

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2021-140**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY
AUTHORIZING GIRDWOOD, INC. AND IMAGINE! GIRDWOOD, THE
SUCCESSOR OF THE GIRDWOOD AREA PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE, TO
PROCEED WITH DEVELOPMENT OF AN UPDATE OF THE GIRDWOOD AREA
PLAN (ADOPTED 1995) AS APPROVED SPONSORS AS REQUIRED BY
ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SUBSECTIONS 21.03.070B. AND
21.03.130A.2.b.**

WHEREAS, the Assembly amended Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) Title 21 to authorize development of Neighborhood and District Plans by citizen groups that are approved by the Assembly to establish policy guidance, including implementation and approval procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee, formed as a sub-committee of the Girdwood Land Use Committee and the Girdwood Board of Supervisors, is tasked to proceed with the development of an update to the Girdwood Area Plan adopted February 28, 1995, As Amended (AO 94-238(S)); and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly passed and approved AR 2018-176 authorizing the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee, in partnership with Girdwood, Inc., to proceed as sponsor under the provisions of AMC 21.03.070B. and 21.03.130A.2.b. with development of the Girdwood Area Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee and Girdwood, Inc. successfully partnered to execute a strategic community engagement campaign, including focus groups, a community-wide survey and subsequent town hall meeting, which engaged a substantial proportion of the resident population and other property owners of Girdwood to elicit the community's preliminary vision; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 2019-06 (attached) allowing separation of the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee from the formal governmental structure of the Girdwood Valley Service Area, to better reflect that the Service Area is but one among a broader set of community stakeholders and should not be the controlling body; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee changed its operating name to Imagine! Girdwood to better reflect the mission and purpose of the project; and

WHEREAS, Imagine! Girdwood, in partnership with Girdwood Inc. with broad public engagement, has successfully developed a set of Visions, Goals and Policies, that form the core of the new Girdwood Area Plan, presented them to the Girdwood community through a virtual meeting and online story map, solicited extensive public comment and incorporated the feedback into a revised set of Visions, Goals and

1 Policies; and
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3 **WHEREAS**, Imagine! Girdwood maintains the same partnership with Girdwood Inc.
4 a close relationship with the public bodies of Girdwood, and a close working
5 collaboration with the Heritage Land Bank and Planning department; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Heritage Land Bank and the Planning Department have been
8 engaged with the Girdwood community for the benefit of the Girdwood Area Plan
9 Update and support this proposed Resolution; now, therefore

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11 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY**

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13 **Section 1.** That Imagine! Girdwood, as the direct successor of the Girdwood Area
14 Plan Update Committee, and in partnership with Girdwood, Inc., is hereby
15 authorized to proceed as sponsor under the provisions of AMC 21.03.070B. and
16 21.03.130A.2.b. with development of the Girdwood Area Plan Update, supported by
17 the appropriate municipal agencies.
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19 **Section 2.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and
20 approval by the Assembly.
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23 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 27th day of April, 2021.
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Chair

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34 Municipal Clerk
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36 Attachment: Girdwood Board of Supervisors Resolution 2019-06

**Municipality
of
Anchorage**



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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Jerry Fox & Robert Snitzer, Co-Chairs
Eryn Boone, Mike Edgington, Christina Hendrickson

Resolution 2019-06
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE GIRDWOOD AREA PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE, AS AN ENTITY SEPARATE FROM GOVERNMENT, TO UPDATE THE EXISTING GIRDWOOD AREA PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH MUNICIPAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION AS OUTLINED IN AMC 21.03.130.

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 original 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 originally formed as a sub-committee of the Girdwood Land Use Committee (LUC) and the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) 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 has been approved by the Anchorage Assembly, through Assembly Resolution 2018-176, as a suitable plan sponsor representing the broad public interest and having sufficient knowledge and skill to successfully develop the plan; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee requests a change in the relationship between LUC, GBOS and GAP, in order to achieve formal creation of an independent grassroots organization, in which LUC and GBOS are stakeholders; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee will continue to provide progress updates to LUC and GBOS throughout the process of development of the Area Plan; and

Whereas, this topic has been discussed at the Girdwood Land Use Committee, which has recommended that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors write this Resolution of Support by a vote of 10 to 0 at their regular meeting on April 8, 2019.

Therefore, The Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves their support for the effort of the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee to operate independently 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 4 to 0 on this 15th day of April, 2019.


Mike Edgington, Land Use Supervisor Date 4/17/19


Margaret Egan
Witness