Biking has always been allowed from Zug's on. This change comes as the majority of downhill traffic uses the Nordic and Mtn bike trails off the 5K.

Nordic 5 K is open to all to enjoy. Wear ice cleats. Two trees came down in the recent windstorm and will be removed soon.

Old Business:

1. 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. Brian Burnett has agreed to be nominated although he is absent.

Motion:

GTC moves to elect Barb Crews as GTC Chair.

Motion by P Crews, 2nd by C Brodin

Motion carries by Assent

Motion:

GTC moves to elect Brian Burnett as GTC Co-chair

Motion by P Zug, 2nd by K Sandberg

Motion carries by Assent

Motion:

GTC moves to postpone election for Vice Chair 2 and for Treasurer.

Motion by P Crews, 2nd by K Sandberg

Motion carries by Assent

2. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek
 Staff expects to present final design at the February 2025 meeting and will request a motion of support at that time.
 Goal is still to put the project out to bid for construction in 2025; project is currently under permitting and design review.
3. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media
 Please stay off the meadows as they do not have protective snow coverage.

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4. Consider Trails in Virgin Creek Area
Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian requests that public make comment on the HLB Work Plan, pg 15 in support of easement for the trail off Virgin Creek Road.

Motion:

GTC moves to support trails easements for the Joe Danich Trail, Girdwood Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail and Lower Virgin Creek Trail as included in the HLB 2026-2030 Management Plan

Motion by B Raymond-Yakoubian, 2nd K Sandberg

Motion carries by assent vote

Other projects that will help to support this trail are:

Placement of a trail marker sign with emergency locator information at the trail head.

Drainage/brushing improvements

Establishing a single uphill route to avoid meandering trail to the ridge.

New Business:

5. Girdwood Trails Management Plan update
Barb plans to begin editing the trails management plan to match the Girdwood Trails Plan. There is some redundancy that can be removed and some conflicting information.
She requests that anyone who wants to participate email her with edits.

Other:

6. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:
 - Trails maps: Winter map meeting in November; input will be provided to contractor soon.
Staff will initiate getting summer map ready to be posted for this year, particularly at the 5K parking area.
 - Status of Trails grants
Staff wrapped up the grant from ACF for Trail Tools
GTC Received donation for gravel for trails crew to spread at Virgin Creek Falls.
 - Other Trails Issues
Staff is working on securing trails crew for summer 2025 work projects.
Erosion on trail from the Catholic church to the bridges is being repaired.
 - Winter grooming. Nope.
7. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives:
8. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet

Adjourn 7:45PM