



Minutes Final
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 7 2026 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 Trails Committee operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

Call to Order 7:04PM Barb Crews, chair

Approval of April 7 2026 meeting agenda

Burnett/P Crews

Approval of March 3 2026 meeting minutes

Burnett/P Crews

Announcements & Presentations: Girdwood Parks Master Plan www.girdwoodparksplan.com

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.

B Burnett: Encourage people to attend LUC on MON 4/13 for a presentation by a company interested in developing a boutique hotel near the 5K.

Corduroy crush benefit for KMTA event on the 5K on Sunday. See KMTA website or GNSC website for information and link to sign up to volunteer or participate.

Old Business:

1. Update on Holtan Hills Development Phase 1 and Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail reroute.
Confirmation of easement and formal agreement. (Barb/Brian)

No update at this time. Concern is that items agreed to through P&Z show up on the plat. Staff will follow up with HLB.

2. RFP for Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek, bid closed 3.12.26 (Kyle)

Four bids were received. Two came in at the engineers estimate of \$2.9M, however one was disqualified as the company did not meet municipal requirements for license and insurance in Alaska. Other two bids were from much larger companies with more overhead and came in about \$1M higher than engineers estimate. Award is being processed for Spernak and Sons to complete the project. Spernak also has the contract to construct the new pavilion at Lions Club Park this summer. Once the purchasing process is complete, a contract will be issued and we will receive a schedule for construction. To be determined still is how to pay for soft costs, such as project management.

3. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media

Trails are becoming soft and muddy with spring melt. Refrain from using trails if you are leaving a furrow in the turf.

4. Girdwood Trails Management Plan Revision and Review

Status of Appendix 1 (maps): Summer Map complete, revising winter map currently.

Appendix 2 (list and descriptions of trails): completed measuring winter trails.

Appendix 8 (land management agreements and easements): ongoing effort

5. Girdwood Comprehensive Plan RE Parcel 6-011 and Upper Valley Trails

No update

6. Summer trails project list and volunteer events spring 2026

MAP grant status: Parks and Rec application was not awarded. We will attend feedback session to understand how to provide mreo competitive application in the future.

Set summer work party dates: Aiming for first formal work party in 3rd week of May to work on connector to Davos from Alyeska Highway (Deb's Way). Likely June GTC meeting will be trail work party and July GTC meeting to be canceled. Additional Trails Tuesday projects to be determined.

Items on project list:

Map display at the 5K is now set for use. Summer map will be posted there once we are ready to encourage summer use in the area.

Staff is working on amendment to prior RTP grant to shift funding from materials to labor for work on the Middle INHT.

7. Alaska Trails Statewide Trails Conference May 6-8. GTC Scholarships for 2 people to attend @ NTE \$120 per person. GTC members who want to be reimbursed by GTC to attend are welcome to request reimbursement. Send email to Margaret: tylerms@muni.org.

New Business:

Other:

8. Ongoing Trails Issues for update: See report in the packet
 - Trails maps: Summer compete/winter ongoing
 - Status of Trails grants: MAP grant not awarded; Kate and Barb submitted for Anchorage Park Foundation grant today; Staff submitted Alaska Community Foundation Trail Care grant application in end of March.
 - Other Trails Issues
 - Winter grooming: Difficult grooming this season. Thank you to groomer volunteers for keeping the trails in great shape. Prepping for Corduroy Crush this weekend. Will continue grooming as long as conditions allow.
9. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives:
10. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet

Adjourn 7:25PM