



Minutes Draft
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 2, 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 of Apr 2 2024 meeting agenda	Deb Essex/Jason Stancil	Assent
Approval of Mar 5 2024 meeting minutes	Deb Essex/Briana Sullivan	Assent
Approval of Feb 5 2024 meeting minutes	Deb Essex/Jason Stancil	Assent

Announcements & Presentations: None

Introductions: None

Public Comment (3 minutes each): Public Comment must be on subjects not listed on the agenda.

Thank you for winter trail work: groomers, crew working on bridges on Iditarod and Beaver Pond Trails.

Thank you for making comments on the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan. Updated plan will be discussed at the GBOS LUC Joint meeting April 29.

KMTA and GNSC event: Corduroy Crush on the 5k this Sunday.

Other:

Paul Crews states that there is a bridge missing on Middle INHT, he'd like to haul materials in while there is a good snow pack. He's looking for 6 volunteers on a weekend in the next 2 weeks. Contact Paul to volunteer.

Old Business:

1. Alaska Trails conference April 10-12. No scholarships awarded yet.
To request scholarship, email Margaret: tylerms@muni.org.
2. Consider dates for trails work parties Summer 2024 in lieu of scheduled meetings
Staff request that GTC plan for the June regular meeting be replaced with a work party.
July GTC meeting is usually cancelled due to Forest Fair and summer activities.
Staff will work with Friends of Girdwood Trails to establish Trails Days this summer and projects for those trails service days.
3. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek
Staff has initiated the 2nd phase of design, which will produce 100% design and bid documents for construction.
Updated grant request has been submitted to Rasmuson Foundation.
Seeking other funding to complete the amount needed, based on 35% design estimate.
4. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media
Leave No Trace: wait to use trails until after break-up
Let staff know of trail work that arises during break-up: downed trees, damage etc
5. Update of Trail maps
Working with contractor on changes to summer map, most of these will transfer to winter map.

New Business:

None

Other:

6. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:
 - Status of Trails grants: Federal review of RTP grant requires additional information, staff is working on this. GTC received Trails Tools Grant from Alaska Community Foundation of \$2030. Staff will purchase tools when the funding is received.
 - Other Trails Issues
Oversize vehicles at Virgin Creek Falls Trail
Kyle Kelley provides his business card for neighbors to hand out if they see unusual vehicle traffic.
 - Signs on trails. Signs have been placed in the meadows and Stumpy's Trail. Barb Crews states that originally signage to replace missing/old signs was part of the Stumpy interpretive sign project but was not ultimately completed under this project. The signage now being placed is done without GTC involvement. There are no directional signs to assist in wayfinding. Anchorage parks and rec recently installed signs with QR codes to give access to context for historic signs. The Stumpy signs are not useful to people who don't know the trails as they don't relate to any maps except for the hand-drawn Stumpy's map.
 - Bikewood requested that Phase 2 map be included in the meeting packet. Now that Girdwood Trails Plan has passed, Bikewood is engaging with HLB in the hopes of developing new trails on the map, as presented several years ago.
7. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives: Executive Committee members will attend
8. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet

Adjourn 7:30PM