

From: Mary Sue Copeland <mscope45@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 8:39 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: File No AR PFP 17-00246

We would like to give our opinion of the access from Pioneer Park to Friendship. We are completely for it. It is unsafe for children to walk on Fillmore to go to Holmes and Coronado. It keeps our neighborhoods linked together. Thank you.

Jim and Mary Sue Copeland



May 16, 2017

Hannah Van Nimwegen
30 S. Nevada Ave, Suite 105
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Dear Hannah:

Palmer Land Trust is pleased to offer enthusiastic support for the proposed replat of the Tolerance Trail Subdivision located at 10 Friendship Lane (File No: AR PFP 17-00246).

Mr. Vaillancourt initially reached out to Palmer in 2015 to begin the process of dedicating a portion of this lot to create a permanent, viable, publicly accessible route from the neighborhood to nearby schools, parks, and shopping centers. I was impressed with his vision for the property and the amount of local support the proposed project had received. Though Palmer has not been involved in the project since some of these initial conversations, we believe that this type of project is increasingly important in established neighborhoods.

This project represents a unique opportunity in a developed neighborhood to create a permanent pedestrian walkway that will benefit all members of the community. Palmer believes that preserving public open spaces ensures a quality of life that residents and local businesses value. However, creating safe trail linkages and permanent connections between these open spaces is a task we cannot ignore. This project is an important step in ensuring everybody has access to these important conserved lands and shows how community members can come together to make a difference in their neighborhoods to positively impact the everyday life of residents.

The proposal is a win-win for the community and Palmer wholeheartedly supports the project. We commend the City for being willing to take on the maintenance of this trail connection once the project is complete and we commend the neighbors for having the vision and dedication to seeing the project through.

Sincerely,

Amber Shanklin
Conservation Director

Protecting southern Colorado's lands for present and future generations.



From: Gayle Grothe <gmhuff@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 12:10 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Path

Love the path. It works well in the lot, is very well landscaped and accessible for all. The neighborhood kids that use it. They stay on the path.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Alan Cook <alc17511@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 12:32 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: 10 Friendship

I'm writing in support of the park access. I really enjoy walking my dog daily in the park, and that access makes that journey much safer and easier than walking along bustling Fontmore. I also really appreciate the safe access for students to go to and from Coronado High School and Holmes Jr. High without traversing as many busy streets.

The access also improves my property value, and lowers the auto traffic in the neighborhood because more students can walk to and from school without the need for transportation.

Thanks for supporting this easement.

Regards,

Alan Cook

33 Friendship Lane

Colorado Springs, CO 80904

From: Richard Serby <RICH2350@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 12:47 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Support for Tolerance Trail subdivision

We are writing in support for the Tolerance Trail subdivision. Our reasons:

1. **Property values:** Studies have shown that paths and trails that access parks, greenways, and schools increase property values for a neighborhood.
2. **School Safety:** There are children who use the trail as a safe shortcut to Holmes Middle School and some teens who use it to walk to Coronado High School. This access from Pioneer Park is more safe than forcing students to walk on busy Fontero/Fillmore Streets, which is longer and less safe.
3. **Fire and Emergency Safety:** The trail gives residents of Friendship and Crescent Lanes a point of escape in the case of fire or other emergency that requires evacuation. Friendship / Crescent residents have only one entrance and one exit to Mesa Road without the addition of the trail to Pioneer Park. We have experienced fire in our neighborhood and need to have safe points of exit.
4. **Walking pets:** The trail allows safe access for those who walk for exercise and those who walk their pets into Pioneer Park. A very nice neighborhood benefit.

Respectfully,
Richard and Deborah Serby
2350 Mesa Road C/S 80904
575-0330

From: Fitzsimmons, Matthew
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 12:52 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: FW: Letters of support needed by Friday!

Hannah,

I fully support the creation of this needed path.

As I bike commuter I use this path twice a day to get back and forth from work. I would have to go a half mile out of my way and into traffic if this path did not exist.

The majority of people using this path that I saw were children going to school and the elderly walking their dog. Never did I see anyone disrespecting the path nor using it for anything but a cut through.

Without this simple path the neighborhoods on both sides of the path will have diminished access to public lands and they will have to re-route around to areas with higher traffic volumes and expose everyone to more danger.

The additional time and exposure to more dangers itself would be good enough reasons to keep this path, but it also joins the two neighborhoods together, which creates a bigger sense of community.

Best, Matthew

918 Pioneer Ln.

From: Eric V [<mailto:adoptpioneerpark@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 12:39 PM
Subject: Letters of support needed by Friday!

All,

We have submitted our application to the City Planning to divide the lot at 10 Friendship Lane. Once this new lot is official with the path it, thanks to many of you, it will be donated to the City Parks to make the path a permanent.

Please take a few minutes to email the City Planner (Hannah E. Van Nimwegen) handling this application at...

hvannimwegen@springsgov.com

From: Young, Greg <greg@2ndhalfwealth.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: 10 Friendship Lane

Hannah,

I wanted to express my support for the changes for this lot and the path that goes through it. We have use the lot as a cut-through for many years. The new path and these changes are welcome improvement!

Thanks for your work on this project.

Greg

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From: ULRICH, YANN A. <YANN.ULRICH@d11.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:08 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Friendship lane

On behalf of Holmes Middle School and all of the students who walk through Pioneer Park and onto Friendship Lane. Thanks you for your time and efforts in making the path possible.

Yann Ulrich
Assistant Principal
Holmes Middle School

From: Bette Baker <bettecos@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:23 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Support for Tolerance Trail subdivision

Please put my name on the list of those who support the path project. Continuing access to the park is important.

Elizabeth Baker

Sent from my iPad

From: Georgia Thompson <gthompson71513@q.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Access Path at Pioneer Park

We are very supportive of having a permanent pathway from Pioneer Park across the lot at 10 Friendship Lane.

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

From: COLLEEN SHEA <lass1885@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:52 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Pioneer Park access pathway

Hi,

I'm very much in favor of this path. It adds significantly to our enjoyment of our neighborhood.

Thank you,
Colleen Shea
729 Panorama Drive

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Angela Young <angelabelieves@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:54 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Friendship Lane

Hannah,

I so support the changes for this lot and the path that goes through it. I have used the lot as a cut-through daily for my walks for many, many years. The path and these changes are a wonderful blessing!

Thanks for your work on this project.

So very grateful,

Angela Young

Sent from Angela's iPhone

From: Julia Archer <odaliving@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 2:37 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: In support of frienship lane path

Dear Hannah, My mom and I are neighborhood residents near Friendship Lane. We absolutely support the path! Thx, Julia Archer and Mary Wank 715 Panorama Drive 80904.

Support for Tolerance Trail subdivision

Hi, my family and I are very much in favor of the path project and view this as a priceless opportunity to preserve access to and from Pioneer Park to Friendship Lane.

We live two doors away and have witnessed what a great asset this is for our community, and my neighbors overwhelmingly agree. Seventy five percent of the households have signed the notarized document to amend the covenants, all within 45 days. Being so close to the trail we personally witness the benefits for families, friends, dog walkers, cyclist and children able to access Pioneer Park and the Friendship/Crescent neighborhood. The biggest beneficiaries are the school aged children. Safe routes to school are important to everyone and we feel our neighborhood provides this. On a personal note I use the path weekly to walk our dog, take my daughter to the park, as a safe route to ride my bike and to visit friends in the adjacent neighborhoods. The community has enjoyed continued access for over 50 years and it would be a shame to lose this connection and safe route to school neighbors children and teachers.

Please help to make this existing access permanent for future generations to enjoy.

Thanks,



Joe McNerney

9 Crescent Lane

Colorado Springs, CO 80904

712-432-6321

From: larry_reedy@q.com
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 4:14 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Pathway

I support the pathway by the park to the northeast part of the neighborhood.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Lovice D. Riffe
34 Friendship Lane
Colorado Springs, CO 80904
May 18, 2017

Attn: Hannah E. VanNimwegan

Support for Tolerance Trail subdivision

I have been fortunate to live in this neighborhood since 1988. I want to offer my 100 percent support to the proposal to allow the City to take control over this very small bit of land that would tie in what is now Pioneers Park with the Friendship Crescent neighborhood.

When I first moved into this neighborhood that vacant lot was actually 2 lots wide. If you look at an aerial view of the neighborhood you can still see the paths taken by all the children and neighbors walking back and forth through both lots. Holmes Middle School opened in 1966, Coronado High School in 1970. And these generations of children have traveled back and forth through these lots at least since then. Addresses in the part of Friendship Lane that is impacted by pedestrian traffic into and out of the park, start at 2 Friendship and go to 17 – 10 homes - plus the current owners of the vacant lot. Only 2 of the people currently living in that part of the neighborhood bought and moved into their homes before these schools were built. The others moved into an area where the traffic from pedestrians (and vehicles picking up children **not** walking to the park) already existed and had existed for decades. In fact the earliest current owner bought their property in 1991 according to Property records.

What potentially impacts property values for those neighbors so worried about that issue is the continued existence of a vacant lot with growth of natural vegetation plus weeds, and paths going every which way. The access to the park is blocked by a fence that is closed off for only the length of time it takes someone with a wire cutter to open a new access. And that circumstance will continue as long as an actual safe access does not exist. No one is willing to build a home upon that lot as it is - as they would be the ones closing access to and from the park for all the neighbors – those on Friendship, Crescent and Mesa Road who want access to the park and all the neighbors to the west – the children going to school and those that want a peaceful walk on safe streets and all the other walkers who want access to the many trails that exist in all directions from Mesa Road. A resolution of this access issue will improve chances of the remainder of that lot being sold, a new home being constructed – with a driveway – that would also reduce the area where cars could park on that part of the street.

Let me also address what has happened to the neighbors that live to the South of the neighborhood during those brief periods of time when park access has been cut off. Children, being children find another short cut. The major shortcut doesn't go through vacant property, but private property of the neighbors. And that new shortcut will continue not just so long as the fence to the park remains closed but normally for months. Most of the land in back of the SW part of the neighborhood is open space with natural vegetation, downhill from the homes.

Wildfires like to travel uphill, as we in Colorado know. I recall a panic phone call from my mother one day while I was at work. Youngsters walking home and cutting through our property had decided to stop and hang out and because it was cold were starting a camp fire in the area below our home! Fortunately she had happened to see them and she made them put it out before any damage was done. Kids and cigarettes mean fires, too. That is not an issue in the Park as it is a level area with irrigation. This neighborhood has been impacted by fires in the past, one that burned a house down and damaged several others that began below the houses in the Palmer Land Trust area between Mesa Road and Crescent Lane. It took less than an hour for the fire, innocently started by a child playing with a model rocket to burn down one of our neighbor's homes. (Oh and that area has been used as a shortcut by pedestrians as well.)

And I will address another safety issue. Without access through the Park, children going to school from the west of our neighborhood must walk to Fontmore and then up that street on the South side (as there is no crosswalk at Panorama and Fontmore). Privacy fencing is built all along the north side of the properties there and there is just a narrow sidewalk. In the winter, that sidewalk is hazardous with ice inches thick. Cars travel at least 40 mph through that area and you can tell where they have crashed into the fencing by just looking at the differences in the fencing. There is no place for a child to go if a car starts crashing, and it is unsafe for walking. Again there is no way to get to the sunny side of the street as there is no crosswalk until you get to Mesa Road, through the ice and muck. I try to walk that route often. I hate it and my dog is often frightened by the traffic. Oh, me too.

I also saw what I believe was an evacuation drill being conducted at Holmes Middle School where the children were walking across Mesa Road in order to walk up the west side of that street (where there are no sidewalks), and to Fontmore then south. How much safer to cross the street, go the few feet to Friendship, and then down and into the park?

Regarding potential more traffic complaints. I don't "get" how reducing a pedestrian access that has always been there even though unofficial, and many times bigger than this small path, can possibly increase vehicular traffic. In fact, just assuming that one or two of those cars might be there for kids who would be just as happy walking through the park, it might lessen it. I actually see the potential of increased traffic coming to events in the park streaming down Friendship Lane to walk down a pathway, as a doubtful result, since that possibility has always been available.

When you review the total history of this area, you will find that this space has always been an open area where both people and animals have traveled back and forth freely. Before the Park was a Park it was known as Mesa Cemetery. I believe there are still bodies buried in this park and a monument exists to honor the known dead that had been buried there. Just last year while walking my dog along Friendship a car stopped right by that current vacant lot with the chronic hole in the fence to the park, a very elderly woman was in the passenger's seat, and the driver, her grand-daughter, asked if I knew how to get to the Monument as their ancestors had been buried there. I had to direct them back to Mesa Road and to Fillmore and to Panorama and to Cenotaph so they could walk the few feet to the Monument. What a blessing to them to have just been able to walk the few feet from where they spoke to me. You can actually see that

monument from the spot where we talked. So yes, there may be one or two vehicles containing relatives of those Pioneers. But how nice to have a beautiful and safe access for them.

I have noticed that since the Tolerance Trail has been installed and landscaped, it is being used. No more meandering trips across the lot. People of all ages are respecting the pathway. Park supervision can only improve that. Please approve this project. It will be of great benefit to all of our neighbors and the City as well.

Respectfully submitted

Lovice D. Riffe

From: Eric Swab <eswab@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 5:20 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Cc: adoptpioneerpark@gmail.com
Subject: Support for Pioneer Park Pathway

Ms. Van Nimwegen,

My wife and I have lived at 745 Panorama Dr. for over 45 years. We support the division of the lot at 10 Friendship Lane, for the purpose of creating a public pathway between Pioneer Park and Friendship Lane.

Our children used the informal path that has existed there since we moved here, as a shorter, safer path to Holmes Elementary School. My wife and I have used it as an extension to our neighborhood walks. We would definitely like to see the path formalized as a permanent asset to the neighborhood.

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Eric Swab
Phone: 719-640-1371
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From: Maseb <maseb47@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 5:36 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Friendship lane path

I live on Panorama Dr and the path from Frontier Park to Friendship Lane is very important to me. It allowed my children and now grandchildren to go to Holmes Middle School without having to walk the busy Fontanero Street and contend with all the commuter traffic at Mesa and Fillmore. I personally use the path to get to friends on Mesa and Friendship. For the residents east of the fence they have a more direct route to use the city park.

I strongly support the maintenance of this path.
Carole Sebben

Sent from my iPhone

From: Mathis, Sheila - Vectrus <Sheila.Mathis@vectrus.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 5:37 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: 10 Friendship Lane division of lot/permanent path

Hello Ms. Van Nimwegen,

I am writing to express my support of the division of the lot at 10 Friendship Lane which will connect (legally) between the Friendship Lane neighborhood and Pioneer Park. My family and I use this path currently to get between neighborhoods and onto the bike path in a safe manner via bicycle or by foot.

We are excited to be participating in the building of the path and will continue to be good stewards of this property. We are also excited to know that this path may finally come to fruition and be donated to the City Parks as a permanent path.

My family and I attended the "Town Hall" last year and this is, as you know a long time coming. Finally we may have a solution that we had been striving towards; safe passage and a deeper sense of community and connection with our neighbors. We were very disappointed that the land owner at that time, did not 'feel the love' from his (were to be) new neighbors and instead sold the plot. However, we love that we have a new owner that was willing to see this same vision through!

Ms. Van Nimwegen, a deep felt Thank You for staying involved in this project!

Kind Regards,

Sheila Mathis
(713 Pioneer Lane
COS, CO., 80904)

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From: Deborah Nelson <debbin@pcisys.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 5:40 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Cc: Patti Freudenburg
Subject: path on Friendship Lane

Hannah, my husband and I have lived at 43 Friendship Lane for 17 years and I have been walking through the vacant lot on Friendship to Pioneer Park all that time. It is wonderful that Patti and Tony White have bought that lot and plan improvements that will include a pathway through the fence to the park. My husband and I definitely support this plan! Deborah and Erik Nelson

From: Adam Jeffrey <asjeffrey@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 7:34 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: In Support of Pioneer Park Trail Access

To Hannah Nimwegen

Please accept this as a letter in support of the Pioneer Park trail access that exists in the divided lot at 10 Friendship Lane in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

This connect is critical in keeping one of our city's best assets strong, our outdoors and parks which includes the access to these open spaces. Connections like this promote people to access our parks and get outdoors. It allows for greater bike access by connecting more neighborhoods through to the Mesa Valley Trail and through Sondermann Park. This allow for more off-road connects to the start of the new Legacy Loop trailhead and the main artery of the Greenway/Santa Fe trail. All of these options are far greater than the utilizing Fontmore Road for non-motorized travel.

Protecting and preserving these types of connections will be a critical step to preserve the character and wonderful aspects of our city.

Thank you
Adam Jeffrey
Resident of Colorado Springs

From: Kathy Kaylan <kkaylan39@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 7:47 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: The Path on Friendship Lane

I used to live on Friendship Lane for many years and my husband and I used the path giving us access to Pioneer Park. I am sending this email to let you know I very much support the path. Thank you.

From: dianegosch@gmail.com on behalf of Diane Gosch
<diane.gosch@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 9:40 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Support for Tolerance Trail Subdivision

Dear Ms. Van Nimwegen,

I am writing in support of the pathway at 10 Friendship Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80904. Many years ago, my children would take this pathway to attend Holmes Middle School from Pleasant Valley. My husband did so as far back as the 1960's. It provides a safe and natural route from the Pleasant Valley neighborhood, away from part of the busy Fontmore Street.

Not only does this pathway provide a safe and convenient route to Holmes for students, this pathway brings two neighborhoods together. A fence only creates separate neighborhoods whereas this pathway brings neighbors closer.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this issue.

Diane Gosch
Pleasant Valley resident

From: Daniel Byrd <daniel@kidsonbikes.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:13 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Support of 10 Friendship Ln.

Hi there,

I had written a letter of support, but wanted to reiterate how it seems such a simple piece of fun bicycling and walking infrastructure will add a whole lot of simple value to a beautiful neighborhood-permanently and properly.

Knowing Eric well for the past several years, his character, and the dedication he has put into this process, I am more than happy to offer this email as support for the official dedication of the property located at 10 Friendship Ln.

Thank you for your work in this process as well.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel

Daniel Byrd
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From: Marge Asay <margeasay@mindspring.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:41 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: the path at 10 Friendship Lane

Dear Ms. Van Nimwegen:

My husband and I are completely in favor of the path at 10 Friendship Lane. We have lived on Pioneer Lane since 1978 and both of our children cut through that lot for years on their way to Holmes and Coronado. I used to walk through the neighborhood quite a bit and always took that shortcut as well. It has been a part of the neighborhood for decades and we're delighted to see that it will continue.

Thank you!

Marge Asay
645 Pioneer Lane

From: Kent Nelson <ksnelson1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 11:44 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Pathway from Friendship Lane to Pioneer Park

I strongly support the efforts to formalize the pathway from Friendship Lane to Pioneer Park - strongly!

This connection has existed, informally, well prior to our becoming residents in this neighborhood almost thirty years ago. And in my opinion it has been a positive for both residents of the Friendship Lane / Crescent Lane neighborhood and the hundreds, if not thousands, of wonderful middle school kids going to and fro from Holmes.

I am certain that the positives vastly outweigh the supposed "bad kids" and crime and evil that are said to be the inevitable result of formalizing the existing pathway. Such fear-mongered events didn't occur in the previous 30 or 40 or possibly 50 years that the path has already existed.

Ironically, our neighborhood is currently struggling with middle school parent parking problems when picking up their kids. To close the path will likely greatly worsen this problem.

It is further ironic that one of the more outspoken opponents is one of those most impacted by the parking problems, and, like most of us in the neighborhood, have in fact used the path themselves. I further believe it is disingenuous to believe "our neighborhood kids" that have used it (including the very kids of some of these opponents) are "good" and those from the "other side of the fence" are "bad."

Thanks for listening,

Kent Nelson
26 Crescent Lane
719 357-2360

From: Dee Nelson <DLNelson1@Comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 8:10 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: property on 10 Friendship Lane

Hannah,

I live at 26 Crescent Lane and would like to express my support of the new path on the property at 10 Friendship Lane. My family and I like to walk in Pioneer Park and when my grandsons come to visit us, they really enjoy the playground in the Park. Many neighbors also walk their dogs in the park. We have friends who live on Panorama who walk around our neighborhood and we can walk to see them as well on the path.

We appreciate the path through this property and are impressed with the landscaping that has been done by the neighbors to enhance it. I want to let you know that I am very much in support of the path on 10 Friendship Lane.

Sincerely,
Dee Nelson

From: Donna Augustyn <donnaaugustyn@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 7:22 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: 10 Friendship Lane

Dear Ms. Van Nimwegen,

My name is Donna Augustyn. My husband, Michael Robusto, and I live on Panorama Drive. We go to Pioneer Park very often and have so enjoyed the ability to walk on a quiet and lovely street as Friendship Lane. There isn't hardly any traffic, we don't have to navigate on Mesa (where there are no sidewalks on the S side of the street) and it's so safe now with the access through lot 10.

The neighborhood has been working on a good solution for access from Pioneer Park to Friendship Lane for quite a while. I hope you've received enough support from the neighborhood to push through the request to divide the lot, with the donation of the property the path is on to the City Parks Colorado Springs.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact myself should you require further communication.

Donna Augustyn
Michael Robusto
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719-460-7395

From: Carolyn Gery <cs.gery@goalac.org>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 6:33 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Cc: pfreudenburg@gmail.com
Subject: Support for Tolerance Trail Subdivision

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for Tolerance Trail in our subdivision. I have lived in this neighborhood for over ten years and the trail is one of the many things I love about our lives here.

The trail provides a connection to our friends and neighbors who live next to the park, which makes me feel so much more a part of this town. I grew up in a large city where there was no sense of community and people growled louder than their dogs! When we moved to Colorado Springs I was amazed people actually smiled and waved to us, I actually did not know what to make of it in the beginning.

I don't want to take that for granted. Our city continues to grow, but paths like this will ensure we keep that small town vibe alive and thriving!

Carolyn Gery, Ed.D.

Interim Assistant Executive Director/ Sr. Director Support Services

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From: Jennifer Vaillancourt <jennvbiker@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Pioneer Park

I am so excited to see a permanent path to Pioneer Park, from Friendship Lane. This path will keep the kids safe, walking to & from school and build a more connected people friendly community.

This is what Colorado is all about, trails that build community, keep us connected, healthy and safe.

Thank you,
Jenn Vaillancourt

From: Sales User <sales@fooddesigners.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 3:19 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Pioneer Park

Hi Hannah,

I have sent e-mails before about how important the save walk thru is for our kids to get to school from our neighborhood. This has been the way all kids in our neighborhood have been getting to school for 30 years and is so important. Please let me know what else you need to make this happen.

Thank you for all your hard work,

Heather Darrigan

Sent from my iPad

From: Tim <timb@tiletraderscs.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 5:53 AM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: the path at Friendship to Poineer

I am amazed to see how beautiful the path looks and the amount of community effort to bring it to reality . the path is used daly by kids to get safely to Holms and Coronado as well as residents of pleasant valley walking to the schools and the open space beyond . Of course the access allows the folks on Friendship , Crescent , and Mesa to Pioneer Park.

From: Mindy Mahler <mindy.mahler74@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 6:11 AM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Cc: Patti
Subject: Support for Tolerance Trail Subdivision

To whom it may concern:

I want to express my support for the Tolerance Trail connecting Friendship Lane to Pioneer Park.

I am a resident of Friendship Lane/Crescent Lane neighborhood, and I walk frequently. I want access to Pioneer Park and the neighborhood to the west to use for additional roads for walking. I am also a new grandparent...in the future, I would like to use the playground at the corner of Pioneer Park when my granddaughter visits, and is big enough to play there!

I also see the need for a safe access to Holmes Middle School for students who live to the west of our neighborhood. I am a retired elementary school teacher, and a parent. If I lived south or west of Pioneer Park, I know I would prefer my children to be able to have a shorter, safer walk to school, than to walk around to the corner of Fillmore and Mesa.

This subdivision of the lot connecting my neighborhood to Pioneer Park to create a legal, landscaped trail is much supported by myself and my husband.

Sincerely,

Mindy Mahler

From: Richard Jones <riche7741@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 7:07 AM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Path to the park on Friendship Lane

Hi Hannah,

I just wanted to write to you and let you know I support the path to the park from Friendship Lane. I think this path allows neighborhood residents convenient park access and students with a safe way to and from school.

Thank you and regards,

Rich Jones
18 Friendship Lane

Sent from my iPhone

From: Mark Mahler <markm@mahlergc.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 7:43 AM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Cc: Patti Freudenburg; Eric Vaillancourt
Subject: Support for Tolerance Trail subdivision

Hannah,

I'm writing you to express my total support for the proposed subdivision for the Tolerance Trail! I am a neighbor 3 houses to the north on Friendship Lane, and have been there for 27 years. 25 years ago, my wife and I tried to buy the lot in question in order to do exactly what the owners are proposing, but the owner at the time wouldn't consider selling it to me. I'm thrilled about the opportunity to finally provide a permanent access to the park. While my property may be impacted by increased pedestrian traffic, the permanent access for park use and for kids travelling to Holmes and Coronado schools is too vital a use to ignore.

Thanks,

Mark

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From: Robin Rabun <robin.satterwhite@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 8:05 AM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Support for Tolerance trail subdivision

My husband and I live on Terrace Road off of Mesa. We walk Mesa Road almost daily. This trail would be such an addition to our neighborhood walking routes. A nice access point to the park from this side of the Mesa would be an asset to the neighborhood. We support the trail.

Robin Rabun
1250 Terrace Road
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Sent from my iPhone

From: Keary Suska <keary@aksuska.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 8:49 AM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Support for Tolerance Trail subdivision

First I would like to express my thanks for the city's willingness to take on the section for a safe corridor to and from Pioneer park. Though it has been a hotly contested issue by a very few, but very loud, minority, the access trail is wanted by the far majority of residents, as exemplified by the signatures required to change our covenants to allow it.

You may not be aware that there as been open access between our neighborhood and Pioneer park since the neighborhood was built in the 60's, with a few times where access was temporarily fenced off. Therefore this isn't a new access, it is simply making access fully legal and permanent.

Because of the former, among other issues, complaints of increased traffic are simply absurd. There is admittedly an issue with parents who park in our neighborhood to pick up their children from Holmes Junior High, but that would only be worsened if access was cut off from adjacent neighborhoods. Parents of these neighborhoods would end up driving their children to school since there is no safe corridor. Remember that these kids have to walk along the Fillmore/Fontmore and Mesa Ave traffic corridors which are very busy without any reduced speed/school zones. Fillmore/Fontmore is even a 40 mph zone!

I am sure you will see that having the access is a better and more fiscally responsible solution for all parties involved. I appreciate your time and willing ness to hear my thoughts on this matter.

Best regards,

Keary Suska
33 Friendship Lane
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From: Les Goss <les@riverstonefund.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 8:52 AM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: 10 Friendship Lane

Hi Hannah,

I'm writing in support of the proposed trail through this lot. We have used it since moving next to Pioneer Park in 1990. Our son used it daily back and forth to Holmes, which not only saved time but was much safer than walking along Fontmore.

I was on that path within the last hour myself for my weekly workout on the Holmes track. My wife goes through there often on her walks on Friendship or to Sonderman Park behind Holmes. Every day we see neighbors and students using that path to get where they're going. I can't imagine the disruption it would cause to have that closed off.

I hope the Planning Department will agree with the majority of homeowners in the area that this is a neighborhood amenity worth preserving, at little or no cost to the city.

Thanks,
Les

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From: jgjacobucci@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 9:41 AM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: 10 Friendship Lane

Hi Hannah,

I am full support of the path on 10 Friendship Lane. Thank you for helping us with this important project.

Thanks,
Jennifer Jacobucci
1182 Cenotaph Way

From: Jim Mathis <jmathis@sram.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 9:54 AM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: 10 Friendship Lane division of lot/permanent path

Hello Ms. Van Nimwegen,

I am writing to express my support of the division of the lot at 10 Friendship Lane which will connect (legally) between the Friendship Lane neighborhood and Pioneer Park.

We live on Pioneer lane and often use the path as a way to connect to the bike path along Mesa road. It keeps us off of Fontmore Rd. and helps keep us safe from the cars traveling at 40+ mph up the hill.

As you know, this “social path” has been in use for 50+ years. We are excited to know this path will be donated to the city making it a permanent legal path for generations to come.

Thank you for your involvement on this issue.

Regards,
Jim Mathis
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From: way_tierney492000@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 10:41 AM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Support letter for 10 Friendship Lane

Thank you for your time and consideration with the path that goes into our Neighborhood Park(Pioneer) We have lived in our neighborhood for 30 years and it is very exciting to see this final completion(: Not only does it give our neighbors continued access it is so important for our community as it unites our neighborhoods and gives many school kids and friends safe access, and we have a wonderful place to walk our dogs too!

Many of us feel its whats best and just want you to know we our in full support(:

Pat and Gerry Tierney

30 Friendship Lane

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Sent from my iPhone

From: PLUSH DESIGNS L*L*C Owner <MARCJP1@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 10:20 AM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Cc: CATHY PLUSH
Subject: Path to the Park

Hi Hannah,. We live at 21 Friendship lane. Just a note to let you know that we are a huge fan of the park access being added to our neighborhood. As you already know, park access is often incorporated into new neighborhood communities as part of a master plan.

What a nice addition to an older neighborhood!
Thank you!

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From: Melissa Walker <melissa@mj-walker.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 11:04 AM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: 10 Friendship Lane proposed permanent easement pathway to connect schools, trails and neighborhoods

To: Hannah E. Van Nimwegen, Colorado Springs City Planner
From: Melissa Walker, Colorado Springs Citizen and Mesa Village Neighborhood Resident
Re: 10 Friendship Lane proposed permanent easement pathway that would connect schools, trails and neighborhoods with Pioneer Park
Date: May 19, 2017

Dear Hannah Van Nimwegen,
I strongly support the proposal for a permanent pathway trail easement at 10 Friendship Lane. The pathway has been used informally for the 27 years that I have lived in the Mesa Village Neighborhood. Our son and his friends used the informal pathway to walk to Holmes Middle School and Coronado High School, as do today's children and teens.

I personally have used and continue to use the pathway 2 - 3 times per week to access the Mesa Valley and Palmer Mesa Regional Trails. Now, as a semi-retired senior citizen, access through 10 Friendship Lane to the Regional Trails is more important to me than ever for exercise and to pursue my hobby of bird-watching along the riparian Mesa Valley Trail that links to Sonderman Park.

Also, the fact that Colorado Springs Citizens Patti Freudenburg and Tony White are willing and able to donate the land to the City for the common good of several neighborhoods is in keeping with the generosity of our City's founder General William J. Palmer who donated thousands of acres to our City for parklands and trails.

Without the pathway, Pioneer Park would be blocked off to many users, and safe walking access to schools would be closed off to our area's children.

Please accept the 10 Friendship Lane proposal to create a permanent easement for all of the reasons stated above. I am in complete support of the proposal.

Sincerely,
Melissa Walker
Colorado Springs Citizen and 27-Year Resident of Mesa Village Neighborhood adjacent to Pioneer Park
melissa@mj-walker.com

From: Amy Knight <wickout@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 12:20 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Support for Tolerance Trail Subdivision

To Whom It May Concern:

We live at 35 Crescent Lane and have four children ages 15, 12, 10 and 3. The access to the park from our neighborhood was one of the many reasons we were drawn to live here. We utilize the path regularly and I am so happy my older children are able to get physical exercise by riding their bikes or walking to the park by themselves. I walk my 3 year old to the park, almost daily, in the Summer so she can enjoy the playground equipment. If the path were not there, I would not be comfortable walking with my 3 year old, or allowing my children to walk on Mesa, down Fillmore and over to the park with the amount of traffic on those roads. The safety aspect of the path is very important to our family. I feel comforted that the children from Holmes Middle School have a safe route to get home, rather than having to walk on Mesa and Fillmore. I come and go several times a day and have never witnessed disrespectful behavior from these children.

I have also noticed the way the path brings our community together. We have been so fortunate to meet several neighbors on the other side of the park that we now call friends. My children have met friends outside of our neighborhood to play with and the path gives them a safe way to meet.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Amy Knight

From: Margaret Black <blackmargaret66@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 12:23 PM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Access to Pioneer Park from Friendship Lane

To: Hannah E Van Nimwegen
From: Margaret Black 20 Friendship Lane
Date: May 19, 2017

Dear Ms Van Nimwegen, thank you so much for your attention to the matter of the path at 10 Friendship lane. I am in support of the path and I am very grateful to Tolerance LLC for making it possible. My reasons for supporting the path are as follows. First, I am in the somewhat unique situation of sharing the boundary of the park with the lot my house sits on. I believe that were it not for the access to Friendship lane via the path, many people would go through my backyard to get to Friendship lane. That would present many problems for me and would bring foot traffic further down Friendship lane. I think that since access through 10 Friendship lane had existed for many years there are many people who, rightfully, feel that they are entitled to it. I myself witnessed what appeared to be the entire Holmes Middle School Cross Country team running through the lot the day after the owners had put up a chain link fence through a hole in the fence, lead by the coach. The greater community has come to know that Mesa road can be accessed from Pioneer Park through the lot. It is obvious that most of the residents in the Freindship Mesa Cresent Neiborhood support the path and that is why I am very happy to have found a home in this neighborhood five years ago. Thank you again.

Margaret Black



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May 18, 2017

Mission:

We work to preserve open space and parks, and create a network of trails, bikeways and greenways for the Pikes Peak region.

To: Hannah E. Van Nimwegen, Colorado Springs Planner
From: Susan Davies, Executive Director

Dear Ms. Van Nimwegen,

The Trails and Open Space Coalition has partnered with Southern Colorado Velo on numerous projects, including our Bike Colorado Springs initiative, and several trail improvement/connection projects within Colorado Springs.

I know Eric Vaillancourt and appreciate his commitment to making our community a better place to live. Eric and many other members of Southern Colorado Velo have supported the Trails and Open Space Coalition in the past and we are fortunate to have them in our community.

The Trails and Open Space Coalition is committed to a more “bike friendly” and “walkable” community and supports Southern Colorado Velo in their effort to gain access to Pioneer Park via 10 Friendship Lane. We believe this is a valuable connection to not only Sonderman Park, but would provide a safe route for Holmes Middle School and Coronado High School students to ride and walk to school.

We believe this path will greatly benefit the broader community by making our community more connected and more livable. Mesa Road is a popular cycling route and this access makes the neighborhood more accessible plus keeps cyclists safe by keeping them off busier streets like Fillmore Ave. Improvements have been made to trails in that neighborhood and this will enhance those efforts.

I encourage City Planning to support this effort.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Susan Davies, Executive Director
Trails and Open Space Coalition

From: sdmackin@juno.com
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Van Nimwegen, Hannah
Subject: Support for Tolerance Trail subdivision
Attachments: Samridingtopark.jpg

To Whom it May Concern:

We live at 14 Crescent Lane in the Mesa/Friendship area of Colorado Springs and have for the past 8 years. We love our neighborhood and enjoy raising our two boys here. As a family we love utilizing Pioneer Park and have always accessed it from the vacant lot between 10 and 12 Friendship lane, on paths that have been worn by others. But the last few weeks it has been amazing to walk and ride our bikes down the new beautifully groomed path to the park, thanks to the Tolerance Trail LLC.

We really can't say enough about how wonderful it is to have this path into the park, with a nice entrance and no having to duck under the fence poles and through a cut chainlink fence. The empty lot has always been there and the many paths through it were fine, but not exactly pleasing to the eye. With the Tolerance Trail LLC the lot is already more ascetically pleasing and safer for our children to pass.

Thank you to the city for helping plot the land for this access and especially thanks to the Tolerance Trail LLC for what they have done.

We have attached a picture of our son riding his bike down the beautiful path as we went to the park the other day, as it made our hearts happy to see him so excited to ride the new path!!!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John and Stacy McLeod

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