



MINUTES DRAFT
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 6 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 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 7:03PM Barb Crews

Approval of Jan 6 2026 meeting agenda

Brodin/P Crews

Assent

Amended during meeting to move item #8 to Old Business by unanimous vote

Approval of December 2 2025 meeting minutes

P Crews/Sandberg

Assent

Announcements & Presentations:

Girdwood Parks Master Plan <https://girdwoodparksplan.com/> project is on-going. Open house #2 was held Dec 16.

Introductions: No new members noted

Public Comment (3 minutes each): None

Old Business:

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

Barb Crews Nominated for Chair

P Crews/Brodin

Nomination accepted

Brian Burnett nominated for Vice Chair

B Crews/P Crews

Nomination accepted

Patty Hamre nominated for Vice Chair

B Crews/P Crews

Nomination accepted

No nominations for Treasurer.

Motion:

GTC moves that the officers for 2026 are as follows:

Barb Crews, Chair; Brian Burnett and Patty Hamre, Vice Chairs

Motion by P Crews, 2nd P Hamre

Motion carries by assent

2. Rewrite of Open Meetings Act information on GTC agenda

Motion:

GTC moves to remove language about the Open Meetings Act and retain the sentence: The Girdwood Trails Committee operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

Motion by K Sandberg, 2nd Brodin

Motion carries by Assent vote

3. Holtan Hills Development Phase 1 CU/PUD and Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail reroute (Brian)

Mike Edgington attended the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on MON Jan 5. Result of trails items at P&Z was that CY Investments will pay for realignment of the trail and trail easement through Phase 1 of the Holtan Hills Development.

Actual language of this will be presented at P&Z next meeting for final review and vote.

4. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek
Project is planned to go out to bid in January for construction as designed and approved by GTC and USFS. Letter received from USFS regarding collaboration with MOA on the project has been received. Once constructed, the bridge will be turned over to USFS for operation and maintenance. Design meets USFS requirements. Once bids have been received, firm budget will be known for this mainly steel construction project. Capital campaign may be initiated to fill any gaps.
5. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media
Additional snow needed before grooming in meadows will begin. Storm later this week should provide this additional coverage. There will be challenges with the ice buildup in some overflow locations due to long duration of cold weather without snow coverage.
6. Girdwood Trails Management Plan Revision and Review
Appendices 5,6,7 were discussed in December and amended for this meeting.
Review new drafts of Appendices 3,4
Introduction of Appendix 8, which catalogs all land management agreements and easements.
Status of Appendix 1 (maps) and Appendix 2 (list and descriptions of trails): These two appendices are pending.

Request for approval of appendices 3-7 at the Feb GTC meeting.

7. Girdwood Comprehensive Plan RE Parcel 6-011 and Upper Valley Trails
Item is addressed in HLB 5 year plan. Plan has been approved by HLBAC and is moving forward to Assembly for introduction in January with likely Assembly approval in February.
8. GTC application for National Forest Foundation Matching Awards Program (MAP) Grant for MINHT work. Project is continuation of Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail work, which is an established and on-going project of GTC.

Motion:

GTC moves item from new business to old due to time constraints as application is due in January.

Motion by P Crews/P Hamre

Motion carries by Assent vote

Motion:

GTC moves to support staff work on National Forest Foundation MAP Grant for Middle Iditarod NHT trail improvements, which requires a 1:1 match of private funds.

Motion by P Crews, 2nd P Hamre

Motion carries by Assent vote

New Business:

Other:

9. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:
 - Trails maps: Met with contractor in December. When updated draft is received map committee will be requested to meet and review. In the meantime, the materials have been received to use the new map display at the 5K. Plan is to post a GNSC winter map of the area for this season.
 - Status of Trails grants: discussed
 - Other Trails Issues: Additional signage needed to protect 5K for ski only/no dogs
 - Winter grooming: Underway. Need additional coverage for snow machine grooming on meadows as the cold dry snow so far this year doesn't provide lasting coverage.
10. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives:
11. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet

Adjourn 8PM