

**Municipality  
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Anchorage**



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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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Eryn Boone, Christina Hendrickson, James Glover, Jr.*

**Resolution 2019-18  
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors  
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT AWARD TO HUDDLE  
AK FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE  
GIRDWOOD TRAIL PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Trails Committee, a sub-committee of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors, has been advised by the Municipality of Anchorage Planning department that an overall trail plan for the valley is necessary at this time; and,

WHEREAS, there is a simultaneous ongoing effort to establish an updated Comprehensive Plan for Girdwood Valley, including for recreation, and it is imperative that the Girdwood Trails Plan and updated Comprehensive plan closely coordinate their work with stakeholders to establish a coherent community vision and associated goals for trails; and,

WHEREAS, Huddle AK has recent and ongoing professional projects in Girdwood through grassroots groups, the Municipality of Anchorage, and local businesses, each of which contributes to a unique understanding of Girdwood and the needs and concerns of the community, including:

Assistance with public outreach and coordination of public meetings on behalf of the Girdwood Area Plan Update, since 2018 and on-going,

Assistance with public outreach through the CRW Engineering contract on the Girdwood Cemetery Schematic Design (presented in 2019),

Outreach with the MOA Planning's Historic Preservation Plan (drafted and presented in 2018); and,

Managing focus group studies with Alyeska Resort (2019)

WHEREAS, Huddle AK's current and ongoing experience in Girdwood projects offers a depth of knowledge that will allow the project to move past the introductory phase and stakeholder identification to work on the real issues of the Girdwood trail plan efficiently and productively; and,

WHEREAS, Girdwood trail projects on public land, which have received approval by the Girdwood Trails Committee, are currently stalled and opportunities for funding are being missed due to lack of a

trail plan; and,

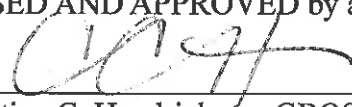
WHEREAS, Huddle AK's experience builds trust in the company's ability to successfully document and include various perspectives of the community and achieve a plan that has the support of the community as a whole, with a goal of completing the plan in time to meet the communities existing trail needs and mindful of anticipated use in the future; and,

WHEREAS, sole source contract with Huddle AK will benefit Girdwood through continuity in current planning efforts, cost saving associated due to existing understanding of the community and stakeholders, and swifter progress on creation of a long-overdue comprehensive trail plan for Girdwood; and,

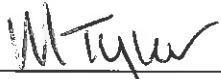
WHEREAS, the Girdwood Trails Committee has recommended this Resolution of Support by a vote of 9 in favor, 1 opposed and 6 abstaining at their regular meeting on November 5, 2019;

THEREFORE, Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves support for Huddle AK to be awarded a sole source contract of \$48,500 to be paid by Girdwood property taxpayers for work on public engagement and writing of a trail plan to guide future trail development in Girdwood.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 4 to 0 this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

  
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Christina C. Hendrickson, GBOS Parks and Recreation Supervisor

20 Nov 19  
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Attest

11/20/19  
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