

teaching this Garden and Landscaping series, discussing high altitude gardening, landscape design principles, water-wise gardening, and gardening with kids. The class sessions are free to the public, and they filled up quickly. Only one class, Gardening with Kids, has some space left. Parents wanting to register for this class can email the Town Gardener at Colgren@tomgov.org. Due to the popularity of this series, the Town of Monument is considering hosting more classes in the fall.

- New wayfinding signage is being installed in historic downtown.
- This was the first year Public Works decorated the water office and the Lewis-Palmer District Administration "Big Red" building. We also added more lights to the town parks and Second Street west of Highway 105.
- Installed more crosswalks in historic downtown.
- Picking up trash, mowing and trimming right-of-way on Highway 105 near Safeway, across the bridge to Dirty Woman Creek. This right-of-way belongs to El Paso County and Colorado Department

ment of Transportation (CDOT), but town staff is performing this task based on the number of complaints that were received.

Front and Second Streets project overview

Engineering Assistant Tom Martinez summarized the storm sewer and road improvements project completed at the intersection of Front Street and Second Street in August through October. He said town staff encountered some unexpected challenges and did great problem-solving, and the project was completed within budget and very close to its scheduled timeline.

Water Department update

Tharnish's report included:

- Met with engineers for CDOT regarding the upcoming I-25 Gap (Monument to Castle Rock widening) project and some potential effects on town stormwater flows.
- Attended "Communicating with Ratepayers" meeting at the Denver Chamber of Commerce.
- Had a regionalization meeting with Woodmoor Water and Sanitation, Donala Water and Sanitation, and Triview Metropolitan District to discuss water issues we are all facing.

Consent agenda items

The consent agenda was approved unanimously, including the following components:

- Checks over \$5,000:
- Triview Metropolitan District, sales tax October 2017, motor vehicle tax November 2017, regional building use tax November 2017 – \$169,329
- Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, January 2017, April 2017, October 2017 – \$15,000
- Stonebrook Roofing Inc., re-roof old Town Hall (current Chamber of Commerce) – \$43,600
- Resolution designating official posting places for public meetings of the Town of Monument for 2018. The town clerk was instructed to post all meeting notices:
- On the bulletin board at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite

Road

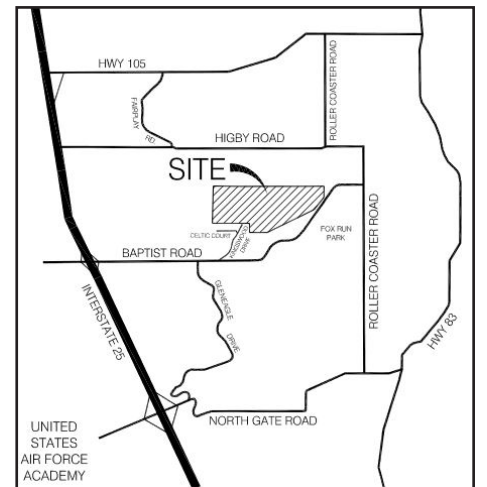
- On bulletin board inside Monument Post office, 545 Third St.
- Town of Monument website, www.townofmonument.org
- Resolution awarding a contract to Velocity Constructors Inc. for the well 4/5 water treatment plant upgrade project, using \$924,436 from the Water Enterprise Fund. This will include improvements to these two wells, which contain heavier concentrations of iron and manganese that block the current filters. Tharnish's report said the new design has been approved by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), and it will allow those wells to pump 24 hours a day instead of the current four hours a day.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Lisa Hatfield can be reached at lisahatfield@ocn.me.

Classic Homes proposes new road plan for Sanctuary Pointe



Above: Andrea Barlow of NES Inc., left, and Joe Loidolt, president of Classic Homes, explained their new proposal concerning Sanctuary Pointe Phase 2 at a neighborhood meeting on Jan. 4. Photo by Lisa Hatfield. Map at right from 2006 courtesy of Town of Monument.



By Lisa Hatfield

On Jan. 4, about 30 residents from neighborhoods surrounding Sanctuary Pointe gathered at the Woodmoor Barn as Andrea Barlow of NES Inc. and Classic Homes President Joe Loidolt explained their new proposal concerning Sanctuary Pointe Phase 2, which will eventually become the center portion of Sanctuary Pointe, north of Baptist Road and the Kingswood neighborhood.

Classic Homes wishes to begin building homes in Phase 2 but first needs land use approval from the Town of Monument. The sketch plan ordinance approved in November 2006 by the Monument Board of Trustees specified that two lanes of the east-west collector road, Sanctuary Rim Drive, must be completed before Phase 2 of the project could be started. The 2006 plan called for the west end of Sanctuary Rim Drive to connect with a yet-unbuilt section of Gleneagle Drive in the Home Place Ranch development, west of Sanctuary Pointe and north of Promontory Pointe. See www.ocn.me/v6n12.htm#bot1120.

However, since Home Place Ranch has still not yet been developed, Classic Homes now proposes to the town that instead of building Sanctuary Rim Drive all the way to the west in a road


that goes "nowhere," Classic would build just the middle third of it for now and connect it south to Kingswood Drive near where it currently terminates in an emergency-only access gate at its north end.

The new proposal would create a second egress from Sanctuary Pointe using Kingswood Road until Sanctuary Rim Drive could be completed to the west to meet Gleneagle Drive in Home Place Ranch.

Neighbors were livid at the new proposal, saying Kingswood Drive was a poorly-maintained county road that is not wide enough for any more traffic. Barlow said it was always intended to be a main point of access into the site, but the gathered neighbors disagreed, quoting the 2006 town ordinance.

Classic's proposal is scheduled to come before the regular Monument Planning Commission meeting on Feb. 14 and after that at the Monument Board of Trustees.

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