Turnagain Community Council Resolution

No. 2019-02

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BEST BEGINNINGS' ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION CHALLENGE GRANT APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES IN DIDLIKA PARK, KIWANIS FISH CREEK PARK, AND LLOYD STEELE 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 project funding related to parks and trails; and

WHEREAS, Best Beginnings, a public-private partnership, mobilizes people and resources to ensure all Alaska children begin school ready to succeed by promoting increased early literacy and providing increased access to books; and

WHEREAS, Best Beginnings has identified 50 parks and trails within the Anchorage area based on places young children frequent, including three parks in Turnagain: Didlika Park, Kiwanis Fish Creek Park and Lloyd Steele Park, and is applying for a 2019 APF Challenge Grant to coordinate installation of little free libraries in these parks; and

WHEREAS, the officially registered little free libraries would be stocked annually with titles from the Anchorage Imagination Library as books are available, geared toward children under the ages of 5; and

WHEREAS, Best Beginnings will work with local businesses, community councils and volunteer organizations to help install and maintain the libraries in exchange for public recognition — much like the adopt-a-road and -trail programs, and is asking Turnagain Community Council to express our support of the Best Beginnings 2019 APF Challenge Grant application for little free library funding for the three above-identified Turnagain parks;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Turnagain Community Council supports Best Beginnings submitting a 2019 Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant application for little free libraries funding for Didlika Park, Kiwanis Fish Creek Park and Lloyd Steele Park, with the understanding that Best Beginnings would collaborate with the Parks Department and TCC to determine the appropriate locations for the little free libraries as well as the specifics of who would be responsible for installation and maintenance of these park amenities.

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

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