

Resolution

WHEREAS Didlika Park is a municipal park of historical significance located in the Turnagain area of West Anchorage;

WHEREAS Didlika Park is used by residents throughout the community;

WHEREAS the park in recent years has fallen into disrepair and is in need of significant refurbishing;

WHEREAS effort began in 1999 and a project has been defined to upgrade the playground, construct a path, replace the fence around the perimeter, beautify the surroundings, and install a landmark that recognizes the park's historical significance;

WHEREAS the Anchorage Park Foundation was formed to advance parks and other recreation opportunities that enhance the quality of life for all residents and visitors to Anchorage;

WHEREAS the goals of the Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant campaign is to improve parks and trails according to community priorities, engage groups to participate to improve parks and trails increasing community ownership, and highlight partnerships and accomplishments for the purpose of public education and program recognition;

WHEREAS community councils may apply for a matching Challenge grant from \$500 to \$40,000, including a one-to-one match requirement that may be met through volunteer time or in-kind services, for projects that take place in a municipal park, be completed by 2007, and benefit the public;

WHEREAS the Turnagain Community Council has dedicated funds and intends to provide volunteer time to satisfy the match requirement;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Turnagain Community Council fully endorses the project as defined above, and respectfully requests the Anchorage Park Foundation to favorably consider the application of the Friends of Didlika Park neighborhood group.

Mark C. Wiggin Feb. 17, 2006

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