

MINUTES FINAL

Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting Tuesday, Sept 2 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 Code1.25 - Public Meetings.

The Girdwood Trails Committee operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

Call to Order 7PM Barb Crews

Approval of Sept 2 meeting agenda P Crews/C Brodin Assent Approval of Aug 5 2025 meeting minutes P Crews/C Brodin Assent

Announcements & Presentations:

Girdwood Parks Master Plan Public Workshop Sept 16 6-9PM at the Girdwood Community Room.

Holtan Hills presentation Sept 23 5:00PM at the Meadows Community Center (Our Lady of the Snows). See meeting packet for this flyer.

Introductions: No new/returning members

Public Comment (3 minutes each): None

Old Business:

- 1. Girdwood Comprehensive Plan RE Parcel 6-011 and Upper Valley Trails: No update.
- 2. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek. Preparing for project to go out to bid this fall Oct/Nov. Digging test pits to determine excavation needs to get to bedrock in order to provide as much information as possible for bidders.
- 3. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media: Go explore the Middle Iditarod and Beaver Pond Trails to see all the work accomplished this summer: 5 bridges, 5 work parties, 10 weeks of Alaska Trails crew!
- Girdwood Trails Management Plan Revision and Review
 Request for Approval of revised intro-chapter 4
 Group reviewed language added to chapter 4 regarding how re-routes of trails are to be paid for.

Motion:

GTC moves to approve Girdwood Trails Management Plan revision from Introduction thru Chapter 4 as presented. Motion by P Crews/2nd C Brodin Motion carries by assent

Discussion on how to complete Appendix 2: Appendices are next for revision, and Appendix 2 is a list of all the trails, including distance and other specific information on the trails. Request that GTC members record their distances and report them so that this information can be updated.

5. RTP Grant cycle 2026 Discuss potential GTC projects and request for GBOS Resolution of Support. Information on the website has been updated to clarify that projects on State Park land only will be considered in this grant round. GTC will not apply in 2026. However, GTC is interested in having the Bird to Gird Trail be included in State Park proposals. This will need to be completed immediately, as the applications are due Oct 31. Barb Crews is tasked with writing the letter, including information that the Bird to Gird is designated a National Recreation Trail by the federal government. Schedule CY Investments Field Tour with designated contact and GTC representatives
 Letters recently received from CY Investments regarding a presentation of Holtan Hills Phase 1 CU/PUD on September 23 at 5PM.

Staff recommends that a field tour should be with HLB and CY Investments

New Business:

Other:

- 7. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:
 - Trails maps: Staff working with Corvus Designs on Winter map.
 Summer map displayed for this meeting. This is on line here:
 GPR Summer Trail Map.pdf
 - Status of Trails grants: See meeting packet.
 - Summer Trails Project List and status updates. See meeting packet. AK trails completes their 10 week contract this
 week. Crews' hosted a group dinner for the trail crew and AK Trails Executive Director.
 Project to rebuild the bridge over California Creek from Town center to Crow Creek Road has slowed in permit
 approval process. Working through getting all the permitting and approvals with Army Corps of Engineers.
 - Other Trails Issues: Cathy Giessel included Iditarod NHT info in her newsletter.
 - Trails work parties: 5 held this summer, best attended was in April. Thank you Girdwood Brewing Co for providing beer tokens!

October GTC meeting: It is noted that Barb will be out of state and unable to attend virtually.

- 8. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives:
- 9. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet

Adjourn 7:40PM