



Minutes Draft
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 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 October 1 2024 meeting agenda Burnett/Essex

Amend to move new business item re RTP grant for GNSC to Old business due to time sensitivity.

Approval of September 3 2024 meeting minutes Burnett/Essex

Announcements & Presentations:

GBOS is hosting parliamentary procedure training by the Alaska Municipal League on TUE Oct 8 from 6-8PM at the Girdwood Community Room.

Introductions: None

Public Comment (3 minutes each):

Trails Marathon this SAT. Sign up to volunteer.

Health Fair SAT Oct 12 in the Community Room

Old Business:

1. GNSC request for GTC recommendation for a GBOS Resolution of Support for their application to RTP for funds to work on bridges on the Nordic 5K.
GNSC plans to apply for RTP grant to place permanent culverts. Project is outlined in the public notice in the meeting packet.

Motion:

GTC moves to recommend GBOS Resolution of Support for their RTP application to work on bridges on the Nordic 5K.

Motion by Burnett/2nd Essex

Motion carries by assent vote.

2. Review and vote on Summer Trail map as recommended by GTC Mapping Subcommittee.
Trail map is as presented last month with the addition of the Virgin Creek Trail from Virgin Creek Road to the Danich Trail, as discussed at last month's meeting and at the Trails Map Subcommittee.
It is noted that the language about motorized use could be fine-tuned before production of the map next spring. It is possible that there is language from Anchorage Parks and Rec that would better address the types of use that are allowed/not allowed.

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve the Summer Trails Map as presented.

Motion by Sandberg/2nd by Burnett

Motion carries by assent vote

3. Status of the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan
Imagine!Girdwood continues to work with Huddle and the MOA planning dept. See the Imagine!Girdwood website for details and recommendations, etc..
Currently the Comprehensive Plan is expected to be introduced at the Assembly on Nov 6; a work session is expected to be held Nov 14 or 15; Public hearing and possible vote on Nov 19.

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4. Review of Summer Trail work completed and upcoming – See meeting packet. Summer Trails Crew are completing their season in October. They've done a tremendous job this summer.
5. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek
Designers are working on the 95% plans, which are anticipated this fall so that the project can be put out to bid over the winter. Staff is working on the RTP grant to help with funding; other funding is in place
Local/Private fundraising efforts will begin shortly.
6. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media
Changing season, watch for changing trail conditions and avoid damage to trails during transition.
7. Change GTC November meeting to Nov 12 to avoid election day (Nov 5) and holiday conflicts.
Girdwood Comprehensive Plan moving to the Assembly in May that there will be a lot of meetings of interest to the community, as discussed previously in this meeting. At this time there are no pressing items for Trails to discuss.

Motion:

GTC moves to shift the November meeting to Nov 12 with the understanding that if there are no items of pressing business the meeting will be canceled.

Motion by Crews, 2nd by Sandberg

Motion carries by assent vote

New Business:

8. Consider Trails in Virgin Creek Area
Additional information will be provided at meetings in the future. Idea is for minimal clearing/brushing on the Virgin Creek Trail from Virgin Creek Road to the Danich Trail to re-establish this social trail and its connectivity.

It is noted that passing of the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan version approved in the community provides support for the recreational use of this area. It is also noted that easements are needed for many of Girdwood's trails.

9. Consider filling vacant seat on GTC (term exp 1/25)
Group could move this to Old business to fill the seat immediately, if this was seen as necessary. November meeting may cancel. January meeting will include reorganizing vote. If GTC wants to eliminate a seat on their executive committee, they can do so through revision of their Operating Rules. Main purpose of all the GTC executive committee members is to run meetings in the absence of the chair.

Other:

10. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:
 - Status of Trails grants – see meeting packet
 - Other Trails Issues – Kate and Paul are interested in blowing and/or raking Deb's Way to remove leaves this fall to keep the trail in better shape and reduce mud.
11. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives – Brian
12. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet

Adjourn 7:40PM