



Minutes Final
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 7:00PM

Girdwood Trails Committee meetings are taking place on Teams and in person at the Girdwood Community Room.

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.

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 3 2022 meeting agenda as amended

Jonathan Lee/Kate Sandberg

Amendment proposed to remove item 1: Discussion of Trails Plan starting at Amendment #7 as no parliamentarian is available today. Motion fails

Motion to approve agenda as written

Motion by Jerry Fox/Justin Thomas Motion fails

Motion to approve agenda as amended.

Motion by Deb Essex/Kalie Harrison Motion approved

Approval of April 12 2022 Regular Meeting minutes

Kate Sandberg/Kalie Harrison Motion approved

Announcements & Presentations: None

Introductions: All attending are asked to introduce themselves
No new members

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

Recommend that signage is placed at entry to wetlands and trails to deter use in wet season when surfaces are damaged by use. Kyle responds that signage is to be placed this week.

Alyeska Resort is hosting uphill xc race this weekend, rescheduled from May 1.

Old Business:

- 1. Girdwood Trails Plan is not discussed at this meeting.
Special meeting is set with parliamentarian for May 24 at 7PM.
Staff encourages GTC to set meetings well in advance so that there is less chance of conflict with meeting space and parliamentarian.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2022 (work party)
Girdwood Trails Committee Agendas and minutes are available on line: www.muni.org/gtc

2. Discussion regarding addition of parliamentarian to assist in meetings
Deb Croghan called UAA however it is finals week currently so no response.
This would be for parliamentarian to assist with regular GTC meetings after Trails Plan is complete.
3. Review updated GTC Operating Procedures re: language added to address 2 meeting requirement.
Language presented at last meeting is reviewed. Barb Crews suggests removing 2/3 majority that already existed in Operating Procedures, however this would be a new change and is not actionable at this meeting.

Motion:

GTC Moves to approve revised operating procedures as presented.

Motion by Kalie Harrison/2nd Barb Crews

motion passes by assent vote.

4. Discuss request for letter of support for State CAPSIS Funding of the Alaska Long Trail (Kalie Harrison)
GBOS is considering a resolution on the Alaska Long Trail at a special meeting tomorrow night. Currently in proposed house budget for bridge for \$1.2 to replace the hand tram.

There is no need for GTC to take action unless they want to send their own letter, which is not available for review at this time.

Staff adds that another major project for Girdwood, the Ruane Road repair/fish culverts is under consideration by the Assembly/Mayor for \$2M of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA funds). GBOS will also be addressing this at their Special meeting on WED.

5. Discuss June and July GTC meeting and possibility of canceling/rescheduling it as a work party.
June typically is a work party and there is a lot of work to be done. Fall storm damage on Lower Iditarod National Historic Trail and recent slides on to Beaver Pond Trail will require significant work. GVSA has been successful in hiring one Summer Park Caretaker/Trail Crew member and is seeking another person to fill the 2nd position. SCA has advised that they also are having trouble filling positions and may not have crews to work in Girdwood this summer.

Work party is set for June 7 on the Lower Iditarod National Historic Trail.

Individuals may arrange separate volunteer projects through Kyle. GVSA prefers that people work in groups of at least 2 for safety and must complete volunteer waiver.

July Regular GTC meeting is usually canceled because it falls close to July 4 and Forest Fair.

Regular GTC meetings will resume Aug 2.

New Business: None

Other:

6. Trails Issues
Glacier Creek Suspension Bridge status: As discussed previously project is currently under consideration at legislative session for state CAPSIS funding @ \$1.2M. GVSA has also completed Rasmuson Tier II Grant application for \$250,000. Working with USFS on engineer to design a suspension bridge that will meet USFS requirements.

Virgin Creek Falls Trailhead re-route & interpretive sign (Kyle Kelley): seeking drone photo that will be high enough resolution for map. Otherwise the project is complete and ready for fabrication.

Update on Stumpy's Winter Trail Interpretive sign project (Barb Crews). Sign is complete and ready for fabrication. Final step will be installation. Installation will be volunteer event and will count toward volunteer match for KTMA Grant purposes. Kyle and project team will determine location for installation.

Winter Grooming: ongoing! 5K is being groomed and will continue. No dogs/foot traffic until grooming ends for the season.

7. May LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives: GTC executive committee will represent GTC.
8. 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 8:30PM