



Minutes Final
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 4 2025 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 November 4 meeting agenda	CBrodin/PCrews	Assent
Approval of Sept 2 2025 meeting minutes	CBrodin/WBrennan	Assent

Introductions: None

Public Comment (3 minutes each): None

Old Business:

1. Girdwood Comprehensive Plan RE Parcel 6-011 and Upper Valley Trails: No update on this.
2. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek
Federal shutdown is delaying the project going out to bid. There are final elements to be signed off on with USFS in the partnership on the project. Assembly is to approve movement of additional funds into dedicated account. There are engineers estimates but cost won't be known until the project goes out to bid.
3. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media
Uphill travel on Alyeska is closed for the season. Be avalanche aware on all trails. Less developed trails are soft in the transitional season.
4. Girdwood Trails Management Plan Revision and Review
Intro-Chapter 4 have been approved and are available on the website:
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/operations/streets/Service/Trails/Approved%20Trails%20Managment%20Plan%20Intro-C4%20updated%202025.pdf>
Appendices are now being updated, Barb provided Appendices 5, 6, 7 for review, see meeting packet.
Appendix 2 lists all trails and will require significant work to update.
5. RTP Grant cycle 2026: GVSA did not apply for 2026 RTP.
Going forward GTC/GVSA may want to consider smaller projects such as equipment that can be purchased under RTP.
RTP is moving from management by DNR AK State Parks to AK DOT.
6. CY Investments and HLB staff Field Tour MINHT Reroute (Brian) Topic discussed under #1 (Upper Valley Trails)
Holtan Hills platting process is to include trail easement, which is 25' from the trail centerline. Land with trail easement may not be disturbed by property owner. Violation of this would be a matter for land use enforcement. 500-700' of trail needs to be rerouted. Funding of re-route and trail improvements is to be determined. CY investments verbally committed to project including cost of reroute at meeting regarding Conditional Use, which was held at the Meadows in September.

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

HLB and CY are partners in the project. Possible use of new grant announced by Mayor LaFrance recently, which is specifically for use on places of historic significance. Grant round will open in about a year.

Currently following up on guardrail placement and existing trailhead, reconnecting the pathways to the school fencing/Athabasca Trail.

CY is expected to submit their full documents for P&Z meeting in January. This packet will be the best resource for information on the project.

New Business:

None

Other:

7. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:
 - Trails maps: Map display is being installed at the 5K parking now. Plan is to switch out summer and winter maps. Winter mapping project is ongoing. Likely to hold a mapping meeting in Nov/Dec when updated draft is available.
 - Status of Trails grants: Discussed under #5; new grant administered by MOA for historic places discussed under #6.
 - Other Trails Issues: Tree clearing from most recent wind storm.
 - Winter grooming pre-season work: GNSC purchasing new snow machine. Getting machines ready for winter. Grooming in meadows can occur with accumulation of 24" of snow to protect the meadow. 5K can be groomed with much less accumulation.
8. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives:
9. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet

Adjourn 7:45 PM