



Meeting Summary DRAFT

Date: November 06, 2020—6:00 – 7:30pm

Location: Via Zoom

Project: Girdwood Trails Plan Subcommittee Meeting

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Attendance

Holly Spoth-Torres (GTP Contractor), Leah Buron (Huddle AK), Jacques Boutet (TBC)

Committee Members: Ron Tenny, Deb Essex, Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian, Paul Crews, Carolyn Brodin, Eileen Halverson, Jessica Szelag, Christina Cope Hendrickson, Amanda Sassi, Nick Georgelos

Not present: Craig Schubert, Brian Burnett, Jonathan Lee

Municipal Staff Members: Kyle Kelley (MOA), Shelley Rowton (MOA HLB)

Members of the Public: Nick D'Alessio, Barbara Crews

Meeting begins 12:03pm.

Public Comments

Q: B. Crews asks for clarification on how the trails in the presentation have been classified as she notes some discrepancies between the list in the packet and the GVTMP.

HST responded that the list includes what she believes as "currently approved" in the GVTMP. She understands that the GTC has been making updates to trail classifications, but that those changes are not yet approved.

HST reads Julie Raymond-Yakoubian's comments (attached).

R. Tenny begins the workshop

HST describes how changes to the presentation have been made since distributing the packet and receiving comments from committee members. She only made changes that the group had already agreed upon or clerical changes. The goal of this workshop is for the group to agree upon more substantial changes.

Workshop

Agenda Slide-no comments

Plan Purpose Slide

HST-Changes made included changing timeline to 12-20 year plan and the inclusion of the word “natural space.”

Although there was some discussion about the specific wording and content, the group agreed to move forward as is getting feedback from the public.

Existing Conditions slide

HST-changes made included reduced amount of words on the slide.

Changes to this slide will include:

- Add “natural spaces” under bullet #2

Existing Trail System slide

HST-changed the aerial to hillshade for better legibility.

Changes to this slide will include:

- Addition of key rather than labeling individual trails.
- A method to differentiate between “winter” and “summer” routes.
- Adding Alyeska Trails

Trails Classification Definition slide

HST-explains this slide is to inform the public on the different classifications that Girdwood uses for trails.

Changes to this slide will include:

- Swap winter photo with Class 4 Lower Iditarod.

Existing Trails Classification Breakdown slide

HST-notes that the intention of the slide is to graphically represent the supply of existing trails in Girdwood by using the trails classification system. *Slide does not include Alyeska trails yet.*

HST feels like this accurately represents “approved” trails and that the point of this slide is to give the group a starting point for what type of trails they need or want to supply in the future.

Changes to this slide will include:

- This table will be simplified and decluttered.

Existing Trail Types Slide

HST-explains this slide shows most trails are multi-use and asks the committee if the information shown on this slide is important to show in the presentation. There was not consensus on what to do with this slide.

Land Ownership Slide

Changes to this slide will include:

- The word “situation” will be replaced with a different word.

Access: Trailheads & Parking slide-no comments

Parking Graphic slide-no comments

Parking slide

Changes to this slide will include:

- Add the Middle Iditarod trail parking, Hand Tram parking, and Merc parking.

Signage and Wayfinding slide-no comments

Connectivity-no comments

Stakeholder Review Process slide

Changes to this slide will include:

- Adding “natural space” system and the addition of equitable, “diverse,” and balanced...to bullet number 2.
- Adding “natural space” to bullet number 1.

Stakeholder Interviews slide

Changes to this slide will include:

- Add “designated”/Dedicated “natural spaces” to bullet number 7.

Core Values slide

HST ran a test poll with the subcommittee.

Changes will include:

- Reword the polling questions to “Are there values listed that don’t align with your values for Girdwood trails? What value/values do not align with your values?”
- CHAT BOX exercise – Are there values you feel are missing?

Vision Statement slide

The vision statement was amended to the following:

Girdwood aspires to create an interconnected, diverse, beautiful system of trails and natural spaces that well-serves the community.

Goals Slide

Although there was a lot of discussion about the goals as-presented, the goals will move forward as-is to the public for review and feedback. The polling questions will be updated to remove the question that asks the meeting attendee to pick their favorite goal.

Interactive Mapping Tutorial slide

Changes to the mapping application will include

- A bathroom icon will be added.
- Will match the natural area language to “natural spaces” for consistency.

HST asks the sub-committee if they are happy with the progress/changes made with the presentation and if they feel comfortable moving the presentation forward for the public meeting once she and K. Kelley incorporate the rest of the requested changes. Sub-committee approves.

Meeting adjourned 2pm.