



**Minutes Final**  
**Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 5, 2023 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**

Approval of Dec 5 2023 meeting agenda	Brian Burnett/Carolyn Brodin	Assent
Approval of Nov 7 2023 meeting minutes	Brian Burnett/Carolyn Brodin	Assent

**Announcements & Presentations:** Foraker Group Board Training is scheduled for TUE Feb 27 at 5PM in the Girdwood Community Room. All are welcome to attend.

**Introductions:** No new/returning members are introduced

**Public Comment (3 minutes each):** Solstice Ski is Dec 21 at 6PM at the 5K. Park at overflow lot or ski from home, 5K lot will likely be full. Contact Deb Essex to volunteer with set up.

**Old Business:**

1. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek

35% design has been under review with MOA engineers, comments are pending. Project comes with significant contingency funding requirement as it is a unique project and there are many unknowns as far as what bids will look like, material costs, inflation etc. Service Area is working with partners to secure additional funding, hoping for funding from GBOS that will be matched by USFS. Rasmuson Foundation is interested in providing funding once the rest is secured. Already secured is \$1.2M from State and \$550,000 from Cares Act, USFS has committed time and costs of project management, testing etc. Next step will be to proceed with design documents, going out to bid and finalizing funding. At this point, it could be out to bid this spring with construction in 2024, however with the unknown components still to be finalized, it may be 2025. If necessary Service Area will consider seeking federal appropriation, however this is a long process and may not be needed.

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

Public outreach on Scoop the Poop and stay off the trails/leave no trace when they are not frozen. Post holing on trails during the warm-up last week will take significant snowfall to repair. Friends of Girdwood Trails is considering a "Scoop the Poop" Event. Service area will update the summer signs and have them handy to be placed in winter when the next warm-up occurs.

3. Update of Trail maps

Trail Mapping subcommittee meeting is next TUE at 3PM.

4. GTC selection of Trail Projects for AK Trails Assistance via legislative requests

Group reviews the projects that were determined at the November meeting:

Middle Iditarod NHT: Good tie in with other trails, possible match with RTP grant currently under review; shovel ready.

Beaver Pond Trail: Good tie in with other trails, longstanding project, shovel ready.

Barren Ave to Alyeska Highway Connector: Not yet shovel ready, requires significant work with land managers/owners and current DOT bridge abutment project.

**Motion:**

GTC moves to put forward the Middle Iditarod NHT as the community's priority project for Alaska Trails to promote in this legislative session.

Motion by Brian Burnett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carolyn Brodin

Motion carries by Assent

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5. Discuss solutions to oversize vehicle use (motorcoaches, RVs, some other commercial vehicles) at the end of Timberline at Virgin Creek Falls

Service area plans to continue outreach to commercial operators.

Parking feasibility study will be initiated once the Girdwood Trails Plan has been approved. This will involve a scope of work that GTC will review and support regarding the project.

Service Area will discuss with MOA traffic department additional signs to advise about lack of turnaround past Alyeska View.

**New Business:**

6. Trails Committee Officer elections at their January 2, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Positions are chair, 2 co-chairs and treasurer.

**Other:**

7. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:

- Trails Plan progress with Anchorage Assembly (Jan 9 intro; Jan 23 possible vote)
- Outreach to vendors: previously discussed
- Other Trails Issues: RTP grant application for Middle INHT has made it through first review and will be presented to the ORTAB group for funding consideration in January. Service Area Manager will make the presentation.

8. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives: to be determined by officers.

9. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet: note that the financial report has not been updated but is more exciting now with \$14,536 reimbursement check for trail work grant and \$1000 from the Forest Fairies. Other dedicated gifts to GTC account will also likely be reflected in upcoming reports.

Staff recommends letter from the chair to KMTA regarding the impact of KMTA grants.

**Adjourn 7:40PM**