

Girdwood South Townsite Subcommittee Meeting #5 – 6.25.08

Notes from Discussion

Site Tour: As a group, meeting attendees walked the north end of the South Townsite study area, and the latest draft of the Girdwood South Townsite Master Plan was discussed.

Suggestions for edits to the Plan were:

- Check the location of Nissman Pavilion and Ballfield (infield)
- Check the location of the radio station/Girdwood Community Club
- Add detail on the Phasing map (Chapter 9) to the Phase 2 listing examples of community and civic uses; match to Illustrative map, make sure the two are consistent
- Be sure to list “Girdwood Community Club” as a specific use in Phase 2. Preference for new site is as close to the creek as possible, with good line of sight to top of Alyeska for radio communications.
- Make reference in Appendix D to the location of the Girdwood Community Club (highlighted area does not come through on reproductions)
- Number the appendices, with page numbers
- Fix the location of the tennis courts and add the volleyball court
- Many people have expressed strong preference for under-road pedestrian walkway crossing Alyeska Highway at either Glacier or California creeks. Currently shown in the plan, but as a “possible option.” Please change to “strongly recommend.”
- Add the campground to the Recommended Land Use Plan map (Illustrative map)
- Clarify fire parking and make sure the fire station shows 40 spaces for volunteers
- Explain/show pedestrian side access to library
- Include the missing meeting notes from the February 20th Subcommittee Meeting
- Add disk golf to the Recommended Land Use Plan map
- Regarding references to Forest Fair – do not necessarily want the event area to be “expanded;” take out that descriptor.
- There are still some concerns with the change in character of the Girdwood South Townsite area, as well as the loss of existing cottonwoods on the site. This should be noted in the plan, and recommendations made for keeping the Townsite “green.”

Project Recap:

- What We Have Heard from You since Fall 2007: Consultants gave an overview of public input.
- Outcomes from the May Community Workshop and Public Comment – general affirmation of the plan. See meeting notes from workshop for specific comment.

Pertinent comments from these notes were highlighted at Townsite Subcommittee meeting.

- Next Steps

- A statement will be taken from the Girdwood South Townsite Subcommittee and put into a letter of support and non-objection
- A member fo the Townsite Subcommittee will give an update on the plan at the July 7 Trail Committee meeting. The platting phase of this effort will be an opportunity to plat the ROW for the Iditarod trail through this area.
- Flyers to be posted around Girdwood noting latest draft of plan and comment deadline.
- Public comments due July 14
- Consultants will make revisions to the Plan by July 14
- Lewis will introduce the plan at the GBOS Land use Committee meeting July 14
- Action on the plan will be requested from the GBOS Land use Committee August 11 (second Monday)
- The plan will be introduced to the GBOS August 18
- Action on the plan will be requested from the GBOS September 22
- The plan will be presented to the HLB advisory committee September 25
- The plan will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission in October
- The plan will be presented to the Anchorage Assembly sometime between November and January
- The plan will be vetted with various MOA departments (Planning, Parks & Recreation, Mayor's Office, etc.)