

## Van Nimwegen, Hannah

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**From:** Wini KLEIN <WKlein636@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2017 4:33 PM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah  
**Cc:** Eric V  
**Subject:** Pioneer Park Pathway -comments

Hi Hannah,

I am unable to attend the 9/21 meeting concerning the above, but would like to comment on how lovely this little pathway is and how well it is maintained. I walk past this little trail almost every day. It is so much cleaner than the unsightly, trodden down paths made by trespassers who tromped through this property before the path's construction. Before then it was very littered and the fence was always cut after it was repaired. I commend those who saw an avenue by which this problem could be alleviated and this property respected as well. It has improved the visual effect, the safety, and reduced to one, all the many "paths", keeping the intrusion on this property to a bare minimum. Additionally, I have yet to see that it has had any effect on increasing the parking, traffic, noise or crime.

I thought this was all settled...

Wini Klein,

a neighbor who lives down Panorama Dr.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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**From:** Alan Cook <alc17511@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2017 7:23 AM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah  
**Subject:** Regarding File Number: AR PFP 17-00246

I live on Friendship Lane and am writing this letter in support of the path being discussed in the above file. I have lived in the neighborhood for 7 years and use this access twice per day, every day. It is one of the many pleasures of living in this neighborhood to have access to the park to walk my dog daily.

I know that there were initial concerns from some residents regarding increases in traffic and parking issues. I want to mention that this access has actually existed long before I became a resident in the neighborhood, and none of the concerns that have been mentioned have actually seemed apparent. I see occasional walking and bicycling through the path of folks going to Holmes Jr. High in the morning and afternoon, which I suspect lowers, if anything, automobile traffic on our street by parents dropping off or collecting their children from school.

The completed path actually directs users effectively to stay on the path and to avoid other property boundaries. It is also aesthetically pleasing and a valuable addition to the neighborhood. It markedly improved the quality of the fence line on the north boundary of the property, which had fallen into some disrepair.

I believe that this is a pro-active and pro-social way to continue to create park access for our neighborhood, as well as to provide safe and easy passage of children to school, without adding to neighborhood automobile congestion from parents who would otherwise be inclined to drive to let them off and pick them up. I'm really grateful to the property owners for taking the time and financial resources to enhance our neighborhood in this way.

Thank you,  
Alan



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**From:** Georgia Thompson <gthompson71513@q.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2017 4:20 PM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah  
**Cc:** Eric V.; Patti Freudenburg  
**Subject:** Support for Pioneer Park Pathway - Tolerance Trail

We have lived on Panorama Drive for 44 years. During all these years, the path from Pioneer Park to Friendship Lane has been well-used by many. Our sons who are now in their 40s used this as a safer way to get to Holmes Middle School and Coronado High School. We have used it in walks through the neighborhood rather than walking on Fillmore. The recent improvements to the path, the fence, and the flowers benefit the neighborhood. We are very supportive of the pathway project.

Tom & Georgia Thompson  
712 Panorama Drive  
Colo. Springs, CO 80904

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**From:** Dee Nelson <DLNelson1@Comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:06 PM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah  
**Subject:** support for Tolerance Trail

Hi Hannah,

I am a resident of the neighborhood and cannot attend the meeting on Thursday, September 21. I live at 26 Crescent Lane. We moved into the neighborhood 30 years ago and our children have enjoyed Pioneer Park for all these years. Now our grandchildren are enjoying the park and the playground. We are delighted that the Tolerance Trail has been built and it is an asset to our neighborhood. I have not seen increased traffic or crime, in fact with kids walking to Holmes Middle School and their parents not driving to get them, there is less traffic.

There was a flyer sent to our home titled "Friendship for a Better Path." I did not agree with the points that were made. The first point about "if this is to become a public path, then rezone .... or keep the path private." I do believe that this path already is a public path! Secondly, as far as "allow reasonable setbacks for all path improvement on the northern and western boundaries," this has obviously been accomplished. Third point, why "reconfigure" a path that has been well-established by countless people over all these years? It has been blocked, etc. in the past and the kids always find a way to cut the fence, etc. and walk the path to school. Fourth point, we really do NOT need "no parking, stopping, standing or loitering" signs posted on both sides of Friendship Lane to the Crescent Lane intersection, nor do we need point five, "solar digital speed sign on the City property to slow traffic from school events or park events." Lastly, "evaluate the trail for ADA compliance." I would imagine this has already been done.

Thank you for accepting my input and listening to my opinion.

Sincerely,  
Dee Nelson

## Van Nimwegen, Hannah

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**From:** Mindy Mahler <mindy.mahler74@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 10:39 AM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah; Patti  
**Subject:** Tolerance Trail

Sept. 18, 2017

To whom it may concern:

As a resident of the Friendship Lane/Crescent Lane neighborhood for 26 years, I want to voice my support for the Tolerance Trail, connecting Friendship Lane to Pioneer Park. My family and I have used the trail many times, over the last 26 years, to access the park, playground, and neighborhood to the west. The trail across a vacant lot has existed in many forms over the years, as well as many years before I moved into the neighborhood. In my memory, the trail has always been there! Many neighbors, children, and students (to access a safe, shorter walking route to Holmes Middle School) from the Pioneer Park/Panorama neighborhood, as well as my neighbors on Friendship Lane have used that trail over 30+ years.

This summer many improvements have been made to the trail (landscaping and fencing) by the current owners of the lot, incurring costs for materials, and also using much of their own labor as well as the labor of many supportive neighbors. Those improvements can only encourage respect for the property, regarding littering and vandalism. The trail benefits our residents, as a legal, public access to Pioneer Park, and will encourage young families to purchase homes, as they become available for sale, in our unique, intergenerational neighborhood called Friendship Lane. I also look forward to enjoying the park and playground with my grandchildren in years to come. The park is a treasure if we value it, and make it available to all.

Sincerely,

Mindy Mahler  
4 Friendship Lane

## Van Nimwegen, Hannah

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**From:** Margaret Black <blackmargaret66@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 17, 2017 9:40 PM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah; Eric V.; Patti Freudenburg  
**Subject:** Tolerance Trail

I am writing to you today to express my support for the trail from Friendship Lane to Pioneer Park. This trail is important to our community because it provides a safer route for people walking, or bicycling from the area around Holme Middle School to the streets around Pioneer Park. those being, Pioneer, Crowne Ridge Panorama, and Cenotaph. The impact of the path for the community is an enhancement in the well-being of all who use it as well as creating an atmosphere of consideration and respect for all. My husband and I use the trail regularly and appreciate that it literally connects all of the people in our area to one another as there are many residents with whom we find a connection. Having lived most of my life in a more remote urban area with very few trails and parks to speak of we do not take these amenities for granted. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for working hard for us so we can safely use these trails to walk and ride our bikes. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the folks who have created the trail and worked hard to make it a permanent part of our community. The path is really beautiful and alleviates many traffic headaches on the corner of Friendship and Mesa road as it provides a definitive and logical route for pedestrians and bicyclists from Friendship Lane to the park.

Sincerely

Margaret and Tim Black

## Van Nimwegen, Hannah

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**From:** Mary Harrow <drharrow@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 16, 2017 9:06 AM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah  
**Subject:** Tolerance Trail

Dear Ms. Van Nimwegen,

Good day to you.

I was a resident at Crescent Lane for a year after the Waldo Canyon Fire, and used the Tolerance Trail to access Pioneer Park.

I support the "Tolerance Trail" as all parks and open space require access for public use.

While the parks in my new neighborhood may increase traffic and other inherent risks, we as a society require understanding, adaptation, and adjustment to community and all the benefits and risks that community brings.

The trail has been beautifully marked and adorned, and that in and of itself, is a benefit to the neighborhood. I hope that the City Planners agree, and look forward to hearing from you, if you request further input from me.

Thanks for listening,

Mary Harrow, DO  
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Colorado Springs, CO 80907  
719.331.9711

## Van Nimwegen, Hannah

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**From:** JEANINE DAVIDSON <davidson1151@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2017 12:35 PM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah  
**Cc:** adoptpioneerpark@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Tolerance Trail

Hello,

I would like to add my voice in support for the Tolerance Trail. I live on Cenotaph Cir. and use the trail frequently to walk my dog.

The new trail is beautiful and a huge improvement on what was there before. I have never seen cars parked near that trail access. Why would they when they can access the park with no issue from Cenotaph?

Friendship and Crescent Lane are always very quiet with very little traffic, which is why I enjoy walking my dog there.

Sincerely,

Jeanine Davidson



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**From:** George Maentz <mesaroad@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2017 4:35 PM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah  
**Cc:** Patti Freudenburg  
**Subject:** Tolerance Trail Support

Re: AR PFP 17-00246

As a neighbor who lives perhaps a mile south of the property in question, I appreciatively support the owners' intentions and right to donate a public trail easement through their property to the adjacent city park. It will allow those who live in the Friendship Crescent neighborhood and beyond to enjoy Pioneer Park without having to navigate the congestion of Fontmore Road. More importantly, the trail, formerly an unimproved social path through a hole in the fence across vacant land, has provided a useful but unsanctioned pathway for students going to Holmes for years. To legally donate, improve, formalize, and invite the public to use this footpath seems like an extraordinarily generous gift to the entire community, one that should be welcomed, approved, and celebrated.

George Maentz  
1815 Mesa Road  
475-7624

## Van Nimwegen, Hannah

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**From:** Chris White <chris@milesbrand.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 8:18 PM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah  
**Cc:** Patti  
**Subject:** Tolerance Trail Support

To whom it may concern regarding Tolerance Trail,

As a previous Colorado Springs resident and Coronado High School graduate, I'd like to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed trail. Movement of people and animals throughout a place comprises its life-blood. Connectivity *is* life. Please consider keeping Tolerance Trail—we need more urban trails!

Thank you.



**Chris White**

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**From:** Gail <gailwarnerdc@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 11:21 AM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah; pfreudenburg@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Tolerance Trail Support

To who it may concern regarding the trail between a residential street and park. It has been my experience that living near a similar trail in the Broadmoor area between homes that this trail gave added safety to my children when growing up that they were safer by not being near busy streets and intersections when riding their bicycles and walking in the area. The short cut never created a problem for the homeowners near this cut through but did improve safety for the many who used it. Considering there is a school and a park on each side of the trail it seems to reason that the park would be used more and the persons using it would be much safer by being able to use such a trail.

Gail Warner DC  
719-661-8950

**From:** Walter Hecox <whecox@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2017 7:27 PM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah; Patti Freudenburg  
**Subject:** Tolerance Trail Support

*Hanna Van Nimwegen, City Planner*

*I have lived in the Friendship Lane neighborhood for over 2 decades, walk past the property upon which some of our neighbors have created a wonderful trail so that what used to be "informal" uses of the property (with no effort for decades by the former owners to prevent this use is now approved by the current lot owners. They have gone beyond anything we others in the area could have expected in purchasing the lot, creating a useful trail that does not "trespass" and binds our neighborhoods together.*

*Those who complain in my view have no demonstrated reasons, only remote "potential" problems such as increases in traffic (there will be less as pedestrians can walk between neighborhoods otherwise requiring a long distance to drive), parking (there is none now and no reason it would change) noise (this is an illusion on the part of rather mean-spirited "neighbors") litter and crime (again some illusion with no support).*

*The City should support and celebrate those solving a neighborhood need and issue for our students walking to school (the alternative is likely to be more cars driving to*

*school, is this what the opponents want for Mesa Rd. and  
Filmore along Coronado High??*

*PLEASE use your reason to make our neighborhoods  
stronger, not allow those with mean spirits to hold back our  
most well meaning and active citizens.*

*Walter Hecox  
2220 Mesa Rd.*

## Van Nimwegen, Hannah

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**From:** Brian Margrave <brian.margrave@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 17, 2017 1:52 PM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah  
**Subject:** Tolerance Trail Support

Hi! I'd like to voice my strong support for the Tolerance Trail, connecting Friendship Lane to Pioneer Park in Colorado Springs.

I grew up on Friendship Lane, which is just a few minutes walk from the park. As a child, we often used what is now the beautiful pathway to get to the park. Had we been unable to do so, we would have needed to add about 2/3 of a mile and walk all of the way around the park on Mesa, Fontmore, and Panorama. This is a much busier and more dangerous route, and as a child would not have been comfortable getting to the park that way.

I also had many friends who used the same pathway to walk from the residential neighborhoods on the south and west sides of the park to get to Coronado or Holmes. Once again, had the path not been available, they would have needed to take a much less safe and convenient route.

The creators of this plot created a beautiful, safe, improved path. It has interesting local vegetation and decorative border rocks, and a very sturdy wood fence on both sides of the path. It is flat, and easily and safely navigable by foot, bike, or stroller. A few folks seem concerned about setbacks from the trail decreasing - but before the trail was improved, people used the whole lot to get to the park, including the area where the improved path is now. It is now separated from the adjacent lots by a sturdy wood fence, and beautiful landscaping.

I do not believe that improving the trail will increase foot traffic on Friendship Lane. The path has always existed, despite perhaps previously being illegal, and has always been used by folks on both sides of the fence. (I daresay that I remember using that exact path with some of the very folks listed on the appeal!) In my opinion, improving the trail will only make the trail safer to use, not increase traffic.

The appeal also mentions "loss of quiet enjoyment:" Once again, people have always used that trail, and I don't anticipate the noise increasing, because I don't think that traffic will. Also, shouldn't people who buy a house adjoining a public park used for youth sports and other activities be comfortable with a certain amount of sound around their house?

And, I believe that if the existence of Tolerance Trail should increase foot or vehicle traffic on Friendship Lane to some degree, that would be a positive result. Public Parks exist for the enjoyment of the public! It is against the interest of the citizens of our city to restrict access to Pioneer Park by reducing access from one particular neighborhood.

Tolerance trail has existed for some time in its current form. I have visited it a few times, and have not noticed any litter, unleashed dogs, increased foot or vehicle traffic, or other problems.

I strongly support the effort to make the Tolerance Trail permanent. In my experience, it enhances the neighborhood by providing a safe route to a shared community resource.

The solutions listed on the appeal seem to be reasonable, if not superfluous. But if they help members of the neighborhood feel more comfortable with the trail, I think they are a great idea.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions about this matter.

Thanks for all that you do for our city,  
Brian Margrave

Hannah Van Nimwegen

City Planning Commission

Re AR PFP 17-00246

Pathway from the Friendship Crescent Mesa neighborhood into Pioneer Park

September 18, 2017

I have already written a lengthy letter regarding my support of this project as well as my observation about past history and public safety and property issues arising when this park access has been shut off. But now I would like to address some of the letters I have seen in opposition to the proposal that allows the City to accept property and permit public access into and out of Pioneer Park via 10 Friendship Lane.

Most of them deal with an assumed potential for increased traffic and temporary parking by non-residents. First off we all live in a rather large city and traffic and parking happens. But I would like to reiterate that the park access has always been there and most of the time not one but two lots wide. The proposal would reduce that access down to a designated and authorized pathway. Common sense indicates that if there is any change in parking and traffic at all it will lessen, not increase, as more parents will be willing to allow their children to walk to school and home that safe way along the path and through the small park instead of dealing with the traffic conditions on Mesa Road and Fillmore/Fontmore. One reason that the now one vacant lot has remained vacant is because no one wants to be responsible for cutting off neighborhood access to the park from our neighborhood or through the park to the schools and connecting trails. As a result of this beautiful designated path I also strongly suspect that the vacant lot will sell and a new home will be built. Curb cuts for a new dwelling will further reduce parking opportunities on Friendship Lane.

The neighbor most impacted by the trail was concerned about incursions upon her property. She and other neighbors that live closest to the path moved into the neighborhood many years and even decades after their homes were built and the informal paths through the adjacent lots were already well-established. This designated pathway channels the traffic discouraging any unwanted trespassers. Second, the current owners have put up a beautiful and sturdy fence between the path and her property that should deter future encroachments. My observations of foot and bike traffic in the past few months show that people – including children- are keeping to the path and no longer finding their own way into or out of the park. Logic suggests that will continue.

About 75 per cent of the homeowners in the Friendship - Crescent – Mesa neighborhood voted to change our covenants in order that number 10 could be subdivided in a way to permit this path. The owners have gone through with the subdivision process, have built a fence to protect the neighbor most closely impacted and installed beautiful landscaping to an area that was an eyesore for all the time that I have lived in the neighborhood – going on 30 years. The City is being offered a wonderful gift. I urge acceptance of this gift and that the appeal be denied.

Lovice D. Riffe

34 Friendship Lane





Hi Hanna,

I wanted to thank the City for approving the replotting and permanent access from Pioneer Park to Friendship Lane. This is a wonderful benefit the neighborhood doesn't want to lose and with 75% of the neighbors supporting this with notarized signatures, this is truly what the neighborhood wants. We want to continue to be connected to our neighbors and parks, as well as support safe routes to schools.



I would like to address the views of the few who are determined to deny the wishes of the neighborhood.

1. Trash -School has been in session for over a month and as you can tell by the above picture there is no trash or real concerns of trash.
2. Traffic- I live 2 houses from the trail and try to be mindful of others and concerns of traffic. Traffic on our street is very minimal. I haven't seen and don't foresee an increase in traffic. That said, additional traffic will happen as the city continues to grow, but even we could double the amount of traffic and it wouldn't impact the quality of life for any of us.
3. Parking – parking has never been a problem and there is plenty of room for all of us.
4. Noise – noise has never been a problem either. The biggest offenders are the coyotes.
5. Crime – with families, school children and neighbors using the path regularly, criminals have avoid the path as these user groups tend to be hyper aware and protective. This is not a concern for me or my family which includes a 13 year old girl and a special needs adult. The benefits far outweigh any fears or concerns.

## Van Nimwegen, Hannah

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**From:** Joan Peterson <joansplace@q.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2017 1:18 PM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah  
**Cc:** 'Patti Freudenburg'  
**Subject:** AR PFP 17-00246 Tolerance Trail Support Pioneer Park Pathway, connection to Friendship Lane

Dear Hannah,

I am writing as a resident of the Pioneer Park area and in resounding support for the lovely Pioneer Park Pathway, connecting the park to Friendship Ln. I have been walking through this area, to walk my dog, for the past six years. It is a quiet, enjoyable, flat and safe area to walk, at any time of the day and evening. I have a very senior Golden Retriever now, so he appreciates the ease of the circle, of Friendship and around Crescent.

In all the years, and certainly since the lovely path was put in by Patti Freudenburg and Tony White, I have never been concerned about my safety. In fact, I have become acquainted with many other dog owners, both on the Pioneer Park side of the path and the Friendship Lane side. Many of us have commented about how lovely the path is and how very much appreciated it is, as well. People using this path are neighborhood walkers, and occasional bike riders, so traffic and parking issues are non-existent. I have never needed to pick up any trash anywhere near the path. People are very courteous about using the multiple trash receptacles in the park. It is also wonderful to see children walking on the path as a shortcut to and from school; otherwise, they would be walking along Fontmore Rd during busy times of day, which puts them at higher risk.

In addition, another dog walker, that I walk with at times, has lived on Pioneer Lane for over three decades and has used this open lot to walk her dog(s) through to Friendship Ln, and years back felt safe knowing her children could cut through to get to middle school. Over all those years she hasn't seen any changes to the use of the cut through (i.e., causing incidents of crime, traffic, parking issues, noise or litter); the only difference now is a portion of the lot has been transformed into a beautiful, friendly pathway!

Thank you for your time, and I certainly hope the CS City Planners vote in favor of retaining the Pioneer Park Pathway.

Warm regards,  
Joan Peterson  
805 Paradise Ln  
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

## Van Nimwegen, Hannah

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**From:** Victor Bradford <stpdk2000@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 11:59 AM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah  
**Cc:** Eric V.  
**Subject:** Comments for Pioneer Park Extension

### File Number: **AR PFP 17-00246**

With reference to the above file number.

We respectfully submit the following comments, as Colorado Springs residents living near Pioneer Park. We've lived in this area for 15 years, and we SUPPORT the Pioneer Park extension. Here's why:

1. It's a quality-of-life issue. Despite our city's reputation for outdoor-friendly living, we have few nearby outdoor trails available to us without using a car, so access to the Holmes area trails is important. The nearest major trails, in Red Rocks or Garden of the Gods, are miles from our home and we would need to use sidewalks and cross dangerous access roads to reach them.
2. It's a safety issue. Without the Pioneer Park access, we (and neighborhood school children) would have to use a narrow sidewalk along Fontmore to access the Holmes area. The Fontmore sidewalk/street is also a seemingly dangerous thoroughfare for neighborhood children who bike to school, when compared with the Pioneer Park accessway.
3. The benefits are demonstrated and the objections seem speculative. When compared with the concrete benefits of the Pioneer Park access, the assumed rise in crime and vagrancy-type activities cited in the complaint is speculative. Current use of the Pioneer Park "social trail" does not seem to have increased these activities to an objectionable degree. Indeed, having more people travel through an area may even deter crime in some cases.
4. It's a way to reward generosity. We are impressed with the generous spirit of the landowner who has permitted access. Of course, we clearly understand the desire of those who would prefer fewer people in the neighborhood, and precautions should be taken, but we live in an urban area, not an isolated open space. Anyone who has elected to move into an urban area should reasonably expect to find neighbors and walkers (we have plenty of walkers on nearby sidewalks and far more often than not, that's welcome). This is not Yoder or Guffey.
5. It's a financial issue. We have directly spent \$1000 to help bring the access to reality, and we would like to see our money well spent and not thrown away by last minute objections after the access has been approved and maintained.

Thank you for the opportunity to contact you on this issue, and thank you for helping our city and community to be more livable. We support the concerns of those opposed but think the issue is reasonably clear. Thanks also for making it possible for generous landowners to provide access to more trails in our supposedly walkable city.

YOu may contact us at this email. Thank you.

Victor and Roberta Bradford

## Van Nimwegen, Hannah

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**From:** pat tierney <way\_tierney492000@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2017 3:04 PM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah  
**Cc:** Eric V.; Patti Freudenburg  
**Subject:** File Number AR PFP 17-00246

September 15, 2017

Hannah Van Nimwegen, City Planner

Good Afternoon,

Writing this in Support referencing the recent appeal of some of our neighbors in the area of our Beautiful Path access to and from Pioneer Park at 10 Friendship Lane.

It is disconcerting that a few people seem to want control over a Path's existence that not only serves our neighborhood but the surrounding community neighborhoods as well.

Addressing their Appeal:

1. Public vs Private ownership  
Really not in the best interest of Majority going private  
Private serves to control with a group  
Public serves Neighborhoods and Community  
Parks Department does an impeccable job caring for all our Parks, trails and Paths(:
2. Rezone and Reconfiguration of Path  
Privately owned now with granted access but if Public would seem there would be no mixed use and maybe would not apply here.  
They say they are for the Path now? but even with more setbacks this would not change anything significantly and their desire for privacy and quiet enjoyment as they have stated.
3. Installing Signs, No Parking, Stopping, Standing, Loitering...  
Seems unnecessary as draws attention to the Path, which has been one of their big concerns for making it Public..
4. Solar Digital Speed Signs  
Sure! Anything that makes our streets safer for our kids traveling to and from school and protecting our Neighbors families, animals and wildlife is a Plus.
5. Evaluate ADA compliance  
Sure Why Not  
Honestly having had a child with a disability, using a wheelchair, it seems Good. The openings on both ends are wide and the path surface is very level.

Not really sure what this appeal is about except to make this more difficult for the present owners and all the many of us who support their most generous offer to make this Path a permanent solution. With no disrespect to our neighbors who are appealing, we need to appreciate all the time and energy and support it takes to make something so Positive like this happen and try harder to work with each other for better solutions.

Respectfully,

Pat and Gerry Tierney  
30 Friendship Lane  
Colorado Springs, Co 80904

## Van Nimwegen, Hannah

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**From:** PlanningDev  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 4:11 PM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah  
**Subject:** FW: 09/21/17 Regular Meeting RE: 6.A. AR PFP 17-00246

## Sue Matz

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**From:** Alexander Ham [<mailto:alexander.w.ham@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 4:07 PM  
**To:** PlanningDev  
**Subject:** RE: 09/21/17 Regular Meeting RE: 6.A. AR PFP 17-00246

Attention: Hannah Van Nimwegen

As a homeowner in the Pleasant Valley Subdivision, I would like to voice my full support of tolerance for the trail intersecting Pioneer Park and Friendship Lane (Lot 10). The support of this trail tolerance is continually echoed by Colorado Springs residents as evidenced by PlanCOS Survey results:

### Vibrant Neighborhoods

4. Focus City resources first and foremost on public safety within neighborhoods (e.g. through increased police patrols and support of neighborhood watch programs).

An objection to this trail tolerance is likely to be made here as Friendship Lane residents may feel that this trail will be used by patrons looking to do harm. In actuality, the line of sight these residents have over this trail is a natural deterrent to would-be criminals. Coupled with a robust neighborhood watch program and the safety of this area actually increases.

### Strong Connections

3. Physically and visually connect commercial and residential developments to trail and greenway corridors.

Tolerance of this trail does just that. It promotes walkability, decreasing vehicular traffic as well as decreases the walking distance from the Pleasant Valley Subdivision to the commercial district on the corner of Fillmore and Centennial.

### Majestic Landscapes

1. Emphasize preservation of undeveloped open space and natural areas.

4. Focus on establishing a full system of paved and unpaved trails within parks and open space accessible to all areas of the City.

5. Acquire additional property to preserve greenway corridors.

Lastly, this trail tolerance preserves this natural area, notably the nature trail, as frequented by many of the City's deer population. Rather than using City resources to acquire these types of spaces, it is my understanding that the owners of Lot 10 would like to donate this section of trail to a land trust or like entity for its preservation into the future.

In conclusion, it is now clear that the majority of Springs Residents are in favor of such trails for their multitude of benefits. The few residents that object to this preservation of natural space and connectivity do not reflect the City as whole.

Respectfully,  
Alex Ham  
B.S. Sustainability, Urban Planning



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**From:** Patti Freudenburg <pfreudenburg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2017 5:54 PM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah; Eric Vaillancourt  
**Subject:** Fwd: Park access

Hannah --

The support note below is from a elderly neighbor, in her 90's, who struggles a bit with email and asked me to get her words to the 'right people'. (she had my address on her iPad but doesn't know how to create a new contact).

If you are keeping track of addresses, Bette (Elizabeth) lives at 24 Crescent Lane, CSC, 80904.

Patti

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**From:** **Bette Baker** <[bettecos@yahoo.com](mailto:bettecos@yahoo.com)>  
**Date:** Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 2:37 PM  
**Subject:** Park access  
**To:** [pfreudenburg@gmail.com](mailto:pfreudenburg@gmail.com)

The access path from Pioneer Lane to the park has been set up very well. I don't see a need for further setbacks, parking regulations, or signs. Elizabeth Baker, neighbor.

Sent from my iPad

## Van Nimwegen, Hannah

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**From:** David Brackett <dave\_brackett@canamconsulting.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2017 10:40 PM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah  
**Subject:** Tolerance/Pioneer Trail File Number: AR PFP 17-00246

Dear Ms Van Nimwegen,

We have reviewed File Number AR PFP 17-00246 for the approval of appropriate zoning to allow the trail from Pioneer Park to Friendship Lane to be deeded to the City of Colorado Springs for safe access/transit between the two locales. <https://eoc.springsgov.com/LDRSDocs/LUISPlanner/Documents/App/103201.pdf>

Unfortunately we are unable to make the meeting on Sept 21, but it's probably better to convey our thoughts via e-mail anyway.

We have owned our house on Cenotaph Way adjoining Pioneer Park since 1990 and have witnessed the multiple attempts to block traffic via the previously vacant lot, including the cutting, replacing, and re-cutting of chain link fence many, many times, often leaving sharp link fence edges representing an eye and cut hazards to the students transiting the lot.

Make no mistake, this effort is all about the kids in the local neighborhoods around Pioneer Park, including Panorama. It is much safer for them to transit the path enroute to both Holmes Middle and Coronado High Schools. In particular, the alternative of walking up Fontmore on the south side is a terrible slip and fall hazard in winter as ice covers the sidewalk due to fence shade for most of the winter.

Specific comments on appeal:

1. There is no reasonable expectation that there will be an increase in traffic and there may, in fact, be a substantial decrease in vehicular traffic as parents will feel less of a requirement to park on Friendship after school to pick up children if there is a legal access via the path and the park.
2. While the "No Parking, Standing, etc" signs could be extended, thusfar they have not been very effective on the upper end of Friendship. Better to decrease the demand for pick-ups than to hope more signage will be more effective in deterring after-school parking unless the City is willing to bring in police enforcement after school.
3. Neither non-residents of the neighborhood nor loiterers have ever been seen by us in the vicinity of the trail.
4. The argument that an "existing" trail is being relocated is specious as the "previous" trail was illegal and not approved by the property owner nor the City.
5. The arguments about adverse effects of the replat such as increased loitering and unleashed dogs are a real stretch. We always see dogs on the roads surrounding the trail and the park on leashes. Occasionally dogs are off-leash in the park for toss-and-fetch play, but not on pathways, streets, or trails. A trash receptacle on the trail similar to the ones in Pioneer Park serviced and emptied by the City would be a helpful addition and make the litter argument pretty much moot.

6. The new path has been expertly and particularly thoughtfully laid out, fenced and xeriscaped to facilitate maintenance by City Parks & Rec. At considerable personal expense by the applicants, it should be noted.

We strongly urge you to approve the request for the trail and the concomitant zoning/subdivision changes required.

Please acknowledge receipt of this e-mail and let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Dave & Laura Brackett  
1136 Cenotaph Way  
Colorado Springs, CO 80904  
719-473-2282

## Van Nimwegen, Hannah

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**From:** eric baker <heyericincolorado@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2017 6:31 PM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah; pfreudenburg@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Pioneer Park access trail

Hannah,

A brief comment in support of the trail:

Before there was a Pioneer Park — when it was just a vacant field with no housing development — I used the "trail" across the vacant lot to attend Holmes Middle School in the mid 1970s, just as kids do today. Decades of attempts to block access across the lot have failed, and over the years the trail has become a de facto access trail. Students using the path, and the temporary traffic associated with parents picking-up and dropping-off kids, will always be a minor inconvenience in the neighborhood, but so far I have not noticed any problems or increase in volume because of the recent efforts to officially establish the trail. The work that Patti and Tony have done to improve and landscape the trail are a welcome effort.

Eric Baker (son of Bette Baker, 24 Crescent Lane)

## Van Nimwegen, Hannah

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**From:** Kathy Kaylan <kkaylan39@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 3:56 PM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah  
**Cc:** Eric V.; Patti Freudenburg  
**Subject:** Pioneer Park Path Support  
**Attachments:** IMG\_0252.jpg; Asay map as pic.PNG

I strongly support the Pioneer Park Path. My husband and I lived on Friendship Lane for 20 years and enjoyed the park very much. I hope the issues against the path can be resolved so the community can enjoy the beauty of the park. The pictures of the path my friends send to me are great! I miss walking the path to enter Pioneer Park. Thank you.

## Van Nimwegen, Hannah

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**From:** chris white <csar4@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 8:28 AM  
**To:** Van Nimwegen, Hannah  
**Subject:** In support of Tolerance Trail/Eastern access for Pioneer Park

Dear Ms. Van Nimwegen,

It is with tremendous gratitude and support that I wish to share with you our appreciation for all that you and the City Planning Commission are continuing to do, to foster the existence of the Tolerance Trail/Eastern access for Pioneer Park.

The benefits to this neighborhood, and its intersection with the greater community of which it is a part, are immeasurable. Thank you, for believing in this project, and for elevating so many peoples' abilities to interconnect, and share in the beauty and function of this space.

We, as a city, are better for decisions such as these. Thank you again, for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Stephanie White, M.A., NCC