



Minutes Final
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 4, 2022 7:00PM

Girdwood Trails Committee meetings are taking place on Teams thru March 2022.

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.

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The Girdwood Trails Committee operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

Call to Order

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| Approval of Jan 4, 2022 Agenda | Barb Crews/Becky Germain |
| Approval of December 7, 2021 minutes | Barb Crews/Kalie Harrison |
| Approval of December 14 Special Meeting minutes | Barb Crews/Kalie Harrison |

Announcements & Presentations: None

Introductions: All attending are asked to introduce themselves

New/returning attendees eligible to vote at the next meeting are: Catherine Moncrief, Dan Kiland, Marco Zaccaro

Public Comment (3 minutes each): None

Old Business:

1. Review and vote on GTC recommendation for a GBOS Resolution of Support for concept plan for bridge at Glacier Creek (Kyle Kelley)

Project is anticipated to cost \$1.2M, plus \$50,000 for the interpretive display to feature the hand tram. Funding for project so far has been through MOA Parks and Recreation via Cares Act funds. Future funding would likely come from a variety of sources yet to be determined. Likely match required will be about \$500,000. USFS is involved in the planning and hopefully able to take over maintenance and operation of the bridge, although suspension bridges are outside of their current approved designs.

Motion:

GTC moves to recommend that the GBOS commit matching funding to complete the engineering, design and construction of a suspension bridge to replace the Hand Tram on the Winner Creek Trail crossing of Glacier Creek, which includes an interpretive display of the Hand Tram adjacent to the new bridge.

Motion by Barb Crews, 2nd by Kalie Harrison

Vote via voice, chat and poll:

Voice 5 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Chat 16 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Poll: 30 yes 0 no 1 abstain

Motion carries 51 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining

Next Meeting: February 1, 2022

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2. Review recommendations for changes to Girdwood Trails Plan starting at Mountain Bike Area Project Recommendations.

Group continues with Trails Master Plan edits, picking up at the Mountain Bike Area Project recommendations.

Mountain Bike Areas Description on Page 35

CHANGE RECOMMENDED – Remove Mountain Biking Areas Title and replace with the following: Areas for Mountain Biking Trail Development: The areas identified for mountain biking trail development don't limit the development of other recreational activities in the area.

Mountain Bike Areas – Throughout the document

CHANGE RECOMMENDED – REMOVE all references to Mountain Bike Areas and adjust language to be consistent with the recommended language above.

Motion:

GTC moves to accept the recommended change to remove the Mountain Biking Areas title and replace with the language as presented.

Motion by Kalie Harrison, 2nd by Barb Crews

Vote via voice, chat and poll:

Voice: 6 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Chat: 11 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Poll: 31 yes 0 no 2 abstain

Motion carries 48 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstaining

MB1: Beaver Pond MB Area:

This item was discussed previously in the process and was determination of the group was to leave the MB1 in the plan.

No additional action on this item.

MB2: Near the Nordic 5K

CHANGE RECOMMENDED – ADD the following sentences:

MB2 should be the first mountain bike area developed in the Girdwood Valley, prior to MB1 and MB3. All trails in MB2 should minimize impacts to the Winner Creek Trail viewshed. A variety of trails should be developed for a diversity of users' abilities so that bike pushing and e-bike assist is not necessary for the average rider.

Group discusses that this is restrictive in requiring phasing of some bike trail development before others and uses subjective terms, like "development".

*It is noted that there is a typo in the plan where it says MB1 instead of MB2, page 43 under MB2.

Motion:

GTC moves to accept the recommended change to add the language as presented.

Motion by Jonathan Lee, 2nd by Deb Essex

Vote via voice, chat and poll:

Voice: 0 yes 2 no 1 abstain

Chat: 0 yes 12 no 0 abstain

Poll: 4 yes 23 no 5 abstain

Motion fails: 4 in favor, 37 opposed, 6 abstaining

MB3: End of Snowcat Trail

CHANGE RECOMMENDED – ADD the following sentence:

Of the mountain bike areas identified in this plan, MB3 should be developed last.

Group discusses that this also is restrictive and inconsistent with other elements of the Trails Master Plan.

Motion:

GTC moves to retain the language from the original draft plan.

Motion by Rich Peterson, 2nd by Sophie Ostroski

Vote via voice, chat and poll:

Voice: 5 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Chat: 12 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Poll: 27 yes 0 no 3 abstain

Motion passes 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstaining

Group discusses that at this time all of the staff recommendations based on public comments have been reviewed and voted on. As when the plan was originally brought to GTC for review, Chair asks for the GTC to consider if they are done making changes. A motion is made and seconded to approve the plan as amended, however after discussion and debate, it is determined that GTC members have additional changes they want to propose and the motion is withdrawn.

An outline of the process for making proposed changes for consideration is presented (see final meeting packet).

This is based on holding a special meeting on Jan 18 for introduction of recommendations as new business.

Discussion of these can continue and they may be voted on as old business at the February 1 GTC Regular meeting.

Additional meetings can be scheduled to handle GTC recommendations if needed.

An updated version of the Trails Master plan with the changes that have been approved will be made available for public review as soon as possible on the Trails Master Plan web page.

Motion:

GTC moves to extend the meeting to 9:30PM

Motion by Kalie Harrison/2nd by Barb Crews

No opposition, motion carries through assent vote

3. Vote on project to recommend for GBOS Resolution of support for KMTA 2022 Grant application.

At introduction in December, the idea for this was an application to supplement SCA crew in Girdwood next summer for trail work. Instead, staff recommendation is to seek funding to match with other funds for the Hand Tram interpretive display, which is to be constructed as part of the new suspension bridge project. KMTA grants have up to 2 years for completion. The timing of this is ambitious, however, if this project is delayed to the point that KMTA funds are not usable, GTC can advise KMTA of this without penalty.

Motion:

GTC moves to request a GBOS Resolution of Support for KMTA 2022 grant project related to an interpretive display regarding the Hand Tram.

Motion by Eryn Boone, 2nd by Kate Sandberg

Vote via voice, chat and poll:

Voice: 2 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Chat: 7 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Poll: 27 yes 1 no 2 abstain

Motion carries 36 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstaining

Motion:

GTC moves to table all items other than officer election

Motion by Kalie Harrison/2nd by Justin Thomas

No opposition, motion carries through assent vote

4. Discussion and vote on addition of parliamentarian to assist in meetings - tabled

5. GTC Officer elections for the positions of Chair, 2 Vice-Chairs, and Treasurer

Chair: Carolyn Brodin is nominated by Dinah Merrill, 2nd by Jonathan Lee and accepted by nominee

Vice Chair 1: Kalie Harrison is nominated by Shannon O'Brien, 2nd by Kate Sandberg and accepted by nominee

Vice Chair 2: Barb Crews is nominated by Ron Tenny, 2nd by Kalie Harrison and accepted by nominee

Treasurer: Deb Essex is nominated by Kalie Harrison, 2nd by Barb Crews and accepted by nominee.
Other nominations were made however they were not accepted by the nominee.
Motion to accept the nominations via assent vote receives opposition, GTC votes on each separately:

Motion:

GTC moves to approve nomination of Carolyn Brodin to serve as Chair for 2022.

Motion by Dinah Merrill, 2nd by Jonathan Lee

Motion carries

Motion:

GTC moves to approve nomination of Kalie Harrison to serve as Vice Chair 1 for 2022

Motion by Shannon O'Brien, 2nd by Kate Sandberg

Motion carries

Motion:

GTC moves to approve nomination of Barb Crews to serve as Vice Chair 2 for 2022:

Motion by Ron Tenny, 2nd by Kalie Harrison

Motion carries

Motion:

GTC moves to approve nomination of Deb Essex to serve as Treasurer for 2022:

Motion by Kalie Harrison 2nd by Barb Crews

Motion carries

New Business: tabled

6. Discuss meeting style options for future GTC meetings (virtual, hybrid, in-person) (Briana Sullivan)
7. Discuss mechanics of new/old Business topics and what is needed to take immediate action on new business items.

Other:

8. Trails Issues
 - Virgin Creek Falls Trailhead re-route (Kyle Kelley)
 - Trail Easements: Stumpy's Winter Trail (Kate Sandberg)
 - Update on Stumpy's Winter Trail Interpretive sign project
 - Winter Grooming
9. January LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives
10. 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

Adam Hoke

Alayna DuPont

Alex Davis

Alex Wilson

Alexandra Robinson

Amanda Piatt

Amanda Sassi

Amanda Tuttle

Amy Schumacher

Angela Coleman

Andrew Kirk

Ann Thomas

Anna Moran

Ari Stiassny

Barb Crews

Barbara Lydon

Becky Germain

Becky Jones

Becky Young
Ben Napolitano
Ben Kohler
Bob Dugan
Brenden Raymond-
Yakoubian
Brett Marengo
Brian Burnett
Brian McGorry
Briana Sullivan
Cadence Maddox
Carol Fox
Carolyn Brodin
Catherine McDermott
Cece Mendonsa
Charlie Renfro
Chester Gilmore
Chris Hughes
Chris Stinson
Chris Wilson
Christi Davidson
Christina Hendrickson
Christine Hoyt
Cindi Wilson
Clayton Krueger
Cynthia Christianson
Dan Starr
Dave Hamre
Deb Croghan
Deb Essex
Deb Rice
Denis Coral
Desiree Brooks
Diana Stram
Dinah Merrill
Donna Knutson
Doug Penn
Duffy Daniels
Ed Harris
Eddie Parks
Eileen Halverson
Elizabeth Culligan
Emily Schwing
Emma Kramer
Eric Helmbrecht
Erik Maurer
Eric Steinfort
Eric Teixmen

Erin Eker
Eryn Boone
Ethan Tyler
Evan Corral
George Murphy
Greta Anderson
Gretchen Stewart
Guy Wade
Haley Johnston
Hartmut Schwarz
Heather Durtschi
Henry Munter
Jack Thomas
Jane Boer
Janeen Hutchins
Jason Stancil
Jeff Samuels
Jeff Stevenson
Jenn Dow
Jennifer Wingard
Jerry Fox
Jessica Daniels
Jessica Szelag
Jim Braham
Jody Jenkins
Joe Engle
John Rense
John Trautner
Johnny Newman
Jonathan Lee
Julie Jonas
Julie Raymond-Yakoubian
Justin Thomas
Kai Penn
Kalie Harrison
Karen Loso
Kate Sandberg
Kathy Joy Holmes
Kathy Cronin
Kathy Trautner
Kellie Okonek
Kevin Desmond
Kevin Donley
Kevin McDermott
Kintla Penn
Krystal Hoke
Kyle Gronley
Kyle Kelley

Lauri Bassett
Laurie Van Huis/Laurie
Penn
Lin Hinderman
Lindsey Helmbrecht
Lisa Maurer
Lori Harris
Lou Theis
Lynne' Doran
Mandy Hawes
Marc Esslinger
Margaret Tyler
Marguerite Leeds
Mariyam Medovaya
Mark Jonas
Martin Cassens
Mary Thomas
Matt Greene
Matt Wedeking
Michelle Cospers
Michelle Tenny
Mike Ausman
Mike Blake
Mike Davidson
Mike Edgington
Molly Etters
Molly Hickox
Nate Haines
Nels Barber
Nick D'Alessio
Nick Georgelos
Nicole Geils
Patty Hamre
Paul Crews
Paul Ferucchi
Paul Forward
Paul Wilson
Peter Ostroski
Peter Zug
Philip Peterson
Philip Zumstein
Pieter VanderHoek
Rachel Steer
Ralph Brodin
Randy Brandon
Rich Peterson
Ron Tenny
Rorie Hammel

Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi
Sabrina Hamilton
Sarah Perman
Saraj Gottstein
Scott Hickox
Scott Thomas
Sean Holland
Serena VanderHoek
Shannon Carroll

Shannon O'Brien
Sharon Pruszko
Sharon Samuels
Shelley Rowton
Sherry Dugan
Sophie Ostroski
Sparky Anderson
Steve Delatush
Steve Halverson

Stu Greene
Summer Stone
Teresa Paquet
Terin Martinjak
Tiffany Peterson
Tim Lydon
Will Brennan
Zach Behney

Tabled items for future meeting:

11. Discuss streamlining process for new trail development once Girdwood Trails Master Plan is complete
 - Trails specifically determined in GTP
 - Areas determined in GTP but without specific alignments
 - Trails in addition to those determined in GTP