Resolution 2022-18
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR GIRDWOOD COMMUNITY LAND TRUST GROUND LEASE FOR GIRDWOOD SOUTH TOWNSITE TR G-6

Whereas, the Girdwood community has expressed a desire for land in Girdwood Valley to be managed for the benefit of the local community; and

Whereas, Girdwood Community Land Trust has been formed to hold and locally manage land for community needs; and

Whereas, a 55-year lease has been suggested by Heritage Land Bank on HLB parcel 6-076 (legal description GIRDWOOD SOUTH TOWNSITE TR G-6) to begin a partnership and path forward for Girdwood Community Land Trust to reach goals and objectives; and

Whereas, ownership of the land best meets the goals of any Land Trust and provides better options for financing future development; and

Whereas, Girdwood Community Land Trust, Little Bears Playhouse and Girdwood Inc. have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to advance a Girdwood Workforce Childcare project and have been awarded $1.6m from ARPA funding by the Municipality of Anchorage to start the project; and

Whereas, a suitable location has been identified in the Girdwood South Townsite Master Plan for Little Bears under Phase II of the South Township Master Plan, due to its central location near other community facilities; and

Whereas, the intent is for Girdwood Community Land Trust to provide a sublease to Little Bears Playhouse for a 2.5 acre area or assist in a 2.5 acre lot to be subdivided and transferred to Little Bears Playhouse as fee-simple real estate; and

Whereas, the childcare facility would be Girdwood Community Land Trust’s Phase I project; and

Whereas, Girdwood Community Land Trust would seek additional resolutions of support for future phases; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Land Use Committee has recommended this Resolution of Support by a vote of 26 in favor, 0 opposed and 6 abstaining at their regular meeting on September 12, 2022;
Therefore, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves support for Girdwood Community Land Trust to contract with Heritage Land Bank for a 55-year lease agreement for Girdwood South Townsite Tract G-6, with the intent of eventual Girdwood Community Land Trust ownership of the tract.

And therefore GBOS resolves its support for relocation of a new Little Bears Playhouse building on a 2.5 acre section of this tract.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 to 0 this 19th day of September 2022.

Mike Edgington, Land Use Supervisor, GBOS  
September 19, 2022  
Date

Attest