

UNIVERSITY PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
SIDEWALK POSITION STATEMENT

Whereas we (University Park Community Council) support Blueprint Denver, the Denver Comprehensive Plan, and the Pedestrian Master Plan, we recommend action to promote a city-wide program of sidewalks for pedestrian safety and mobility:

Support installation and maintenance of sidewalks, with the understanding that there may be limited exemptions, e.g. to preserve mature trees or historic neighborhood character

Advocate replacing the current city policy, which makes individual homeowners responsible for the cost of installing or repairing walks, with alternative sources of funding such as a city-wide annual fee, a cost-sharing arrangement or a combination

Encourage the city to apply for federal grants to develop a comprehensive plan to implement provisions of the Pedestrian Master Plan

Recommend that the city revise confusing or contradictory regulations concerning sidewalks

Contact city agencies to ensure that regulations are followed consistently in specific cases, and be proactive in determining that suitable sidewalks will be included in new construction projects

Advocate more aggressive education and enforcement of the city's snow shoveling regulations, including development of a cooperative program of volunteer assistance for neighbors who may need help in shoveling