



MINUTES FINAL
Girdwood Trails Committee Special Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 2022 7:00PM

Girdwood Trails Committee meetings are taking place on Teams

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

Approval of March 22 2022 Special Meeting agenda Barb Crews/Eryn Boone Assent vote

Announcements & Presentations:

Introductions: All attending are asked to introduce themselves

New/Returning members eligible to vote at the next meeting: Betsy Connell

Business:

1. Girdwood Trails Plan

Determine direction due to polling issue inability to verify voter eligibility and duplicate voting at March 1 meeting.

Change in Teams brought up polls that were anonymous, so staff is unable to validate that those who voted had met qualification requirements and that they had not voted via other methods as well.

IT Dept has helped staff resolve this, although it must be done for each poll and cannot be set up as a default. The final vote on March 1 was very close. Group discusses various ways to re-vote with the group that attended March 1 and considers these as well as accepting the vote as it was recorded.

Some express interest in revisiting all the votes on March 1 and re-voting, possibly at a future meeting that is posted for this purpose. One member discusses that in person meetings resolve this issue. There is agreement that recapturing the votes of people who attended on March 1 is problematic.

Motion:

GTC moves to accept the results from Amendments 1, 2 and 3.

Motion by Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian, 2nd by Paul Crews

Vote by roll call, chat and poll

55 in favor, 6 opposed, 2 abstaining

Motion carries

Note: the anonymous polling item occurred again and GTC re-voted in the poll to get the needed confirmation.

- 2. Continue presentation and voting on GTC member suggested changes to GTP introduced at the Jan 18 2022 GTC meeting, starting at Amendment 4

Next Meeting: April 12, 2022

Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian addresses the parliamentarian regarding upcoming votes on amendments to the Trails Plan. His concern is that aspects of the plan that have already been voted on may be overturned by some of the upcoming amendments, and wonders if this is allowable under parliamentary procedure.

Group discusses the history of the Trails Plan:

Huddle AK was chosen by GTC to assist in the Trails Plan with a set scope of work and fee structure.

Subcommittee met from April 2020 to June, 2021.

Subcommittee recommended the plan for public comment in June 2021

Open house was held June 18.

Public Review period was June 18-July 26, 2021.

Public comments were compiled with recommendations from staff presented to GTC in October 2021.

Funding for additional subcommittee work by Huddle AK was not approved by GBOS, GTC as a whole will review compiled comments and move forward with the project.

Compiled recommendations were reviewed and voted on by GTC in the Oct 2021-Jan 2022. Throughout that process, members of GTC expressed interest in making other changes. They were told that there would be an opportunity for GTC to make changes when the redline plan came to GTC for approval.

January 4, 2022, 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.

GTC held special meeting Jan 18 for members to introduce proposed changes to the current redline plan.

GTC reviewed the redline document and voted not to accept it at their Feb 1 2022 meeting.

GTC amendments to the redline plan began 2nd presentation and voting process at their March 1 2022 meeting.

After hearing Brenden's concerns and receiving a synopsis of the history, parliamentarian offers that the redline plan was voted down by GTC, so review of aspects of the plan that have been considered previously appears necessary for GTC to pass a plan.

Some members ask if this means that the entire plan is open for revisions, however the only amendments that are under consideration are those that were introduced Jan 18.

Amendment #4

(Boone/Harrison)

Proposed change: Trailheads on residential streets should be pedestrian/bike access only (i.e., trailhead parking not allowed on residential roads). (Boone/Harrison)

Purpose is to limit trail traffic and parking on residential roads. It is not clear which roads, specifically.

It is not desired to create parking lots in neighborhoods by the proposer of the motion.

Discussion includes:

Concern about limiting access to those who are disabled

Enforceability of such a restriction

Use of signage to advise of trailhead parking restriction

Language of the motion is "should" not "must", this is a vision not a requirement.

Proposal should include a solution for the parking issue, ie: where trail users can park, how trail users can access trails.

Concern that this may recommend restricting parking on the roads throughout Girdwood, not just trail user parking.

Group discusses amending the motion to meet some of the additional concerns expressed. There has been significant time for GTC members to consider their amendments. Amendments to the proposals have been discouraged at this point in the trails plan process.

Motion:

GTC motion to vote on Amendment #4.

Motion by Kalie Harrison/2nd by Kate Sandberg

Vote by roll call, chat and poll.

56 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstain

Motion carries

Motion:

GTC moves to accept Amendment #4: Trailhead on residential streets should be pedestrian/bike access only.

Motion by Eryn Boone, 2nd by Jonathan Lee

18 in favor, 33 opposed, 6 abstain

Motion fails

Amendment #5

(Boone/Harrison)

Proposed change: Differentiate between activities allowed during winter/summer in Areas for Primitive Trails/Natural Space Areas.

Main concern is limitation of mechanized vehicles in Virgin Creek area in winter. Allowing fat bikes in the area has no greater environmental impact than other uses as long as use occurs after area has frozen. Limitation is likely unenforceable. Concerns this use from hiker/skier/snowshoe trail user experience is not as great a factor as summer mountain biking is on trails as the speed is much slower and there is more space for all to use off-trail when conditions are good for fat tire biking.

Motion:

GTC moves to accept Amendment 5: GTP should differentiate between activities during winter/summer use in the trails plan.

Motion by Eryn Boone/2nd by Julie Jonas

Motion:

GTC moves to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.

Motion by Barb Crews/2nd by Paul Crews

Vote by voice, chat and poll

41 in favor, 13 opposed, 3 abstain

Motion carries

Discussion includes:

Seasonal use overall should be part of trails plan. Brian Burnett notes that this is handed in the Trails Management Plan and Trails Management Objectives (TMOs) which address specifics of use, maintenance, etc for each trail

Exclusion of bikes from natural space trails is problematic. The purpose of sustainably built trails is to allow access via trail that does not negatively impact the area. All users are capable of negatively impacting an underbuilt or unsustainably built trail, any time of year depending on the conditions.

Motion

GTC moves to postpone vote on this item to the meeting.

Motion by Jonathan Lee/2nd by Lynne Doran

Motion passes by assent vote

Public Comment (3 minutes each): Public Comment must be on subjects not listed on the agenda.

Adjourn 9:15PM

GTC Votes on 3.22.22 Special meeting items - Voice				chat votes			Vote 3			Vote 4			
Accept the results from Amend				Motion to move on Amendment			Motion to accept Amendment			Motion to extend meeting for			
Yes	No	Abstain		Yes	No	Abstain	Yes	No	Abstain	Yes	No	Abstain	
Alec Herschleb			0			0			0			0	
Alex Davis				1				1					
Amanda Sassi	1			1									
Ann Ostroski				1									
Barb Crews													
Barbara Lydon													
Becky Germain											1		
Becky Young				1									
Ben Napolitano													
Ben Kohler													
Betsy Connell	new/returning GTC member											0	
Bob Dugan		1											
Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian													
Brian Burnett													
Brian McGorry													
Briana Sullivan													
Camilla Siefert													
Carolyn Brodin													
Catherine McDermo		1		1									
Clayton Krueger		1		1				1			1		
Dan Kiland		1		1							0		
Dan Starr													
Deb Essex													
Deb Rice				1									
Debra Croghan				1				1					
Dinah Merrill													
Duffy Daniels								1					
Eric Steinfort													
Eryn Boone													
Grace Pleasants		1		1				1					
Guy Wade													
Jamie Heinz	Parliamentarian - non voting												
Janeen Hutchins													
Janette Kiland		1		1							1		
Jeff Stevenson													
Jessica Daniels		1		1				1					
Jody Jenkins													
John Trautner			1	1				1					
Jonathan Lee													
Julie Jonas													
Julie Raymond-Yakoubian													
Justin Thomas		1									1		
Kalie Harrison								1				1	
Kate Sandberg													
Kathy Trautner													
Kathy Cronen													
Kevin McDermott													
Kyle Kelley	Staff, abstaining												
Laurie Penn													
Lin Hinderma		1		1				1			1		
Lori Harris											1		
Lynne Doran		1		1				1			1		
Marc Esslinger		1											
Margaret Tyler	Staff, abstaining												
Marguerit Leeds		1		1									
Mark Jonas		1											
Martin Cassens													
Mary Thomas		1		1				1			1		
Michelle Tenny								1					
Michelle Cosper													
Patty Hamre				1				1			1		
Paul Crews													
Peter Ostroski		1		1				1					
Peter Zug		1		1							1		
Phil Ostroski		1									1		
Randy Brandon				1							1		
Rebecca Reichlin													
Rich Peterson								1					
Ron Tenny		1		1									
Ryan Hutchins-cabibi													
Sabrina Hamilton		1											
Sarah Faulkner/Mattingly													
Saraj Gottstein		1						1			1		
Scott Thomas				1									
Shannon O'Brien				1				1					
Sherry Dugan		1		1				1			1		
Sophie Ostroski													
Steve Halverson													
Summer Stone													
Terin Martinjak													
Terry Mercurio		1		1									
Tim Lydon												1	
Zach Behney		1		1				1			1		
Chat and voice		24	1	0	26	0	0	4	15	0	14	3	0
Poll Results		31	5	2	30	2	3	14	18	6	27	10	3
Total		55	6	2	56	2	3	18	33	6	41	13	3
	Motion passes				Motion Passes			Motion fails			Motion passes		

Name	Accept the results from Amendment 1, 2, 3?
Michelle Cospers	Yes
Eric Steinfors (Guest)	Yes
Sophie Ostroski & Clayton Krueger (Guest)	Yes
Julie Raymond-Yakoubian (Guest)	No
Ip (Guest)	No
Brenden (Guest)	No
Paul Crews (Guest)	Yes
Martin Cassens	Yes
Margaret Tyler	Abstain
Scott Thomas (Guest)	Yes
Ron & Michelle Tenny (Guest)	Yes
Carolyn (Guest)	Yes
Burntski	Yes
Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi (Guest)	Yes
Briana (Guest)	Yes
Terin Martinjak/Peter Ostroski (Guest)	Yes
BKohler	Yes
Kate Sandberg (Guest)	Yes
Jeffrey Stevenson	Yes
Steve Halverson (Guest)	Yes
Barbara Crews (Guest)	Yes
Kevin McDermott (Guest)	Yes
Kyle Kelley	Abstain
duffy daniels (Guest)	Yes
Tim Lydon	No
Dinah (Guest)	Yes
Kathy Cronen (Guest)	Yes
Becky Germain (Guest)	No
Alec Herschleb (Guest)	Yes
Jonathan Lee (Guest)	Yes
Eryn Boone (Guest)	Yes
Jonas (Guest)	Yes
ASassi & ZBehney (Guest)	Yes
Kathy And John Trautner	Yes
Barbara Lydon	Yes
Camilla (Guest)	Yes
Sarah Mattingley (Guest)	Yes
Brian MCGorry Suumer Stone	Yes

Name	Motion to move to vote on Amendment 4
Paul Crews (Guest)	Yes
Sophie Ostroski & Clayton Krueger (Guest)	Yes
Jeffrey Stevenson	Yes
Eric Steinfert (Guest)	Yes
Michelle Cospers	Yes
Eryn Boone (Guest)	Yes
Kathy And John Trautner	Yes
Alec Herschleb (Guest)	Yes
Barbara Crews (Guest)	Yes
BKohler	Yes
Julie Raymond-Yakoubian (Guest)	No
Camilla (Guest)	Yes
Brenden (Guest)	Abstain
Briana (Guest)	Yes
Tim Lydon	No
Kate Sandberg (Guest)	Yes
Becky Germain (Guest)	Yes
Carolyn (Guest)	Yes
Jonathan Lee (Guest)	Yes
Ron & Michelle Tenny (Guest)	Yes
ASassi & ZBehney (Guest)	Yes
Brian MCGorry Suumer Stone	Yes
lp (Guest)	Yes
Burntski	Yes
Kalie Harrison (Guest)	Yes
Steve Halverson (Guest)	Yes
duffy daniels (Guest)	Yes
Robert Dugan (Guest)	Yes
Martin Cassens	Yes
Terin Martinjak/Peter Ostroski (Guest)	Yes
Margaret Tyler	Abstain
Jonas (Guest)	Yes
Randy Brandon (Guest)	Yes
Kyle Kelley	Abstain
aostroski@gmail.com (Guest)	Yes

Name	Motion to accept Amendment #4 Trailheads on residential streets should be pedestrian/bike access only.
Brenden (Guest)	Abstain
Julie Raymond-Yakoub	No
BKohler	No
Sophie Ostroski & Clay	No
Eric Steinfort (Guest)	No
Eryn Boone (Guest)	Yes
Kate Sandberg (Guest)	Yes
Scott Thomas (Guest)	No
Becky Germain (Guest)	No
Tim Lydon	Yes
Camilla (Guest)	No
Briana (Guest)	Yes
ASassi & ZBehney (Guest)	Yes
Alec Herschleb (Guest)	No
Burntski	Yes
Kalie Harrison (Guest)	Yes
Barbara Lydon	Yes
Marc Esslinger	Yes
Ron & Michelle Tenny	No
Jonathan Lee (Guest)	Yes
Margaret Tyler	Abstain
Kyle Kelley	Abstain
Terry Mercurio	No
Kevin McDermott (Guest)	No
Steve Halverson (Guest)	Yes
Brian McGorry Suome	Yes
Ben Napolitano	No
Paul Crews (Guest)	Yes
Marguerite Leeds	No
Ip (Guest)	No
Terin Martinjak/Peter	No
Dan kiland	No
Jonas (Guest)	Abstain
Barbara Crews (Guest)	No
aostroski@gmail.com	No
Martin Cassens	Abstain
Carolyn (Guest)	Yes
Jeffrey Stevenson	Abstain

Name	Motion to extend the meeting for 15 min
Brenden (Guest)	No
Eryn Boone (Guest)	Yes
Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi (Guest)	Yes
BKohler	Yes
Briana (Guest)	Yes
Ip (Guest)	Yes
Julie Raymond-Yakoubian (Guest)	No
Terry Mercurio	Yes
Barbara Crews (Guest)	Yes
Burntski	No
Camilla (Guest)	Yes
Dan kiland	Yes
Scott Thomas (Guest)	Yes
Kalie Harrison (Guest)	No
Sophie Ostroski & Clayton Krueger (Guest)	Yes
Paul Crews (Guest)	Yes
ASassi & ZBehney (Guest)	Yes
Jonathan Lee (Guest)	No
Kyle Kelley	Abstain
Margaret Tyler	Abstain
Eric Steinfott (Guest)	Yes
Carolyn (Guest)	Yes
Terin Martinjak/Peter Ostroski (Guest)	Yes
Alec Herschleb (Guest)	Yes
Jonas (Guest)	Yes
Steve Halverson (Guest)	No
Michelle Cospers	Yes
Kate Sandberg (Guest)	No
Kevin McDermott (Guest)	No
duffy daniels (Guest)	Yes
Ben Napolitano	Yes
Ron & Michelle Tenny (Guest)	Yes
Martin Cassens	Abstain
Brian MCGorry Suumer Stone	Yes
aostroski@gmail.com (Guest)	Yes
Marc Esslinger	Yes
Dinah (Guest)	No
Jeffrey Stevenson	Yes
Marguerite Leeds	Yes
Robert Dugan (Guest)	No

