Resolution 2020-02
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

Resolution of Support for the
Municipality of Anchorage Planning Department, and Historic
Preservation Commission (HPC), Application for an Historic
Preservation Fund Grant for Certified Local Governments (CLG)
for a Girdwood Survey and Inventory Study

WHEREAS, Girdwood is a community with many layers of history and significance including Pre-Contact
Alaska Native occupation, European exploration, mineral resource extraction, transportation infrastructure, and
recreation; and,

WHEREAS, one of the responsibilities of a CLG is to conduct surveys of historic resources and develop
inventories thereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Comprehensive Plan includes Policy 51, “the Municipality shall define
Anchorage’s historic buildings and sites and develop a conservation strategy”, and the Plan Principal to,
“Conserve Anchorage’s heritage of historic buildings and sites”; and,

WHEREAS, there is not a comprehensive understanding of cultural and historic resources in Girdwood, but the
Municipality of Anchorage has begun a draft context statement and windshield survey for Girdwood; and,

WHEREAS, historic and cultural resource surveys inform development and land use planning in communities,
and Imagine Girdwood are working on a new area plan; and,

WHEREAS, Historic Preservation has been a topic discussed at recent Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS)
and GBOS Land Use Committee meetings; and,

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission, with the support of the Girdwood Parks and Recreation,
hosted an informational booth at the 2019 Girdwood School PTA Holiday Bazaar and received thirty-three
comments on significant places in Girdwood, forty-seven comments on proposed historic preservation methods
for the Girdwood Community Buildings, and contact information of fifteen community members interested in
discussing historic preservation broadly in Girdwood; and,

WHEREAS, the survey effort will include interviews with local community members and student involvement;
and,
WHEREAS, the GBOS and participating community members will continue to support Historic Preservation efforts by providing additional historic and cultural information, including working to complete the draft historic context statement that will be part of the survey project; and,

WHEREAS, with this resolution the GBOS vote in support of the grant application by the Municipal Planning Department for a CLG grant to assist in funding for the survey project.

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors strongly support the MOA HPC’s grant application to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources Office of History and Archaeology to conduct a cultural and historic resource survey for the Girdwood Area.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 4 to 0 this 27th day of January, 2020.

Mike Edginton, GBOS Land Use Chair

Attest

1/27/2020

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