



MINUTES FINAL
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 5, 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 7PM Barb Crews

Sept 5 2023 meeting agenda approved

Brian Burnett/Deb Essex

Assent Vote

Aug 1 2023 meeting minutes approved

Kalie Harrison/Brian Burnett

Assent Vote

Announcements & Presentations: None

Introductions: No new members announced. Paul Crews and Clayton Krueger announce that they are on line and may not be seen on attendance list.

Public Comment (3 minutes each): Public Comment must be on subjects not listed on the agenda.
None

Old Business:

1. Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek Alternatives Analysis/Design Criteria Report and 35% design for review and approval
Presentation by Kyle Kelley and Holly Spoth-Torres is available in the meeting packet.
Project will return at 95% design completion for final vote. Group agrees to keep the project on the agenda as old business so that they can vote on the final design without delay. This will also provide a status update in the coming months.

Motion:

GTC moves to recommend the bridge Alternatives Analysis/Design Criteria Report at 35% design to the Girdwood Board of Supervisors for approval.

Motion by Kalie Harrison, 2nd by Paul Crews

Motion carries unanimously.

2. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media
Group agrees to promote information on invasive weeds in upcoming social media.
As part of the discussion, group reviews that in 2023 the invasive weeds program was limited to spraying with only the non-glyphosate produce, which is not as effective on orange hawkweed.
3. Review of trail work in Aug and plans for Sept
Friends of Girdwood Trails wrapped up the tread project on Deb's Way in August and moved on to work on the Middle INHT, including removing mud to expose corduroy beneath and adding netting to boardwalks.
Next project with Friends of Girdwood Trails is date TBA and will be to haul gravel in buckets to fill in low spots on the Middle INHT.
Summer Trails Crew has about 3 weeks remaining in their season. They've been focused on drainage and ditching on Abe's trail as well as work on the Middle INHT.
4. Update of Trail maps
Margaret and Kyle have a meeting scheduled on FRI to review initial map with Peter Briggs. Plan is to bring the map to the maps committee for their comments and input.

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New Business:

5. Proposed projects for Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant 2024 cycle seeking GTC recommendation for GBOS Resolution of Support:
GTC/GVSA: Middle INHT tread, drainage and bridges: see handout in the meeting packet.
Bikewood: Trails within the previously approved Bike Park Master Plan. Specific trails to be discussed at the next GTC meeting. As Bikewood plan is for new trails, they are watching the process for adoption of the Girdwood Trails Plan as this needs to be adopted by the Assembly before Bikewood can work.

Other:

6. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:
 - Trails Plan progress with Planning and Zoning and Assembly: application has been submitted to Planning & Zoning and a planner has been assigned to it. Current set up for November 6 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.
 - Outreach to vendors. Several vendors are permitted for 2023 and will require reporting/payment at the end of the year.
 - Other Trails Issues. None.
7. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives: Executive committee members will determine attendance on behalf of GTC.
8. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet

Adjourn 7:55