

Hi Molly,

I looked at the proposed changes to this project and I want to go on the record as saying I am opposed to some of these changes. It appears that they want to push the retaining wall further out toward Union, remove the existing sidewalk, and push the sidewalk out closer to Union as well. If so, this will negatively impact the residents who use that sidewalk. We will be walking or running squeezed into a much narrower space between a 10+ ft. wall and a busy six-lane thoroughfare. I am opposed to that part of the proposed changes, and I am putting this out on social media to alert our neighbors and nearby neighborhoods.

I also have another concern. The project is already out of scale with the rest of the surrounding neighborhoods in terms of height, and pushing it out further will exacerbate that. When this project was under initial review in I think 2019, I was of the understanding that it was to be two stories high. Now, the buildings under construction across the street from us are already three stories and it appears they are in the process of adding a fourth. They also raised the ground level higher than the original lot before starting construction, so the effect is going to make this project seem to be more than five stories high in that case.

In addition to going on the record as being opposed to the above project changes, I would also like to formally request a review of whether the current height is aligned with the development plan that was originally approved. I don't recall ever seeing a communication about changes to the number of stories. Even if the fourth story is a façade or tower feature rather than a fourth floor, this feature results in the appearance of a four story building. As I noted previously, what they are currently building is very out of scale to the surrounding neighborhood, and it feels as if it is looming over our neighborhood which may decrease our property values. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

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Ms. O'Brien,

Hello! I am emailing you to oppose the sidewalk modification requested for the Mountain Vista at Briargate development. I have lived in this neighborhood for over 20 years and the sidewalk along Union is a sidewalk I use frequently. Moving the sidewalk closer to Union is dangerous for walkers such as myself and for the students riding bicycles/walking to and from Rampart High School daily. Please do not approve this request.

I know others have emailed you about inspecting the development site to see if the building plans are being followed. I was surprised to see the 3rd floor going up on some buildings. My understanding was this development would be 2 stories in height. I too would like to request an inspection of building to approved building plans.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Best regards,  
Lauren Uddenberg  
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Ms. Obrien,

I am writing to share my opposition to the proposed changes to the construction project near Union and Lexington, next to Ford Frick Park.

Apparently, the developer wants to push the retaining wall closer to Union, remove the existing sidewalk, and push the sidewalk closer to Union in addition to similar changes on other sides of the project. This will create a much narrower path for people using the sidewalk between a 10+ ft high retaining wall and a busy six-lane thoroughfare. Colorado Springs promotes itself as a walker/biker friendly city. This change does not reflect that attitude.

The scale of this project is not aligned with the surrounding neighborhood. Originally it was understood that this was to be two stories in height, but now they are building a third story and what may be a fourth story tower or facade on top of that. Maybe the developer is trying to pull a fast one and ask for forgiveness rather than permission once the changes are made. Is the city aware? Is it possible to do an on-site inspection to review whether the project is staying within the original approved plan? The two story plan was already going to overwhelm the neighborhood with noise, and congestion but now the added third story will certainly make matters much worse. In addition, the access to enter and exit the property is exceedingly limited. Do you know that there are two elementary schools that surround the property with young "walkers" and tons of cars to and from the schools adding their own "chaos" to the streets directly connected to the construction site?

Please rein in the developer and his desire for a bigger footprint at this location. Is it simply greed with little concern for those of us who already live on the nearby streets? Your response and concern is greatly appreciated.

Sharon and Jim Pierson

Hi Molly,

I would like to state that I am opposed to the retaining wall moving any closer to union and interfering with the current sidewalk that is there. To be clear - I do not want the retaining wall closer to Union and I do not want the existing sidewalk to be removed and pushed closer to Union. I do not believe that will be safe for all kids traveling to the park or to the nearby schools by foot or bike. I do have children that use that sidewalk for both walking and biking.

Thank you, Julie Crawford  
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Ms O'Brien:

I strongly oppose any changes to the already horrendous Fox Bridge project. I sincerely believe the Developer & the City Planners Office have been disingenuous from the start. Moving the sidewalk any closer to Union would be unsafe & foolhardy. During initial construction the sidewalk was blocked off &

one had to almost walk in traffic on Union to get through. Almost impassable during the winter with snowplow slash back. This project has inconvenienced the Windjammer neighborhood to no end. I have no sympathy for the Developers miscalculations.

On a personal note ... my wife was in Home Hospice almost since the inception of the Fox Bridge construction. The constant noise generated by the earth moving equipment & subsequent construction has been unnerving. I can only wish the folks that approved this project on the City Planning Commission, the Developers, and Construction Workers have as miserable a final few months on earth as this project created for my wife in her dying days. (She succumbed to cancer May 26.)

Fair to say I doubt if our comments are given serious consideration. Realizing how the Developers pretty much have their way in this town it will be interesting to see the final outcome. Also, whoever did the Traffic Engineering study surely did not do an adequate job. The increased traffic in this area will be abysmal. Thank you for lowering my property value.

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