Turnagain Community Council Resolution

No. 2019-03

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ANCHORAGE INTERNATIONAL ROTARY CLUB'S ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION CHALLENGE GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO INSTALL A 100-FOOT ZIPLINE IN BALTO SEPPALA PARK IN TURNAGAIN

WHEREAS, the Turnagain Community Council (TCC) is an all-volunteer, self-governing neighborhood organization recognized in the Municipality of Anchorage Charter; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of community councils is to provide direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Park Foundation (APF) is accepting applications for its 2019 Challenge Grant program, where community organizations can apply for parks and trails project funding; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage International Rotary Club is a community-based organization that serves the Anchorage community with the goal of improving quality of life for its residents in numerous ways, including donations and time to charitable organizations, financing park amenities and park clean up and beautification projects, and working with schools on a variety of activities and projects; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage International Rotary Club, who currently provides periodic trash collection along Wisconsin St. bordering Balto Seppala Park, is proposing to add a 100-foot zipline to Balto Seppala Park to enhance the play and recreational opportunities at this park and is applying for a 2019 APF Challenge Grant to provide funding toward the purchase and installation of this zipline; and

WHEREAS, the installation of a zipline for younger children at the Kiwanis Fish Creek Park in Turnagain has proven to be very popular and is heavily used by neighborhood children; and a zipline located in Balto Seppala Park would serve the children attending nearby Turnagain Elementary and Lake Hood Elementary Schools, with 800 students, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage International Rotary Club is asking Turnagain Community Council to express our support of this organization's 2019 APF Challenge Grant application for funding to advance the purchase and installation of a 100-foot zipline at Balto Seppala Park;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Turnagain Community Council supports the Anchorage International Rotary Club's submittal for a 2019 Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant application to provide initial funding for the purchase and installation of a 100-foot zipline at Balto Seppala Park, with the understanding that the Anchorage International Rotary Club would collaborate with the Parks Department and TCC to determine the appropriate location for the zipline as well as the specifics of who would be responsible for installation and maintenance of this park amenity.

RESOLUTION PASSED by the Turnagain Community Council at its regularly scheduled meeting this 4th day of April, 2019, by a vote of YES /3 No ...

Cathy L. Gleason, Turnagain Community Council President