

Municipality of Anchorage

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Resolution 2024-03 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO SUBMIT THE GIRDWOOD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVISED DRAFT AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the current Municipality of Anchorage Comprehensive Plan has four top level elements covering distinct localities across the Municipality:

- Anchorage Bowl 2020 Comprehensive Plan (2001), partially updated by the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan (2017)
- Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan (2006)
- Turnagain Arm Comprehensive Plan (2009)
- Girdwood Area Plan (1995); and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Area Plan is the oldest of these documents and several prior attempts to update the plan have been unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) formed the Girdwood Area Plan Update Committee to develop an updated Girdwood Area Plan, as authorized by Anchorage Assembly Resolution AR 2018-176; and

WHEREAS, due to the identification of a lack of planning powers in Girdwood Valley Service Area (GVSA) and the related inability for GVSA to hold funds for the plan revision project, the non-profit Imagine!Girdwood was formed to direct and manage development through a new Girdwood Comprehensive Plan, with formal authorization under Anchorage Assembly Resolution AR 2021-140; and

WHEREAS, Imagine!Girdwood has undertaken extensive community engagement, including four community-wide Town Halls to seek feedback and inform the public, regularly presenting updates at local community meetings and holding over 50 publicly-noticed regular monthly meetings; and

WHEREAS, Imagine!Girdwood presented and published the initial community survey results, the distillation of community survey and focus groups into a Vision Policy and Goals document, initial and updated reports on existing conditions and housing & economic analyses, preliminary Land Use Map alternates, and a Public Review Draft of the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan with a subsequent local Public Comment process; and

WHEREAS, in response to over 400 Public Comments on the Review Draft, Imagine!Girdwood published a Revised Draft on April 24, 2024, the version of the Plan currently under GBOS consideration; and

WHEREAS, GBOS may provide additional formal comments and recommendations during the MOA application process as part of the Planning and Zoning Commission and/or Anchorage Assembly Public Hearings.

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves that the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan Revised Draft reflects extensive community engagement and supports the submission of the plan as a substantial amendment to the MOA Comprehensive Plan.

Resolution of Support for the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan Revised Draft is recommended by the Girdwood Land Use Committee by a vote of 27 in favor, 0 opposed and 5 abstaining in the GBOS LUC Joint Special meeting on April 29, 2024.

Resolution of Support is passed and approved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors concurrently by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

Jennifer Wingard

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GBOS Co-Chair and Land Use Supervisor

Margaret Tyler

Attest