

file for the JLUS information boards). Colored stickers provided participants a means to prioritize potential strategies developed by the specific working group assigned to the issue.

Representatives of the working groups answered questions and encouraged feedback, and comment/discussion boards accompanied each station (go to <http://www.ppacg.org/military/jlus/jlus-public-input-meeting-materials> to access the open house materials and submit input).

Additional JLUS topics that PPACG would like to address include transportation network, anti-terrorism/security, vibration, dust/smoke/steam, light and glare, frequency spectrum, cultural resources, water supply, air

quality, and noxious weeds. On the more positive side, PPACG also asked what people like most about having the USAFA as a neighbor.

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### Roundabout community meeting, Feb. 6

## Community meeting shows division on roundabout

*By Chrystie Hopkins*

On Feb. 6, a community information meeting was held by land developer James Barash of Academy Gateway and John Maynard of N.E.S. Inc. to discuss the proposed roundabout at Struthers Road and Gleneagle Drive. Barash said the El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department has begun the design process to construct a roundabout.

Barash, one of the original developers of Gleneagle, described how Struthers Road was originally built with the plan for a traffic light at the intersection in question. He cited the current four-lane design and inclusion of turn lanes as two reasons that a traffic light would be better for the community.

Barash and Maynard believe that community input is needed and wanted to share the information they have with the community.

A lively crowd of about 50 people gathered in the gym of Antelope Trails Elementary School for the meeting. The developers presented three displays with proposed schematics of the roads and land that will be developed west of Struthers Road and north of North Gate Boulevard. The 18 acres has 11 lots available for development. Three of the lots have already been designated for development of a convenience store, coffee shop, and 64-room hotel. Work will begin on those lots starting in the spring/summer of 2017. They are hoping to bring res-

taurants and shops to the area in the future.

Jeff Hodsdon, a traffic engineer consultant for LSC Transportation Consultants Inc., presented the schematic drawings and some of the pros and cons of a roundabout versus a traffic signal. Hodsdon detailed some of the issues surrounding roundabout construction, multi-lane roundabouts versus traffic lights and pedestrian traffic. When Hodsdon discussed how roundabouts, when designed well, keep traffic flowing, he was met with jeering of "Wrong, wrong, wrong!" from the boisterous crowd.

About 15 citizens asked questions and voiced concerns about pedestrian safety, emergency vehicles in a roundabout, large delivery trucks, congestion with high traffic volume and the ability of citizens to safely navigate the roundabout. They were concerned about the roundabout but also the development of the land. One citizen did vocalize support of the roundabout and wondered if adequate traffic studies had been done.

The final decision on whether a roundabout will be developed is ultimately up to the county. However, meeting-goers were asked to fill out a form and designate whether they are for or against a roundabout. Barash plans to share the community feedback and comments with the county. Barash and Maynard hope that the county will have a public meeting to discuss the roundabout and encouraged citizens to contact the county and share their opinions on the matter.



**Above:** Citizens of the Gleneagle neighborhood gathered in the Antelope Trails Elementary School gym to hear a presentation by land developers on the proposed roundabout. *Photo by Chrystie Hopkins.*

**Background:** No county officials attended this meeting. See comments from former County Engineer Andre Brackin regarding the county's plan to build a roundabout at the Struthers Road and Gleneagle Drive intersection at [www.ocn.me/v14n10.htm#Glenn0927](http://www.ocn.me/v14n10.htm#Glenn0927) and [www.ocn.me/v15n12.htm#nepco](http://www.ocn.me/v15n12.htm#nepco).

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### Woodmoor Improvement Association Board of Directors, Feb. 22

## New board hears candidates for Forestry director position

*By Jackie Burhans*

The Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA) board met on Feb. 22 with its new board members to hear from candidates for the director of Forestry and to make changes to the description of the board secretary in the bylaws. New board Director Lee Hanson was out of town but attended by phone.

### 2017 board members

The meeting was started with the currently assigned board roles:

- Peter Bille, president
- Brian Bush, vice president
- Lee Hanson, treasurer
- Robert Benjamin, Architectural Control
- Jennifer Cunningham, secretary/Community Outreach
- Brad Gleason, Public Safety
- Per Suhr, Covenants
- Rich Wretschko, Common Areas

### Candidates for Forestry director speak

President Bille explained that the new Forestry director would be appointed by the board to a one-year term. The process included each candidate speaking for a few moments and giving their background. After the meeting, the board would meet in executive session to pick the new forestry director and then notify the candidates individually. The candidates expressed an interest in maintaining the quality of life in Woodmoor, putting on programs, presenting pragmatic solutions, applying fiscal responsibility, and maintaining forest and tree health.

Four candidates spoke and gave their background and qualifications. They ranged from fairly new resi-

dents wishing to get involved to residents who have been here for decades. They had a wide range of backgrounds and skills including theater, engineering, forestry science, and art.

### Changes to bylaws' description of secretary position

The board discussed some changes to the association bylaws to reflect the current duties of the board secretary. The duties are described in Article IX, Section 8, item c on page 6 of the document at <http://bit.ly/wia-bylaws>. The board primarily wanted to add the new role of Community Outreach that the current secretary performs to the official duties including community relations liaison, social media, and other duties as required. To change the bylaws requires a vote of the board in open session with all board members and residents in attendance voting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the changes.

### Board report highlights

- All of the 30 projects submitted in January were approved either by the administrator or the Architectural Control Committee. Most were new construction followed by treehouses, sheds, and fences.
- Mountain View Electric Association will be patrolling in Woodmoor to review the infrastructure. Employees will be in uniform and have identification with them. Residents can call MVEA or WPS to confirm identities. There have been three "diversion robberies" in Woodmoor in the past three months where a homeowner is distracted by someone posing as a worker or contractor.
- The board is working on a redraft of the comprehensive five-year common area plan and is looking for

input from residents. Please contact Bob Pearsall or Wretschko. They are considering a playground in The Meadows area, with pavilions, benches, and trails.

- Woodmoor Public Safety (WPS) officers looked for coyote dens in the common areas and were unable to find any evidence. They continue to monitor the area but request that residents call WPS at (719) 499-9771 or submit sightings through the website at <http://bit.ly/wps-wild-report>.
- WIA has processed 19 homeowners association checks at the request of title companies. This indicates the level of home sales. Anyone thinking of selling a house can contact WIA to do a pre-check to ensure there is no delay.
- In the last month there were two complaints about the use of drones, one of which involved someone who is not a resident of the area. That complaint was referred to the Sheriff's Office as a harassment concern. The other report did not represent a covenant violation.

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The WIA Board of Directors usually meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Barn at 1691 Woodmoor Drive, Monument. The next meeting will be on March 22. The WIA calendar can be found at <https://www.woodmoor.org/wia-calendar/>. WIA board meeting minutes can be found at <https://www.woodmoor.org/meeting-minutes/> once approved and posted.

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## February Weather Wrap

*By Bill Kappel*

Relatively warm and generally dry weather conditions were the story for February around the region. Temperatures were at near record levels during several periods, with several all-time monthly records set during the peak of the warm period on the afternoon of Feb. 10. For the month overall, the high temperatures were greater than the 100-year recurrence interval. In other words, there was less than a 1 percent chance that any given Febru-

ary would have average monthly high temperatures this warm. Hopefully you enjoyed the warmth, because it will even out at some point and we'll make up for the warmth by being just as anomalously cold.

Not surprisingly, the first two weeks of February were generally warm and dry, with two brief periods of cold air and a little snow. The coldest air moved in early on Feb. 1, with low clouds developing by mid-afternoon. The shallow cold air stuck around for the next few days,

with a heavy coating of rime ice developing on all exposed surfaces. Snow showers developed at times, but never accumulated more than a half-inch. This shallow cold air was quickly pushed to our east and replaced by mild air under a strong ridge of high pressure from the west. Along with this already mild air mass, westerly winds kicked in at times and helped to further warm the atmosphere. Temperatures rose from the 20s and low 30s on the 2nd and 3rd to the low to mid-50s from the 4th