Green Heart LLC Subdivision at 535 7th Street

As an introduction, Green Heart LLC is two families who have partnered together to purchase the parcel of land at 535 7th Street. Our names are Robin Nejame, Zack Zeiset, Annie Ruiter and Andy Riemenschneider. We are all local Salida residents who have each lived in Salida for at least 20 years.

Our goal is for both families to live on this parcel of land and to create a development that is a good fit for the neighborhood. We want to live next to local families who live and work in our community. Below are a few key points for this project.

- The Green Heart Planned Development doubles the number of lots in comparison to the Use by Right and provides access to 541 7th Street to allow this lot to add an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). Including the lot at 541 7th Street, the number of additional units for these two lots can be 10 if you count the ADU's.
- Note, the location of the private roadway was chosen to try and keep the two mature spruce trees on 7th street. This roadway as shown goes between these two trees which are about 25 feet apart.
- Lots 3 and 4 are shown with a private access alley at the back of the lots. These lots fronting 7th Street, sold at market rate, can provide reasonably priced housing for young families and our work force.
- The preferred alternative would require the following deviations from the Dimensional Standards:
 - Lots 1 and 2 The minimum lot frontage be measured from the new private road.
 - Lots 3 and 4 The minimum lot frontage, lot area, lot coverage, landscape area and setbacks to match R2. Because od the rear access across the lot, the rear setback will be 20'
 - Lot 2 the rear setback was increased to 40'. This was to allow Lot 1 to have a less unobstructed view corridor.

There have been numerous conversations regarding the maximum developable potential for this parcel. Fiscally, a large multi-unit project is not something we can afford and is not our goal. We were sold this property because the previous owner wanted families to live here and did not want to see big expensive condominiums. We are trying to meet this same goal and want to provide lots that locals can afford. Also, the City has zoned this parcel R-1 which we believe is not where high density project should be developed. The current city code states:

The purpose of the Single-Family Residential (R-1) zone district is to provide for residential neighborhoods comprised of detached single-family dwellings at relatively low densities.

We are open to discussions regarding the best way to meet the needs of the City and our goals. We understand that this may require us to develop this lot as a Planned Development (PD). We are interested to hear what this joint session has to say, so we can determine the best way forward.

Andy Riemenschneider

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