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**Minutes Final**

**Girdwood Trails Committee**

**Regular Monthly Meeting -- Tuesday, June 6, 2017**

**Girdwood Community Room 7pm**

**Call to Order** 7PM

Agenda Approved  
 May 2, 2017 minutes Approved

May 22, 2017 Girdwood Trails Plan work session minutes Approved

**Announcements - none**

**Introduction of Guests/Presentations**

Roundtable introductions, Kate Sandberg joining via telephone for part of the meeting.

**Old Business:**

Interagency Agreements (Kyle Kelley) – No change in status.

* ILMA for California Creek Trailhead & Beaver Pond/Abe’s Trailhead

*Trails Issues:*

* Alyeska Highway Pedestrian Safety Corridor

Brian Burnett provided photos of the swoop design of the bike path/neighborhood road intersections and Alyeska Highway. Original plans from engineers showed about 1.5 feet more of pavement and less sharp angle of approach to intersection. He plans to take this forward to LUC and GBOS to review.

Kyle states that Jerry Fox has initiated this conversation previously and DOT has stood by design standards and finished product. There are other issues with drainage and cracking pavement that are also under discussion. There is no warrantee to State projects.

* Review Girdwood Trails Plan document

Group met earlier tonight and reviewed/made adjustments to document based on public input and input from HLB. Comment period is open through August, when the updated plan will come back to GTC to review.

* GTC/GNSC Sub Committee Update

Group met and walked the proposed trail. Changes were made to trail based on walk-thru, current map shows changes based on that walk-thru and added more trail to increase kilometers on the trail. 2nd phase of trail has been removed from consideration by GNSC as it was not accepted by GTC in concept. GNSC stated that they have no interest in developing the trail that has previously been discussed as Phase 2. Group discussed that the trail route is conceptual. Group drafted motion for GTC consideration.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 in the Girdwood Community Room at 7:00 pm**

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* Review of GNSC proposed trail and vote on approval

Sub-committee proposed motion:

I move that Girdwood Trails Committee approves, in concept, Phase 1 Forest Loop Trail with the following conditions:  
1) New Arlberg parking lot and Our Lady of the Snows are dual access to the trail.  
2) Trail is 10' wide, hardened surface, with targeted maximum width of 14' clearing.  
3) Trails Committee has some ongoing input on trail design and construction.

Group reviews motion at length and makes the following amendments:

Girdwood Trails Committee moves to approve, in concept, Forest Loop Trail with the following conditions:  
1) New Arlberg parking lot and Our Lady of the Snows are dual access options to the trail.  
2) Trail is maximum 10' wide, hardened surface, with targeted maximum width of 14' clearing.  
3) Design minimized visual impact on existing trails  
4) Design minimized environmental impacts  
5) Girdwood Trails Committee has ongoing input on trail design and construction, with specific review and approval once the center line is set.

Motion:  
GTC moves to approve the amendments to the proposed motion  
Motion by Paul Crews/2nd by Nick Georgelos  
Motion to approve amendments passes 23-0 with 2 abstentions

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Motion by Nick Georgelos, 2nd by Julie Jonas  
Motion passes 16 in favor, 6 opposed, 3 abstentions

* GMBA Update

GMBA is planning a fundraiser at the Girdwood Brewing Company sometime in July. Plan to raffle off a mountain bike donated by Powderhound.

GMBA wants to organize volunteer effort to work on the Beaver Pond Trail this summer. Will meet with Kyle to set up informal work day or Friends agreement for trail adoption.

* Girdwood Cemetery Committee

Cemetery Committee is planning walk thru on July 16 and requests GTC participation attending and then in trail planning for trails within the cemetery site, including a path that would bridge California Creek and provide trail access from Beaver Pond to Crow Creek Road and re-connect Ragged Top trail.

* Summer Trail Work with SCA

SCA began working on Monday June 5. Goal is to complete project to create class 3 bike trail. Focusing on rooted sections mid-route, plan is to fill with gravel sourced from caches off trail to cover roots, work on drainage in soft spots on the trail, and pull remaining metal material from trail. Group will also brush trail as they access each day.

* Consider date and location/scope for summer trail work party for GTC

Likely date will be in August for formal work party on the Lower Iditarod NHT. Awaiting Army Corps of Engineers permits, which USFS is handling on GTC behalf. Project will likely be rebuild of bridge over California Creek, which is under KMTA Grant.

* Girdwood Hand tram at Four Corners

Hand tram open. Thanks to Alpine Air and Alyeska Resort. Alyeska lift crew tightened cable so that tram doesn’t bump the terminal floor when weighted. Work by Unique machine included shortening door so it doesn’t rub the rope and cause unnecessary wear, spring on the door to keep it closed, new latch, repair to mesh walls, paint. Staff also cleaned up around tram terminals.

Upcoming work is to grease the shivs and other small projects. This is likely to be accomplished this week.

* GTC vote to cancel July meeting

Motion:  
GTC moves to cancel the July 4 GTC meeting. The next meeting will be August 1, 2017.

Motion by Carolyn Brodin, 2nd by Brian Burnett

Motion carries unanimously.

* Other Trails Issues

Glacier Valley Transit has begun scheduled service to Crow Creek Mine.

Work has begun on new hangars at the Girdwood Airport. Existing hill is being removed, fill material will be taken to the Industrial Park. Traffic flow during construction is unknown. This is DOT project on state land.

Deb Essex reports that loose dog caused pilot to abort landing at runway yesterday. Keep dogs on leash at the airport.

* Financial Report (Diana Livingston)

No change from last report.

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| Girdwood Trails Committee Financial Report | | |
| June 6, 2017 |  |  |
| Account with Girdwood Inc. |  | $11,436.72 |
| Cash Account |  |  |
| Reserve for Trail Signs |  | (500.00) |
| Reserve for Forest Fair Fund |  | (80.03) |
| Reserve for Further |  | (3,500.00) |
| Trails Publication Costs |  |  |
| Balance Unreserved Funds |  | $7,356.69 |
| KMTA Grant Receivable |  | $7,000.00 |

* Grants Status report: No change from last report
* Anchorage Park Foundation Grant (lower Iditarod Trail work)
* KMTA Grant ($7,000 matching for Girdwood Trails Plan)
* APF grant for 1 week of SCA work
* KMTA grant for California Creek Bridge
* Iditarod SCA late season crew

*Updates*

* Newspaper Article - none
* June LUC/GBOS Meeting Representative – Brian Burnett will attend LUC.

**New Business**

None

**Other Business**

None

**Meeting adjourned 9:10PM**