



Minutes Final
Girdwood Trails Committee Special Meeting
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:00PM

Girdwood Trails Committee meetings are taking place on Teams thru March 2022.

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 7:02 Carolyn Brodin, Chair

Approval of November 16 Special Meeting agenda approved Kalie Harrison/Deb Essex

Announcements & Presentations: None

Introductions: All attending are asked to introduce themselves for sign in purposes.

New/returning members: Ari Stiasny, Becky Jones, Deb Rice, Donna Knutson, Kevin Donley, Lauri Basset, Teresa Paquet.

Guests are: Connie Yoshimura, Charlotte Gaston Real estate developers working on HLB land proposals for Holtan Hills and Alyeska Village projects.

Old Business:

1. Discussion of future Special Meeting Dates for review the Trails Master Plan.
Nov 30
Dec 14
Dec 7 Regular meeting – new business to discuss additional recommendations for consideration.
2. Discussion of draft Girdwood Trails Master Plan, reviewing recommendations starting at T9 of the GTP changes recommendations from Huddle AK.

T9: Crow Creek Neighborhood Trails

NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED

Although comments do not indicate consensus, it is recommended to leave these trails in the plan. This trail network is already included in an adopted plan, the Crow Creek Neighborhood Land Use Plan. Additionally, residential development is currently being considered for this area (Holtan Hills) – it will be important to require the development of trails within the neighborhood as well as connectivity out of the neighborhood to the Upper Iditarod and other important community connections.

Motion:

GTC moves to accept the recommendation as presented.

Motion by Matt Wedeking, 2nd by Ethan Tyler

No oppositions and no abstentions

Motion passes unanimously

T10: Cross Valley Trail

CHANGE RECOMMENDED – Relocate this proposed trail and edit to Class 3 (Bicycle Design Parameter).

The proposed location of this trail should be adjusted to better align with and connect to B5. In addition, the trail classification should be adjusted to Class 3 to better match the trails to which T10 is intended to connect including the Upper Iditarod (Class 3). This alignment also better aligns with the future Holtan Hills development.

Motion:

GTC moves to accept the recommendation as presented.

Motion by Ethan Tyler, 2nd Kalie Harrison

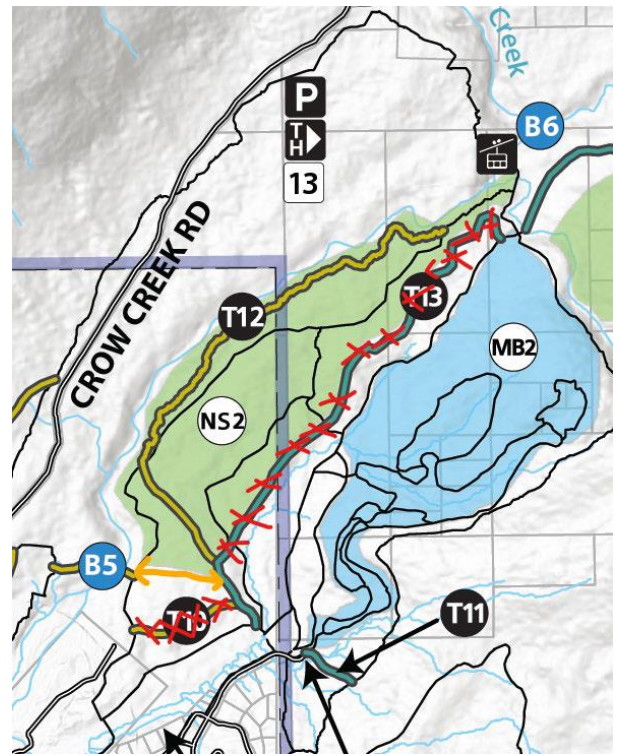
No oppositions and 1 abstention

Motion passes unanimously

T11: Arlberg Connection to Winner Creek Trail

NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED

Proposed trail creates year-round access and takes trailhead off Alyeska Resort property.



Discussion:

Additional trail to connect will create more construction through wetlands, more interference to trail user experience on Winner Creek Trail. Resort has not brought forward any issue with hosting trailhead, possible need to make larger parking area at 5K as a result of additional trail. This year-round access would provide alternative for winter use option for people parking at Arlberg lot to access Winner Creek Trail without using 5K, which is ski only/no dogs in winter.

Motion:

GTC moves to accept the recommendation as presented.

Motion by Kevin McDermott, 2nd Kalie Harrison

Vote via voice vote and Teams poll

Teams Poll: 36 votes cast, 1 disqualified

30 qualified votes in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstain

Verbal votes: 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

42 in favor, 2 opposed and 3 abstention

Motion passes

1	Eric & Marguerite (Guest)	Yes
2	Eryn (Guest)	Yes
3	Michael Davidson	Yes
4	Sophie Ostroski (Guest)	Yes
5	Nicole Geils (Guest)	Yes
6	M. Wedeking (Guest)	Yes
7	becky jones (Guest)	Yes *pending meeting req to vote
8	Kalie Harrison (Guest)	Yes
9	Lisa Maurer (Guest)	Yes
10	Marc Esslinger Briana Sullivan (Guest)	Yes

11	Janeen Hutchins (Guest)	Yes
12	Barbara Crews	Yes
13	Catherine McDermott (Guest)	Yes
14	Christi	Yes
15	Nick D'Alessio (Guest)	Yes
16	Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi (Guest)	Yes
17	Terin Martinjak	Yes
18	Peter Ostroski	Yes
19	Julie Raymond-Yakoubian (Guest)	No
20	Dan Starr (Guest)	Yes
21	Lin Hinderman (Guest)	Yes
22	Shannon O'Brien (Guest)	abstain
23	Martin Cassens	Yes
24	Henry Munter	Yes
25	Kate Sandberg (Guest)	Yes
26	Jeff Stevenson Sabrina Hamilton	Yes
27	Margaret Tyler	abstain
28	Alex Wilson (Guest)	Yes
29	Jonathan Lee (Guest)	No
30	ASassi & ZBehney (Guest)	Yes
31	Kathy Cronen (Guest)	Yes
32	Shelley Rowton	abstain
33	Carolyn (Guest)	Yes
34	Ari Stiassny (Guest)	Yes
35	duffy daniels (Guest)	Yes
36	Peter Zug (Guest)	Yes

T12: Glacier Canyon Rim Trail

NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED

Discussion regarding suggestion to relocate the segment of trail that crosses Stumpy's Summer Trail to use the Stumpy's alignment instead of creating a new trail through proposed NS2. This would be considered if revision is recommended formally in the future.

Shelley Rowton, HLB, states that there is not an existing conditions report to show wetlands etc so discussion is difficult. She has concerns about additional trail conflicting with Stumpy's Summer Trail (primitive trail route) trail user experience and community conflict that this would engender. Current alignment of the cat trail is not acceptable for year-round access due to wetlands, realignment of cat trail to get out of the wetlands is a major undertaking.

Motion:

GTC moves to end discussion on this topic and move to vote.

2/3 majority will be required to pass.

Motion by Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi, 2nd by Justin Thomas

Verbal vote via roll call: 52 in favor, 11 opposed, 6 abstain

Motion end discussion passes.

Motion:

GTC moves to accept the recommendation as presented.

Motion by Eryn Boone, 2nd Kalie Harrison

Vote via voice vote and Teams poll:

Teams Poll: 39 votes cast, 3 disqualified.

31 qualified votes in favor, 1 opposed, 4 abstain

Verbal votes 9 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstain

40 in favor, 2 opposed, 4 abstain

Motion passes

1	Julie Raymond-Yakoubian (Guest)	No
2	Christi	Yes
3	Kalie Harrison (Guest)	Yes
4	Sophie Ostroski (Guest)	Yes
5	Martin Cassens	Yes
6	Peter Ostroski	Yes
7	Michael Davidson	Yes
8	Kate Sandberg (Guest)	Yes
9	ASassi & ZBehney (Guest)	Yes
10	Marc Esslinger Briana Sullivan (Guest)	Yes
11	M. Wedeking (Guest)	Yes
12	Margaret Tyler	Abstain
13	Barbara Crews	Yes
14	Nicole Geils (Guest)	Yes
15	Alex Wilson (Guest)	Yes
16	Deb Essex (Guest)	Yes
17	Eryn (Guest)	Yes
18	Lisa Maurer (Guest)	Yes
19	Kevin Donley	Yes * pending meeting req to vote
20	Janeen Hutchins (Guest)	Yes
21	Ari Stiasny (Guest)	Yes *pending meeting req to vote
22	Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi (Guest)	Yes
23	Nick D'Alessio (Guest)	Abstain
24	Lin Hinderman (Guest)	Yes
25	Henry Munter	Yes
26	Jeff & Sharon Samuels (Guest)	Yes
27	Dinah (Guest)	Yes
28	Eric & Marguerite (Guest)	Yes
29	becky jones (Guest)	Yes *pending meeting req to vote
30	duffy daniels (Guest)	Yes
31	Barbara Lydon	Abstain
32	Rich Peterson (Guest)	Yes
33	H. Durtschi (Guest)	Abstain
34	Burntski	Yes
35	Jerry anc Carol Fox (Guest)	Yes

36	Charlie Renfro (Guest)	Yes
37	Jeff Stevenson Sabrina Hamilton	Yes
38	Michelle Tenny	Yes
39	Peter Zug (Guest)	Yes

T13: Upper Valley Multi-Use Trail

CHANGE RECOMMENDED - Remove this trail and ADD the Forest Loop concept back into the plan.

Public comments indicated that the area was crowded with trails and the route as indicated in the draft would be too damaging to wetlands. There was not consensus or support for T13. See NS2 for more recommendations.

Discussion: Proposed T13 was not well supported due to wetlands, compared to revisiting previously proposed Forest Loop Trail. Forest Loop Trail was approved by GTC but construction has not been acted on by Girdwood Nordic Ski Club. The gRST-2 parcel is now subject of development plan for Alyeska Village, a development in early phases which is not yet available for public viewing. It is discussed that developer will likely be supportive of trails, although specific alignment is not knowable at this time.

Review of the recommendation for the Forest Loop Trail could be recommended in future Trail Plan revision, and would make the GTC desire for public trail system within the Alyeska Village plan clear.

Motion:

GTC moves to accept the recommendation as presented.

Motion by Matt Wedeking, 2nd Deb Essex

Vote via voice vote and Teams poll:

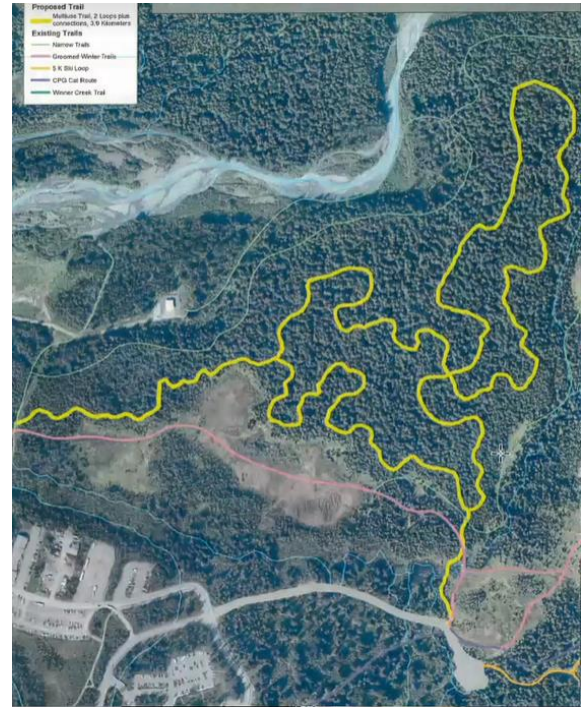
Teams poll: 36 votes cast, 1 disqualified

30 in favor, 4 opposed, 1 abstaining

Verbal votes: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining

45 in favor, 4 opposed, 1 abstaining

Motion carries



1	Julie Raymond-Yakoubian (Guest)	No
2	Martin Cassens	Yes
3	Catherine McDermott (Guest)	Yes
4	M. Wedeking (Guest)	Yes
5	Christi	Yes
6	Eryn (Guest)	Yes
7	Deb Essex (Guest)	Yes
8	Henry Munter	Yes
9	Margaret Tyler	Abstain
10	Eric & Marguerite (Guest)	Yes
11	Dinah (Guest)	No
12	Michelle Tenny	No

13	Jeff Stevenson Sabrina Hamilton	Yes
14	Alex Wilson (Guest)	Yes
15	Ari Stiasny (Guest)	Yes *pending meeting req to vote
16	Sophie Ostroski (Guest)	Yes
17	Shannon O'Brien (Guest)	Yes
18	Jeff & Sharon Samuels (Guest)	Yes
19	Marc Esslinger Briana Sullivan (Guest)	Yes
20	Lisa Maurer (Guest)	Yes
21	Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi (Guest)	Yes
22	Nicole Geils (Guest)	Yes
23	Kate Sandberg (Guest)	Yes
24	ASassi & ZBehney (Guest)	Yes
25	Rich Peterson (Guest)	Yes
26	Janeen Hutchins (Guest)	Yes
27	Carolyn (Guest)	Yes
28	Peter Ostroski	No
29	H. Durtschi (Guest)	Yes
30	Kathy Cronen (Guest)	Yes
31	Dan Starr (Guest)	Yes
32	michael blake	Yes
33	Nick D'Alessio (Guest)	Yes
34	duffy daniels (Guest)	Yes
35	Kalie Harrison (Guest)	Yes
36	Burntski	Yes

Public Comment (3 minutes each): None

**Meeting Nov 30 will pick up at T14
Adjourn 9PM**