Resolution 2017-06
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

Resolution of Support for construction of Girdwood Mountain Bike Alliance Trails.

Whereas, the Girdwood Mountain Bike Alliance (GMBA) is a grassroots group created for the purpose of building and maintaining mountain biking trails in the Girdwood Valley, promoting responsible trail use, and advocating for cycling in the Girdwood community; and

Whereas, the GMBA trail plan aligns with the Girdwood Master Plan in supporting non-motorized recreational development and providing a mountain biking opportunity currently unavailable in the Girdwood Valley; and

Whereas, the GMBA has met with the Girdwood Nordic Ski Club (GNSC) and has that group’s approval to use the 5K Nordic Loop for uphill biking access and trail equipment access, during the summer months; and

Whereas, trails built by GMBA are to be built within accepted design standards as a class 3 trail mountain biking trail, approximately 4 – 6 feet in constructed tread width, clearing width of 10-12 feet, with a hard, predictable and smooth surface. The trail design calls for two single-use mountain bike trails and one multi-use connector trail; and

Whereas, the GMBA has met with representatives of the US Forest Service, Glacier Ranger District, to discuss the impact of a new trail alongside the existing Winner Creek Trail, and adjusted their conceptual trail plan to the satisfaction of the US Forest Service; and

Whereas the GMBA has met with Chugach Powder Guides, which has approved the connection to the CPG Cat Road, with the ultimate goal of improving the cat road for bicycle use, therefore contributing to the overall connectivity of Girdwood upper valley trails; and
Whereas, the GMBA has met with the Girdwood Trails Committee and has received the support of that advisory committee at their regular meeting on May 2, 2017 with a vote of 15 in favor and 0 opposed; and

Whereas, the GMBA has met with the Girdwood Land Use Committee and has received the support of that advisory committee at their regular meeting on May 8, 2017, with a vote of 12 in favor and 0 opposed.

Therefore, The Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves to support the Girdwood Mountain Bike Alliance in acquiring the easement for, construction and maintenance of trails on Heritage Land Bank land in the Lower Winner Creek zone, as presented at the GBOS Regular meeting of May 15, 2017 by a vote of 3 in favor and 0 opposed.

Eryn Boone, GBOS P&R  Date  
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