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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Girdwood Trails Committee**

**P. O. Box 1154, Girdwood, AK 99587**

**Special Meeting -- Thursday, June 18, 2015**

**Girdwood Community Room, 3pm**

**Call to Order**

3:05PM by Carolyn Brodin

Approval of Agenda for special meeting

**Old Business**

Kyle explains that USFS has expressed motivation to take on the Iditarod Trail lower section now that it has been platted. USFS would plan to bring up to higher standard than Trails Committee was planning, on the level of the Trail of Blue Ice in Portage. This seems likely as federal funding for trail projects is strong when it involves community involvement (by school, etc)

If this is the case, the planned SCA group work would be removed in order to bring up trail to standard.

Elise with Anchorage Park Foundation volunteered that Trails Committee could change the scope of work on our grant, as long as we get their approval prior.

Kyle proposes:

Brush Beaver Pond Trail from Bird Bike Path to Crow Creek Road

(OK to brush without agreement)

Brush Iditarod, from Railroad to start of USFS management area

(where trail crosses back on Crow Creek Road)

Brush Short Cut between bike path and Davos Road

Brian Burnett suggests brushing sight lines on intersections at Glacier Creek, Alyeska View, Donner, Alpine. Suggest that this would be good volunteer activity also.

Kyle suggests also:

 Remove pallets in industrial park area and build elevated crossing

3 gabion baskets filled with bone rock. Power poles as stringers.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at the at the Girdwood Community Room, 7:00 pm**

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Recycle and reuse material we already have.

Plan would be for baskets to sit in drainage; want to be able to be high enough to allow water to flow, low enough to not need railing.

This uses budgeted funds, can spend more time and plan comprehensive plan for other use of the Anchorage Park Foundation next year.

Drainage repair at school/Iditarod

Bring in new gravel

Low spot between 2 trees, work on crossing

Drainage improvements on Beaver Pond Trail

Seek locally sourced gravel, remove old metal tread in trail.

Diana says they may be interested in using it at the Airport.

Need permission from Alaska State Parks to do much more on this.

Brian Burnett says he has requested quote from Ptarmigan Trails for this trail.

Uncertain how quickly this crew will work, last years SAGA crew were fast and experienced. SCA may be less experienced.

Diana asks if there should be another project as back-up in case they finish early. Brian says that the area behind the school is a lot of work, including hauling material.

Kate expresses concern that removing or repairing dangerous metal on Beaver Pond Trail needs to be a higher priority. Group discusses repairing and using metal as base for improved trail tread.

Motion

Trails Committee moves to approve the trail projects listed below. Grant funds are not needed to complete these tasks.

Week 1:

Brushing Beaver Pond Trail (bike path to Crow Creek Rd)

Brushing Iditarod Trail (RR to USFS management area)

Brush Short Cut trail between Alyeska Highway to Davos Rd

Brush intersections at Donner, Alpine Meadows, and Alyeska View

Remove pallets from drainage at AWWU and industrial park property

Build new elevated crossing at same location (as above) twice as wide as high

Week 2:

Finish crossing at AWWU drainage location

Repair drainage on Iditarod trail between school and Crow Creek Road (Channel water and bring in new gravel)

Improve drainage crossing on Iditarod Trail between school and Crow Creek Road

Week 3:
Drainage improvements on Beaver Pond Trail

Repair metal tread in the trail and replace with locally sourced gravel or treated lumber, or cover the metal with fabric and gravel

Install bridge across area

Motion carries unanimously

After brushing started, need volunteers to review the work and provide feedback.

**New Business**

 None

**Other Business**

 None