



Memorandum

TO: Vail Town Council

FROM: Community Development Department

DATE: August 7, 2018

SUBJECT: Proposed Playhouse at Betty Ford Alpine Gardens, Permission to Proceed

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

The Betty Ford Alpine Gardens, represented by Nannette Kuich, Education Director, request permission to proceed through the Design Review process to place an 8' x 8' playhouse structure in Ford Park near the Schoolhouse Museum and Gift Shop. The playhouse will be used as a kids' farmers market in conjunction with the existing Children's Garden to help kids better understand their source of food. The applicant requests permission to proceed through the Design Review Board process.

It should be noted that the Vail Town Council is not being asked to approve the improvements, their location or design, but rather to authorize the applicant to move forward with a planning application that utilizes town owned property for commercial uses.

II. BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL

The existing playhouse structure was built as part of the Vail Board of Realtors and Town of Avon Playhouse Project, a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. The structure was donated to the Betty Ford Alpine Gardens by the Vail Board of Realtors. The playhouse structure is proposed to be placed on the south side of the Schoolhouse, and is within the boundary of the current lease area.

Please refer to the applicant's narrative (Attachment A), and site photos (Attachment B). The project was reviewed by the Design Review Board on August 1, 2018.

III. ACTION REQUESTED

The Community Development Department requests that the Town Council evaluate the proposal to utilize Town of Vail property for the purpose of installing a playhouse structure near the Schoolhouse Museum and Gift Shop. This utilization of Town of Vail property would be subject to the terms of the existing lease agreement with the Betty Ford Alpine Gardens.

The Community Development Department recommends that the Vail Town Council instructs Town Staff to:

- Sign the development application on behalf of the property owner and permit the project to proceed through the development review process for the proposed improvement.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

- A. Applicant's Narrative
- B. Property photos