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The three items approved were:

- A map amendment (rezone) for Jackson Ranch Phase 2, rezoning 60 acres of land from RR-5 (Rural Residential) to RR-2.5 (Rural Residential), with some 5-acre lots added as a buffer with Canterbury Estates.
- A preliminary plan amendment for eight parcels totaling 119 acres to include 37 dwelling units and 14.7 acres of open space.
- A final plat for Jackson Ranch Filing 2 for three parcels totaling 33.75 acres to include eight single-family lots and

a 9-acre open space.

Soaring Hope given Nov. 3 deadline

On Oct. 18, Steven Klaffky, assistant county attorney, and Mark Gebhart, deputy director, Planning and Community Development, presented a request to have the BOCC authorize the county attorney to pursue litigation to bring the property at 18375 Spruce Road into compliance with the El Paso County Land Development Code, which identifies that operation of a rehabilitation facility is not an allowed use in the RR-0.5 (Residential Rural) zone district. The commissioners approved the

recommendation, but put a "stay" on it until Nov. 3.

Since August 2015, neighbors have complained regarding the number of residents staying at the Soaring Hope Recovery house and the possible operation of a rehabilitation facility. (Its own website, www.soaringhoperecovery.com/, calls it "sustainable addiction recovery.")

On July 11, the Planning and Community Development director determined that the land use by Soaring Hope Recovery (formerly called Courage to Change) did not meet the definition of a group home for

the handicapped or disabled persons but was instead a rehabilitation facility, requiring a Variance of Use application instead of a Special Use permit.

On or about July 12, the executive director of the Planning and Community Development Department advised the property owners that they had until Aug. 31 to appeal the determination, bring the subject property into compliance, or apply for a variance of use, but they did not comply.

A new violation file was opened Aug. 30 and a Notice of Violation issued to the operator and the landowners, John and

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