

Project Statement for 10 Friendship Ln.

For submittal to city planning application to divide 10 Friendship Lane

- 1) The Intent to divide 10 Friendship lane (legal desc: LOT 5 BLK D GARDEN OF THE GODS-MESA DEVELOPMENT ADD 2) and create two separate tracts, tract 1 and tract two, which are illustrated on the next page. The intent is to create a separate tract (tract one) which will be a narrow (approximately 10 feet wide) tract of land to allow for permeant access to Pioneer Park. The tract once approved will be donated/dedicated to the City Parks Department, who has already reviewed and is supportive of this plan.
- 2) Based on the review Criteria the proposed project to divide 10 Friendship Lane the proposed division of 10 Friendship lane will promote health, safety and the general welfare of the citizens of Colorado Springs, by...
 - a. Encouraging healthy living environment by allowing for a safe, low-stress walkable access to a public park, by removing the barrier of entry (crossing private property) from the east
 - b. This new tract creates a legal access which has been used by school children to walk and ride their bikes to Holmes Middle School and Coronado High School for 50 plus years
 - c. Promotes healthy living by creating a walkable access, which encourages exercise with the park and getting to and from the park without having to drive
 - d. This access also reduced stress by allowing for a shorter, safer walk able route to many everyday conveniences, such as a grocery store (King Soopers), dental clinic, restaurants, UPS store etc.
 - e. Reduces traffic by allowing for more low stress walkable routes for school children reducing the need for parents to drive children to school
 - f. Increases safe and convenient pedestrian access within our community
 - g. The path will be made of a porous material to allow for ground water absorption and is located on a level lot which will help storm water seep into the ground
 - h. The creation of this access allows for a connection between the Mesa Open Space behind Holmes Middle School and the neighborhoods to the west of Mesa Rd with having to travel along the Fillmore./Fontmore St.
- 3) Pre-application issues have brought to the attention of the owner/applicant
 - a. Some adjacent neighbors do not want pedestrians traffic close to their property
 - b. We have collected over 200 signatures of support for this permanent access path from the surrounding neighbors.
 - c. Surrounding neighbors have donated nearly \$5,000 to help make this access a reality.
 - d. The City Parks department is supportive of this access path and has already agreed to maintain it as a permeant addition to the park.
 - e. We have received five letters of endorsement from local non-profits in support of this access including; Trails and Open Space Coalition, Bike Colorado Springs, Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates, Kids on Bikes (whom has been willing to partner on a National Safe Routes to School Grant).
 - f. This access has been used by school children to walk to school for decades as a shorter and much safer route to school than Fillmore St.