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Government Hill Community Council

Resolution in Support of the Anchorage Curling Club Remaining in the Neighborhood Resolution 2024-001

WHEREAS, Harvard Park was first leased from the Alaska Railroad in 1961; and

WHEREAS, a number of buildings in Harvard Park formerly used by the Railroad have been adapted for recreational use; and

WHEREAS, since the 1950s the Anchorage Curling Club has operated in a building located in Harvard Park; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Curling Club is now and has been an important anchor for the recreational activities within Harvard Park; and

WHEREAS, the Government Hill community is proud to host the only curling facility in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Curling Club currently operates two sheets of ice but desires to expand to add additional sheets of ice; and

WHEREAS, the Government Hill Parks Plan calls for evaluating facility needs in Harvard Park to meet Curling Club goals for expansion as an anchor to an Urban Winter Sports park (ice skating, sledding, cross country skiing and snow shoeing on our looped trail system along the greenbelt bluff with expansive views of downtown, the port, and the upper cook inlet, free snow play area for small children, bistro with outdoor seating and fire pits, etc.) ; and

WHEREAS, the demolition in 2019 of the Square and Round Dance Center in Harvard Park opened new space for potential expansion of the Curling Club; and

WHEREAS, the previous water and sewer service to the Square and Round Dance Center likely still exist below ground and electrical service connections are nearby; and

WHEREAS, Harvard Park contains approximately 100 parking spaces available to Curling Club patrons; and

WHEREAS, the Government Hill Parks Plan contains an implementation strategy to work with appropriate municipal entities to consider renovations to the Curling Club building in Harvard Park to meet user group needs; and

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WHEREAS, the associated support of our Assembly members beyond our Parks Plan meets the community goals and objectives of our Neighborhood Plan, not only recreationally but also providing growth and stability economically; now

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government Hill Community Council enthusiastically supports and encourages the Anchorage Curling Club to continue to explore all opportunities available within Harvard Park to meet the Curling Club's expansion needs and integration with an Urban Winter Sports Park and continue to use Government Hill as its center of operations.

Motion passed unanimously.

Votes:

13 Yea 0 Nay 0 Abstain

Signed:

Jody Sola, President

Dated: January 18, 2024