

June 27, 2019

Kyle Kelley
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Dear Mr. Kelley,

We would like to name the baseball field in Girdwood in memory of Sladen Mohl, a beloved member of the community who was tragically killed this spring at the age of 19. Like many kids growing up in Girdwood, Sladen was involved in many activities, but baseball became the activity he fell in love with. Sladen played every year on the Girdwood Little League team and worked hard to be one of the star players. He continued to play on the South Anchorage High School baseball team where he also helped coach and mentor young players at baseball camps. Sladen was recruited by Lewis and Clark State College his freshman year. While playing for the Anchorage Bucs, Sladen got to know the coach at El Camino Community College in California and transferred there as their starting catcher.



While in Girdwood, Sladen attended Girdwood School from k-8, we was involved in Girdwood Cub Scouts and attended the Girdwood Chapel. He was a good role model for many kids in Girdwood, not just because he was a standout baseball player, but also because of his outstanding character. Sladen was simply a nice guy who was dedicated to his family and friends. He worked extremely hard at baseball, school, and basically every task that came his way. To commemorate this outstanding young man, we would like to name the baseball field the "Sladen J. Mohl Memorial Field." In addition, we would like to erect a sign by the field to recognize this. The sign would likely be made out of wood, similar to other signs throughout Girdwood (ie soccer field and Lions Park). Funds to design, construct, and install the sign would be raised by community members with help from Girdwood Little League and friends and family of Sladen.

Sincerely,

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Girdwood Community Building Bond proposal – Girdwood: The existing Little Bears building and Glacier City Hall (Old Fire Station) facilities were built in the 1960’s and have been repurposed many times. They are now past their prime and need to be replaced with a more efficient, safe, modern building that meets the community’s needs. The Little Bears building is under-size for its use as a child care facility and is substandard in electrical, plumbing and kitchen and laundry facilities. There is no modern security access system and no room to add security door to limit access from those who do not belong in the building. Both buildings have been determined to pose a strong risk from roof collapse if snow is allowed to build up on roof. In response to Gravity Load Analysis report by engineering firm USKH requested by MOA Facility and Fleet Maintenance in 2011, Little Bears is required to clear snow from roof when snow fall meets 6” in accumulation, and garage building occupancy is not more than three people. Little Bears is not allowed in to the building if snow has not been removed from roof. Alternate locations have been considered, however research has shown that there are no existing structures that meet the requirements for a child care facility; there limited available developable land in the Girdwood valley; available land is not in desirable location for a child care facility with respect to existing services and infrastructure, such as the library, playground, etc; and the cost to purchase property and develop it is prohibitively high. Little Bears will need to find alternate location for the duration of demolition and construction. Location for warm storage of equipment currently in the garage will need to be found elsewhere on a permanent basis.

It is the intent of the Girdwood community to build a new facility in the existing location at 154 Egloff Road to house a community owned building that can used by the Little Bears Playhouse program. The existing little Bears building and old Fire Station (Glacier City Hall) would be demolished. The hope is that the building will be built by the community of Girdwood through municipal bonding, and be owned by the Girdwood Valley Service Area, Municipality of Anchorage as the current facility is. Taxpayers in Girdwood would pay for the cost of bonding. The community owned building will be compliant with code requirements for a Child Care Facility, and will also be able to hold community functions and public gatherings. The existing facility is 2130 sq. ft.; the proposed facility is 3955 sq. ft.

Bond funding would pay for the following estimated budget:

• Demolition, Building and Site construction	\$1,450,000.00
• A/E Design and Engineering	\$116,000.00
• Construction Administration	\$145,000.00
• Fixtures & Equipment	\$80,000.00
• Permits/Utilities/Entitlements/Inspections/Admin	\$60,000.00
• Project Contingency	\$250,000.00
• Total Project Budget	\$2,101,000.00

