

**Municipality
of
Anchorage**



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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Jerry Fox & Mike Edgington, Co-Chairs
Eryn Boone, Christina Hendrickson, James Glover, Jr.*

**Resolution 2019-14 Amended
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR A GIRDWOOD COMMUNITY BUILDING TO BE FUNDED THROUGH
MUNICIPAL BOND AT THE SPRING 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Valley Service Area owns and maintains the two buildings located in Girdwood Park, Glacier City Hall and Little Bears Playhouse, which were built in the 1960's, have been used for a variety of purposes over the years, based on need of the community; and

WHEREAS, structural analysis of both buildings in 2011 revealed deficiencies that required immediate structural rehabilitation, significant on-going maintenance, and operational changes regarding occupancy in order to continue to be used by the community; and,

WHEREAS, despite on-going maintenance and structural work, the buildings have continued to age and degrade, and are far from conforming to municipal code requirements for their existing uses, operating only through grandfather rights; and

WHEREAS, the community of Girdwood has expressed support to replace the existing buildings with one modern, efficient structure that will also be used to provide space for community-based activities, including child care; and,

WHEREAS, such a community owned building costing approximately \$2.2 million can be bonded for and would be paid for by only Girdwood Valley Service Area property taxes over a period of 20 years at an estimated rate of .24 mills and stay within the Girdwood tax cap; and

WHEREAS, this bond proposition will be voted on in the Anchorage Areawide municipal election in April 2020; and,

WHEREAS, this idea has been presented to and was supported by the Girdwood Land Use Committee by a vote of 111 in favor, 0 opposed and 4 abstaining at their September 16, 2019 Regular meeting; and


WHEREAS, taking this action does not preclude the Girdwood Valley Service Area and/or Little Bears Playhouse, Inc from continuing to investigate and consider other opportunities for location and partnerships, which may arise; and,

WHEREAS, members of the community have expressed interest in historic preservation activities related to Glacier City Hall and Little Bears Playhouse buildings, which may include but is not necessarily limited to, having the history of the two buildings incorporated into the new community building,

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports the MOA in writing bonding language for an areawide vote in April 2020 for Girdwood to encumber and repay a municipal bond in the amount of not more than \$2.2 million to demolish the existing buildings and build one modern, efficient building that will be used to meet the community's needs.

Original resolution PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 to 0 the 21st day of October, 2019.

Amended resolution PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 4 to 0 this 18th day of November, 2019.



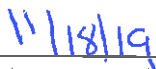
Christina Hendrickson, GBOS Parks and Rec chair



Date



Attest



Date