



Minutes Final
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 1 2025 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

Approval of April 1 meeting agenda

B Burnett/C Brodin

Approval of March 4 2025 meeting minutes

B Burnett/C Brodin

Announcements & Presentations: None

Introductions: All new/returning attendees are asked to introduce themselves, members attending via phone anonymously, and members attending jointly via one computer so that attendance is accurate.

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

Haley Johnston: Alaska Trails Conference April 24/25. Haley offers to serve GTC more. Barb Crews states that there will be trails work parties this summer, also there are 2 open seats to serve on GTC Executive Committee. Brian Burnett: Encourages Haley to join trail work parties. Alaska Trails has been a great partner and resource to GTC. Kate Sandberg also thanks Haley for participating and encourages further liaison Alaska Trails and GTC.

Old Business:

1. Alaska Trails Conference April 24-25 [Trails Conference | Alaska Trails](#)
GTC Sponsorship of 2 people to attend the conference for 2 days (\$80 pp) via reimbursement
Two spots; Brian Burnett will use one if no one else applies.
2. Girdwood Comprehensive Plan RE Parcel 6-011 and Upper Valley Trails
Assembly voted on the GCP and accepted amendments, including changing 6-011 from Open Space to Mixed Use.
GNSC plans to fundraise for Forest Loop Trail. It is likely to be shorter than the original proposed trail.
Easement will need to be acquired. Willam Laurie offers to work with GTC, HLB, GNSC on trail discussion in alignment with proposed development.
3. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek
Completed comments on the 95% plan and those have been responded to.
Sending plans to professional estimators to receive final estimate. Bridge is mainly steel construction subject to tariffs. Bridge also requires special inspections. Both of these likely contribute to increased costs.
4. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media
TUE night trails volunteer work parties.
Report back on trees down, major erosion.
Summer Parks Caretakers will start working in April.
5. Girdwood Trails Management Plan Revision and Review
Chapter 3 is included in the meeting packet.
Plan to share Chapter 4 next month. Appendices after that.

New Business:

None

Other:

6. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:
 - Trails maps: Staff met with Contractor.
Working forward on putting summer map to install at the Nordic 5k for start of the summer season. Printed and on-line versions also.
Contractor donated time on the summer map, GTC will write a thank you note once this is complete.
 - Girdwood Trails Management Plan update:
Already discussed.
 - Status of Trails grants
RTP grant with Alaska Trails work on the Middle Iditarod NHT. Acquiring gravel.
Donation for Virgin Creek Falls – Youth in Parks will work on this.
Donation for Bridge at Cali Creek in Town Square – Working on permitting.
Alaska Community Foundation – Mini-grant for more trail tools.
Consider RTP 2026 grant cycle.
 - Other Trails Issues
USFS: Trail work around Eddie's Parking lot.
Planning to award contracts for bridges near Johnson Pass. Partnering with KMTA on volunteer projects.

Trail Tuesdays –
April 15: work on Lower Iditarod NHT. Clearing deadfall, hacking Devil's Club
Meet at 5:30PM at Ruane.

Girdwood Parks Plan –
Working with Huddle AK on the Parks Plan. Small Committee/Stakeholders/Open House
 - Winter grooming
Grooming ended; machines have been maintained for summer break.
 - Summer Trails Project List
List in the meeting packet.
Extension Trail to be transferred to Girdwood Parks and Rec from HLB
7. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives:
8. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet

Adjourn 7:40PM