**MINUTES FINAL**

**Girdwood Trails Committee**

**Work Session on the Girdwood Trails Plan**

**Monday, May 22, 2017**

**Girdwood Community Room 7pm**

**Call to Order** 7:02PM

Attending are: Nick Georgelos, Carolyn Brodin, Kate Sandberg, Will Brennan, Steve Halverson
MOA Attending are: Margaret Tyler, Kyle Kelley

Kate Sandberg states that there have been some comments back, but not a lot of changes. However, some that require additional writing, and she recommends that GTC take this up for approval after those have been integrated in the plan. Unlikely that this will be ready for the LUC and GBOS in June.

Review of Girdwood Trails Plan
Discuss Proposed changes and additions:

E-Bikes: Group discusses that e-bikes are new item for trails nationwide. Kyle to check with MOA and MatSu as well as Trails Association to see what they recommend.

Land Managers/Trail partners/Easements

Land managers own the land, trail groups are usually non-profits that have easements or permits to use the land for their groups’ purpose. Part of having the easement is for trail partner to create an operations and maintenance manual to follow. In Girdwood, HLB is a major land manager, in Anchorage this is usually park land and overseen by parks and rec.

GTC would like see the O&M Manual for Girdwood Nordic Ski Club and Girdwood Mtn Bike Association.

New Trails Procedures:

Trail plan should generally outline steps to trail development.

GTC to work on creating a handout that specifically addresses how to go about introducing new trails or significant trail improvements/changes.

Additional Trail Matrices:

There are matrices for water trails, skate skiing and dog sledding that were left out of trail plan originally.

Introduction:

Introduction to trail plan – Kate drafted text that group agrees is good.

Discussion of how and when to update the plan. Review Trails descriptions on an annual basis vs as needed. Changes to be reviewed and made through regular trails meeting process and motion to make specific changes.

Kyle Kelley requests addition of annual trail maintenance schedule for budgeting purposes. He will draft and send this to Kate.

Meeting adjourned 8:40PM

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 in the Girdwood Community Room at 7:00 pm**

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