



MINUTES DRAFT
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 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 Mar 5 2024 meeting agenda

Deb Essex/Brian Burnett

Approval of Feb 6 2024 meeting minutes

Deb Essex/Brian Burnett

Announcements & Presentations:

Introductions: No new members are introduced

Public Comment (3 minutes each): None

Old Business:

1. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek

Staff has just approved Scope of Work to complete 100% design documents. Currently on schedule for design completion mid-summer and then the project would go to purchasing and Anchorage Assembly for approval. Due to funding, the project is currently planned in two phases – the bridge construction in phase 1 and interpretive center/display in phase 2. Staff is continuing to work on capital campaign with grants. Local non-profit led capital funding campaign could start any time.

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

Post winter trails map on social media. GNSC map is probably the most useful given the time of year.

3. Update of Trail maps

Maps subcommittee has met twice and staff is relaying information to contractor.

Friends of Girdwood Trails will share the questions that they field from fb messenger for mapping group to incorporate into the maps they are working on.

4. Update on solutions to oversize vehicle use at the end of Timberline at Virgin Creek Falls

This item is less pertinent in winter. Commercial permitting for 2024 is on-going, formal signage for no parking is in place. Informal signage on private property.

5. Project list for Summer 2024

Parks and rec is likely to have our two summer parks caretakers from 2023 return in 2024.

In addition to regular maintenance projects, the main projects for 2024 are:

Beaver Pond Trail: Work on Trail Tread and build new bridge.

Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail 2 bridges and trail tread, drainage work.

Plan is to haul lumber to the bridge sites this winter using snow pack/snow machines. This will involve some shoveling and probably work party in the next couple of weeks to complete.

New Business:

6. Alaska Trails conference April 10-12. Usually GTC sponsors 2 members to attend. If you are interested in attending please

email Margaret: tylerms@muni.org

Other:

7. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:

- Trails Plan progress with Anchorage Assembly: PASSED 12-0 in February!

- Status of Trails grants: No official notice yet on RTP grant for Middle INHT. Staff applied for Community Foundation Trail Care Grant in late Feb for trail tools.
 - Other Trails Issues: Recommend GTC review dates for work parties and meetings in summer to establish a schedule.
8. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives: Barb, Deb and Brian will handle.
 9. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet

Adjourn 7:30

Girdwood Trails Committee Agendas and minutes are available on line: www.muni.org/gtc