RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE GIRDWOOD AREA PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE, TO UPDATE THE EXISTING GIRDWOOD AREA PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH MUNICIPAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION, AS GUIDED BY GIRDWOOD RESIDENTS AND TO RECOGNIZE THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN AS A VAVIEABLE RESOURCE FOR SHAPING AND INFORMING THE AREA PLAN.

Whereas, the community of Girdwood has been operating under the existing Girdwood Area Plan since its adoption in 1995 and many of the stated goals of that plan have come to fruition while others have expired; and

Whereas, the community of Girdwood has initiated the groundwork for the planning process in the past, including forming a Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee which completed a survey of the population in 2007 and meetings with the Municipal Planning Director and current co-chairs of the GAP Committee in 2015, when such planning was funded by the Planning Department. None of these efforts have been formally adopted by the Municipality of Anchorage as an official update of the Girdwood Area Plan; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee was formed as a sub-committee of the Girdwood Land Use Committee and the Girdwood Board of Supervisors in 2017, and has been working with the Municipality of Anchorage’s Heritage Land Bank and Planning Department to create an updated Girdwood Area Plan that will be eligible for Municipal adoption; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee’s outreach group will initiate a strategic community engagement campaign, starting in February 2018, which includes social media campaign and polling, focus groups, outreach at local gathering areas, community survey and a community charrette for the purpose of engaging as many in our population as possible; and

Whereas, this topic has been discussed at the Girdwood Land Use Committee, which has recommended that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors write a Resolution of Support by a vote of 13 to 0 at their regular meeting on March 12, 2018.

Therefore, The Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves their support for the effort of the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee to update the existing plan in accordance with Municipal requirements for adoption, as guided by Girdwood residents.

Passed and approved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors by a vote of 5 to 0 on this 19th day of March, 2018.

Mike Edgington, Land Use Supervisor  Date

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