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Resolution 2019-06
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE GIRDWOOD AREA PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE, AS AN ENTITY SEPARATE FROM GOVERNMENT, TO UPDATE THE EXISTING GIRDWOOD AREA PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH MUNICIPAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION AS OUTLINED IN AMC 21.03.130.

Whereas, the community of Girdwood has been operating under the existing Girdwood Area Plan since its adoption in 1995 and many of the stated goals of that plan have come to fruition while others have expired; and

Whereas, the community of Girdwood has initiated the groundwork for the planning process in the past, including forming a Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee which completed a survey of the population in 2007 and meetings with the Municipal Planning Director and original co-chairs of the GAP Committee in 2015, when such planning was funded by the Planning Department. None of these efforts have been formally adopted by the Municipality of Anchorage as an official update of the Girdwood Area Plan; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee was originally formed as a sub-committee of the Girdwood Land Use Committee (LUC) and the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) in 2017, and has been working with the Municipality of Anchorage's Heritage Land Bank and Planning Department to create an updated Girdwood Area Plan that will be eligible for Municipal adoption; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee has been approved by the Anchorage Assembly, through Assembly Resolution 2018-176, as a suitable plan sponsor representing the broad public interest and having sufficient knowledge and skill to successfully develop the plan; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee requests a change in the relationship between LUC, GBOS and GAP, in order to achieve formal creation of an independent grassroots organization, in which LUC and GBOS are stakeholders; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee will continue to provide progress updates to LUC and GBOS throughout the process of development of the Area Plan; and

Whereas, this topic has been discussed at the Girdwood Land Use Committee, which has recommended that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors write this Resolution of Support by a vote of 10 to 0 at their regular meeting on April 8, 2019.

Therefore, The Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves their support for the effort of the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee to operate independently to update the existing plan in accordance with Municipal requirements for adoption, as guided by Girdwood residents.

Passed and approved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors by a vote of 4 to 0 on this 15th day of April, 2019.

Mike Edgington, Land Use Supervisor

Date

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