topic. The policies debated included the number of plants that can be grown in a residence, the transferability of the licenses the town has granted to date, and whether to allow clubs were marijuana can be consumed.

Liquor license transferred

The council voted to transfer a liquor license in place at The Villa restaurant to the new managers of that property, Timothy Bernes and Jason Charbula.

The two meetings in May will be at 6:30 p.m. on May 8 and 22 at Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held

on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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Monument Board of Trustees, April 3

Lake of Rockies North approved

By Lisa Hatfield

On April 3, the Monument Board of Trustees approved plans for the six-home Lake of the Rockies North development, heard another presentation about neighboring Donala Water and Sanitation's water supply strategy, and approved a raise for Town Manager Chris Lowe.

Trustees Greg Coopman and Shea Medlicott were absent.

Lake of Rockies North will be

northeast of Monument Lake

The trustees considered three ordinances pertaining to the proposed Lake of the Rockies North development at the northeast corner of Monument Lake. These consisted of a change from commercial to residential zoning, a Preliminary/Final PD Site Plan, and Final Plat. Principal Planner Larry Manning said that all three items were approved by the Planning Commission on March 8. See www.ocn.me/v17n4.htm#mpc.

Andrea Barlow of NES Inc. represented the applicant, Gulf Course Resorts Inc. Her comments included:

- The property will deed its water, which is more than sufficient for the six single-family units, to the town.
- Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife said there would be negligible wildlife impacts.
- The western 50 feet of all six properties will be a no-build easement since it is part of a floodplain.
- The lake access road from Mitchell Avenue will be paved after more progress is made on construction of the main Lake of Rockies development southeast of the lake.

Four residents spoke during the public hearing segment on this item, but none of them were asked to come up to the designated speaker's table or sign in there. Cheryl Wilson spoke up with concerns about more pesticides going into the lake and hurting wildlife and about additional traffic "racing down the lake road." A man who did not give his name asked about water shortages, endangered species, and wetlands.

Rick Squires and Nancy Swearengin both asked that the intersection of Mitchell Avenue and Second Street be converted to a three-way stop sign with a crosswalk to provide right-of-way for traffic south-bound on Mitchell and so pedestrians walking between the lake and the new parking lot near Limbach Park could cross safely. Public Works Director Tom Tharnish and Town Attorney Gary Shupp said Tharnish is working with El Paso County to have a section of Mitchell Avenue deeded to the town

so that the crosswalk and new flashing-LED stop signs can be installed.

The trustees voted unanimously to approve the zoning change, Preliminary/Final PD Site Plan, and Final Plat for Lake of the Rockies North.

Donala shares more information

Donala Water and Sanitation District Manager Kip Petersen returned to share more information with the trustees about Donala's experience with both standard and emergency water interconnections between districts. Petersen had already addressed the trustees on this subject in October. See www.ocn.me/v16n11. htm#mbot1003.

Background: Donala, which is almost built-out, serves Gleneagle, The Ridge at Fox Run, and Struthers Ranch. It pumps water both from aquifers and from renewable surface water supplies it owns (on the Willow Creek Ranch south of Leadville) that is pumped directly into Donala's drinking water distribution system from the Pueblo Reservoir, through Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) Southern Delivery System (SDS), treated by CSU's potable surface water treatment plant, then piped directly to the interconnection.

Donala and Triview Metropolitan District have two emergency water interconnections on Baptist Road at the Gleneagle Drive and Struthers Road intersections. Only the Gleneagle Drive interconnect has ever been used to convey Donala groundwater to Triview in an emergency. The sole time it was used occurred in July 2016, when Triview experienced a 20- to 30-million-gallon distribution system water leak. Donala has no infrastructure connections with Monument's potable water service area, which is entirely on the west side of L25

Petersen's comments included:

- The Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (PPRWA) Phase 3 regional infrastructure study will be made public in May. This \$230 million project could help move renewable water up to northern El Paso County a few decades from now. See www.pprwa.org/.
- Having an emergency interconnection with another district helps only if it has water to share when you need it and if you can afford the exponential costs of moving water between districts.
- For the first time in 80 years, CSU is saying it could consider helping water districts outside of their service boundaries and being a regional player. This is great news! See www.csu.org/Pages/iwrp-r.aspx.
- Donala must pay a 50 percent surcharge to pump water that it already owns through the SDS infrastructure.





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