MidTown Community Council

Resolution 2016-6

VetVillageAK

Whereas the Municipality of Anchorage has, for well over a decade, attempted to address the growing homeless problem obvious not only in the downtown area but now across mid-town; and

Whereas the MidTown CC has reviewed the proposal now being presented to Community Councils in advance of the Veteran's Foundation presentation to the Assembly for their support; and

Whereas we believe that unlike other ideas, the VetVillageAK requirement for work and their provision of jobs in or close to the Village is in the long term best interest of those homeless veterans who are residents of the Village; and

Whereas the funding source for this project has been appropriately identified as about $20M a year in alcohol tax receipts by the state that are now NOT applied to the homeless challenge when so many are alcoholics; and

Whereas the Village is also providing up to 25% of its cabins to non-veterans to help discarded families of veterans due to divorce or death; and

Whereas the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs are strongly in support of this project; therefore,

We the members of the Anchorage MidTown Community Council wish to go on record in strong support of VetVillageAK, a project of the Alaska Veterans Foundation, Inc. and call upon the Anchorage Assembly and our Mayor to strongly support it when presented to the Legislature during the upcoming legislative session.

Approved on August 10, 2016. Vote: 7 yes 0 no

Peggy Robinson

Signed: _____, President