



Minutes Final
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 2 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 December 2 2025 meeting agenda
Approval of November 4 2025 meeting minutes

B Burnett/P Crews
P Crews/K Sandberg

Assent
Assent

Announcements & Presentations:

Girdwood Parks Master Plan project is on-going. Open House to present draft park plans is TUE December 16 at 6PM in the Girdwood Community Room.

Introductions: None

Public Comment (3 minutes each): None

Old Business:

1. CY Investments and Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail reroute (Brian)

Application for Conditional Use for Planned Use Development and for the Long Plat has been submitted and the item is on the P&Z agenda for Jan 5. Individuals may make their own comments up until the day before the meeting (Jan 4), after that, they would need to attend the meeting and make public comment. Links to information:

2026-0005 <https://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=18352>.

S12867 <https://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=18353>.

PLEASE REMIT COMMENTS EITHER BY MAIL OR EMAIL AS FOLLOWS: by email to Corliss Kimmel & Lori Blake (corliss.kimmel@anchorageak.gov & lori.blake@anchorageak.gov) or by USPS

Municipality of Anchorage Planning Department
Current Planning Division
PO Box 196650
Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6650

GBOS is collecting comments to include in a Resolution regarding the Conditional use and platting action.

Motion:

GTC moves to recommend that GBOS request that upgrade and reroute of the trail through Holtan Hills proposed subdivision is paid for by the partners in the development project.

Motion 1:

GTC moves to recommend that GBOS request a plat note as a condition to the approval of the Planned Use Development to designate the following actions and to clarify that they are to be paid for by the development partners (HLB and/or CY Investments):

- * Platting of the Girdwood Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail and 50' easement through Phase 1
- * Realignment of the existing trail segment, in consultation with GTC
- * Trail improvements through Phase 1, in consultation with the GTC and in accordance with established practices in the Girdwood Trails Master Plan (2025) and Girdwood Trails Management Plan (2020).

Motion by PCrews/BBurnett

Amendment to motion by PCrews/B Burnett. Amendment approved by unanimous vote
Amended motion approved by unanimous vote.

Discussion: Purpose is to have GTC involved in the trail reroute and trail design through Holtan Hills. Upgrade of trail through the neighborhood necessitated by development should be paid for by the partnership that is responsible for the increased trail use. Platting of the area should be included in the plat. This will provide precedent for the same collaboration for future phases of the Holtan Hills development.

Motion 2:

GTC moves to recommend that GBOS request that the trail and its easement of 50' (25' on each side of trail center line) is surveyed and recorded on the plat, thereby protecting the trail and trail easement from development in perpetuity, including where the trail and private property overlap.

Motion by PCrews/2nd BBurnett

Motion approved by unanimous vote

Discussion: Purpose of this is to protect the trail and easement from clearing land within 25' of the centerline of the trail.

2. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek

Thank you to USFS for jumping back in to this immediately after government shutdown. USFS and MOA are working on final agreements regarding partnership/ eventual ownership of the project. Discussions this week are about the potential to put the project out to bid this winter. A decision on this is expected by mid-December.

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

Notice about Christmas Tree cutting.

4. Girdwood Trails Management Plan Revision and Review

Updates to Appendices 5,6,7: These appendices are reviewed and suggestions noted. They will return for possible vote in January.

Status of appendices 1,3,4: Appendix 1 is maps, and that project is on-going. Appendix 3 and 4 will be shared as drafts in January. Approach to appendix 2: Appendix 2 is the list of trails and trail descriptions. This is a big project that requires community involvement.

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

Not discussed, this item is a placeholder for future action.

New Business:

6. GTC Officer Elections for 2026: Positions are Chair, 2 Vice Chairs, Treasurer

Other:

7. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:

- Trails maps:

Summer map is complete, winter map work is ongoing. Posts for the map display at the 5k have been installed (thank you, Paul!!)

- Status of Trails grants: No updates
- Other Trails Issues

Paul inquires what permission is needed to scout and flag routes on HLB land for future trails on the future trails list.

GTC reviews language regarding Open Meetings Act and GTC. Determination on this will be up for vote in January.

- Winter grooming

8. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives:

9. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet

Adjourn 8:20PM