



MINUTES FINAL

Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 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 May 2 meeting agenda

Approval of April 4 meeting minutes

Approval of April 19 Mapping Work Session minutes

Brian Burnett/Deb Essex

Paul Crews/Deb Essex

WS meetings don't require minutes/approval

Announcements & Presentations:

Imagine! Girdwood is moving toward zoning portion of their project. In-person meeting scheduled in the Community Room on May 10 at 6PM. More info at www.imaginegirdwood.org.

Alaska Trails Presentation (Mariyam Medovaya): Alaska Trails is seeking support for Alaska Long Trail Projects for inclusion in the FY 2024 state budget. Project list here: https://www.alaska-trails.org/files/ugd/76c42e_2b8be61cc9f54c389f320f5377029e75.pdf

Information on how to provide comment here: [Funding for the Alaska Long T... | Alaska Trails \(alaska-trails.org\)](https://www.alaska-trails.org/funding-for-the-alaska-long-trail-projects)

Introductions: No new members announced.

Public Comment (3 minutes each):

Jody Jenkins: Lots of dog poop on the trail to the school. Kyle states that a trash/dog waste station can be added, it can be a complication with snow removal; one was added last year at the clinic corner.

Old Business:

1. Update on Girdwood Trails Plan approval process (HLBAC April meeting postponed to May)
Girdwood Parks and Rec proceeding with Planning and Zoning approval process with a pre-application meeting held this week. Good feedback from planning dept regarding clarification on expiration of the plan, updates to the plan, consistency with the new Girdwood Area Plan effort. Staff plans to continue working on application and will request funding from GBOS for \$4,000 required by Planning and Zoning from the GVSA Capital fund. Currently anticipate a hearing in late summer or fall. HLBAC meeting was postponed to May, staff will make a presentation at the May meeting and will request support from HLBAC at that time.
2. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media
Dog poop message on-going
Gentle use of Trails during breakup for all trail users. Take care not to widen trails by avoiding mud; if it's too muddy, don't use the trails that day.
Parks and Rec appreciates photo updates that Friends of GW Trails has been posting. It's helpful to see the condition of trails. Photos can be shared with parks and rec: tylerms@muni.org, we'll send them on to Friends of GW trails.
3. Update from Alaska Trails' Statewide Trails Conference attendees – great presentations:
Links to presentations are available here: [Trails Conference | Alaska Trails \(alaska-trails.org\)](https://www.alaska-trails.org/trails-conference)
4. June 6 GTC plans to hold a Trails Work Party instead of a regular meeting. Work party will start at 6PM, location TBA.
July GTC meeting will be canceled
Friends of Girdwood Trails plans to begin Trail Tuesdays in the end of May to perform smaller work projects.

5. Update of Trail maps

Request for approval to spend NTE \$4,000 from GTC funds for map project from GTC's Girdwood Inc account. Group reviews the Methow Valley style of maps, plan is to have summer and winter maps. For physical posting, the two maps will be changed with the change in season. First location for physical map will be at the parking area at the end of Arlberg. Also plan to print pocket maps. Map committee will determine the information needed to share on the map: what insets to highlight, how to represent trail uses, trail managers, etc. Additional funds requested beyond the quoted cost.

Motion:

GTC moves to approve the expense not to exceed \$4000 for Corvus Designs trail Map Project, to be paid from the GTC Girdwood Inc account.

Motion by Paul Crews, 2nd by Kate Sandberg

Motion approved unanimously by assent vote.

New Business: None

Other:

6. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:

- Glacier Creek Suspension Bridge status: Assembly approved payment for contractor to work on design/engineering. Once PO is received, contractor will begin work.
- Friends of Girdwood Trails Trail Tuesdays: Starting end of May. Follow Friends of Girdwood Trails on Facebook for more details or contact Kalie Harrison.
- Outreach to vendors: Permits issued for 5+ vendors has given good opportunity to talk about speed limits, parking, trail use issues with commercial operators. Staff plans to spend some time at trailheads to engage further.
- Other Trails Issues
GNSC has completed grooming in the meadows for the season and is pulling their signage. They recommend that signs be added to deter people from accessing the meadows, especially Moose Meadow from the bike path access.

Group discusses the tool box and other hand tram items at the gorge. These items will be left as-is as they may be helpful in work on the bridge construction.

7. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives: LUC May 8 and GBOS May 15

8. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet
No change to financial report.

Adjourn 8PM