MINUTES FINAL
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 2, 2022 7:00PM

Girdwood Trails Committee meetings are taking place on Teams and in person at the Girdwood Community Room.

GTC Voting members are defined as is 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 Code1.25 - Public Meetings.
The Girdwood Trails Committee operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

Call to Order 7PM Carolyn Brodin, Chair
2 community members express frustration about meeting requirement to vote and leave.
Approval of August 2 2022 meeting agenda Brian Burnett/Deb Essex
Approval of May 3 2022 meeting minutes Barb Crews/Kate Sandberg

Announcements & Presentations:
Introductions: All attending are asked to introduce themselves for attendance tracking.
Returning/New members are: Amanda Locke, Leola Rutherford, Kelzey Hahn, Rachel Hatcher
Public Comment (3 minutes each): Public Comment must be on subjects not listed on the agenda.
Thank you Paul Crews for sending letter reminding about the GTP.

Old Business:
1. Girdwood Trails Plan

GTC discusses that GBOS has given a due date of Jan 31 for completion of the Girdwood Trails Plan. See GBOS report in meeting packet for review of this discussion.

Continue presentation and voting on GTC member suggested changes to GTP meeting, starting at Amendment 7.

Amendment 7: Proposed Motion: Amend the approved recommended change of Natural Spaces description on P 35, **Areas For Primitive Trails** by adding the following sentence: Primitive Trails should be routed or rerouted onto sustainable alignments and hardened when necessary to assure trail sustainability.
Group discusses that this action should not be necessary as the Trails Class system specifies that Class 1 or 2 trails are still maintained trails and allows for boardwalks, hardening, re-routing to protect the environment. This could also be considered more of a Trails Management Plan item. Crews is asked if he would like to pull his amendment in the light of this, however he states that the misunderstanding about maintenance of Class 1 and 2 trails persists and clarification the Trails Plan is necessary.

Motion:
GTC moves to accept Amendment #7: Adding the following sentence to Pg 35:
Primitive Trails should be routed or rerouted onto sustainable alignments and hardened when necessary to assure trail sustainability
Motion by Paul Crews/2nd by Brian Burnett

Total is 26 in favor, 16 opposed, 4 abstain
Motion carries

Amendment #8:
Proposed Motion: Vote to remove all primitive trail areas from the maps.

Deb presents that she supports primitive trails and areas but they don't belong on the maps as the primitive area restricts use of mechanized vehicles and could limit access, particularly from the townsite to the mouth of the valley in Area 1. She is concerned that many small trails leads to braiding and degradation of the area, it would be better to plan for actual trail alignments rather than to set aside an area for less structured use.

Group discusses that Natural Spaces was renamed Primitive Areas at earlier meeting, expansion of Primitive Area 1 was discussed at an earlier meeting. However voting on their existence has not been considered yet by the GTC as a whole.
Members states that if primitive areas are removed, perhaps Mountain Bike Areas in the plan should also be removed.

Motion:
GTC moves to accept Amendment 8: Remove all Primitive Areas from the maps.
Motion by Deb Essex, 2nd by Brian Burnett
Total is 30 in favor, 18 opposed, 5 abstain
Motion carries

Set meeting date for GTC Special Meeting.
Group is looking at MON Aug 29 at 7PM, however parliamentarian is not available.
Meeting is scheduled for MON Aug 22 at 7PM.

2. Discussion regarding addition of parliamentarian to assist in meetings

Discussion pending the individual who proposed it attending the meeting to help with discussion and research with UAA to see if there may be help from UAA debate students. Item is postponed.

New Business: None

Other:

3. Trails Issues

- Glacier Creek Suspension Bridge status: $1.2M from State of Alaska. Currently in design phase with USFS support. USFS plans to take over operation and maintenance after construction. Design team to have on-site visit in September, planning for full design mid-winter and plan for construction in 2023.
- Virgin Creek Falls Trailhead re-route & interpretive sign (Kyle Kelley)
  Andy Hehnlin completed trailhead work last week, AK Trails has crew that will help spread gravel to the falls in September. Interpretive sign is ready to be installed.
- Update on Stumpy's Winter Trail Interpretive sign project (Barb Crews)
  Sign is complete and ready for installation. Location is likely where the trash can has been. Trash location is moving.

  Summer trails issues:
  Commercial use of Girdwood Trails, especially Virgin Creek Falls, is being addressed by contacting companies and advising of the need for permit to legally use the area. Staff is working with MOA traffic regarding parking and traffic concerns, including speeding.

Add to next regular meeting agenda: Outreach regarding trails to publications, websites, etc regarding trail use.

4. August LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives

5. Written Reports to be included in meeting packet:
    - Fall Storm (Oct 29-Nov 1) Damage and repair to trails.
    - Financial Report & Grants Status report
    - GBOS
    - Other Girdwood Trail Partners Updates: GNSC; Bikewood; Friends of Girdwood Trails; Girdwild; KMTA; Imagine! Girdwood

Adjourn 8:45PM

Attendees:

Amanda Locke *returning
Alex Wilson
Barb Crews
Becky Germain
Ben Kohler
Ben Napolitano
Brian Burnett
Briana Sullivan
Camilla Seifert
Carolyn Brodin
Catherine McDermott
Charlie Renfro
Cindi Wilson
Dan Kiland
Dan Starr
Deb Essex
Deb Rice (Guest)
Dinah Merrill
Doug Penn
Duffy Daniels
Eric Steinfort
Heather Durtschi
Jamie Heinz (non-voting, Parliamentarian)
Janet Kiland
Jennifer Wingard
Jessica Daniels
Jonathon Lee
Justin Thomas
Kalie Harrison
Kate Sandberg
Kathy Joy-Holmes
Kelzey Hahn*
Kintla Penn
Kyle Kelley
Leola Rutherford * first meeting
Lin Hinderman
Lori Harris
Lori van Huis
Lynne' Doran
Marc Esslinger
Margaret Tyler
Marguerite Leeds
Martin Cassens
Mary Thomas
Molly Etters
Paul Crews
Paul Wilson
Peter Ostroski
Peter Zug
Randy Brandon
Rich Peterson
Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi
Sarah Gottstein
Scott Thomas
Shannon O'Brien
Steve Halverson
Terin Martinjak
Terry Mercurio
Tim Lydon
Zach Behney

Name	Amendment #7
Shannon O'Brien (Guest)	No
Eric Steinfort (Guest)	No
Briana Sullivan (Guest)	Abstain
Catherine McDermott (Guest)	Yes
Dinah M (Guest)	Yes
Dan Starr (Guest)	Yes
Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi (Guest)	Yes
Scott Thomas (Guest)	Yes
Camilla Seifert (Guest)	No
TerinMartinjak/PeterOstroski (Guest)	Yes
duffy and jessica daniels (Guest)	No
Cassens, Martin E.	Abstain
Alex Wilson (Guest)	Yes
Douglas Penn Laurie Van Huis and Kintla Penn (Guest)	No
Steve Halverson (Guest)	No
Deb Rice (Guest)	Yes
Kelzey (Guest)	Yes

Amendment 7:
Vote in person, voice, chat and Teams Poll
In-person: 3 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstain
Voice: 14 in favor, 7 opposed, 0 abstain
Poll: 9 in favor (-1), 6 opposed, 2 abstain
Chat: 1 in favor

Name	Amendment #8 Motion to Remove all primitive trails areas from the maps.
Eric Steinfort (Guest)	Yes
Becky Germain (Guest)	No
Douglas Penn Laurie Van Huis and Kintla Penn (Guest)	No
Scott Thomas (Guest)	Yes
Marc Esslinger	Yes
Terry Mercurio	No
Alex Wilson (Guest)	Yes
Lynne' Doran - desktop (Guest)	Yes
Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi (Guest)	Yes
Kelzey (Guest)	Yes
Briana Sullivan (Guest)	Abstain

Dan Starr (Guest)	Yes
Dinah M (Guest)	No
Catherine McDermott (Guest)	Yes
TerinMartinjak/PeterOstroski (Guest)	Yes
Deb Rice (Guest)	Yes
Cassens, Martin E.	Abstain
Camilla Seifert (Guest)	No
Steve Halverson (Guest)	No

Amendment 8
Vote in person, voice, chat and Teams Poll
In-person: 3 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstain
Voice: 11 in favor, 4 opposed, 0 abstain
Poll: 11 in favor (-1), 6 opposed, 2 abstain
Chat: 6 in favor, 5 opposed,1 abstain