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into two residential lots at their May 14 meeting. The replat does not increase the total number of lots in the development, because lot 35 had originally been two lots and had been combined at the final plat stage for a potential buyer. The BOCC's decision allows the owner to separate the lots again because the purchase did not go through.

Contract awarded for Black Forest Regional Park trail project

At the May 21 BOCC meeting, the commissioners approved the award of a construction contract and purchase order to Meridiam Partners LLC for the construction of four miles of new trail and the decommissioning of an old trail within the park at a cost not to exceed \$204,072.

Update on Monument Hill Road closure

To enable work to be carried out for the Monument Hill Road Safety Improvements Project, the road has been closed from the intersection of Woodmoor Drive to the south entrance of the Monument Hill Church since mid-October. This phase of the work was expected to be completed by early February, but this section will now remain closed into June due to weather delays and a shortage of materials.

Upon completion of this first phase, work will move to the northern section of the road sometime in June. This second phase will see Monument Hill Road closed from the south entrance of Monument Hill Church to the south entrance of Palmer Ridge

High School, eliminating access from the road to Deer Creek Road. Woodmoor Drive, Furrow Drive, and County Line Road will serve as the detour.

The BOCC has approved several easements to allow the project to go ahead, most recently at its Sept. 11, 2018 meeting. (See <https://www.ocn.me/v18n10.htm#epbocc>.)

Appointments to the county Planning Commission

At the May 7 BOCC meeting, the commissioners re-appointed Commissioners Grace Blea-Nunez, Tom Bailey, and Peter Aurich as associate members of the Planning Commission. Associate members are renewed annually. Associate members can become regular members of the commission when an opening arises. Commissioner Bailey was approved to go from associate to regular member at the May 21 BOCC meeting. His term as a regular member runs until May 1, 2022.

Other decisions

May 14—The commissioners approved a request to establish the survey area and set June 18 as the hearing date for the application by Black Forest Diversified Services LLC, doing business as Firehouse on the Run 2 at 12480 Black Forest Road, for a fermented beverage off-premise liquor license.

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our school, to protect its excellence and the character qualities that we hold so dear. It is incredibly important to this board, to this administration, that we maintain the highest level of character, of honesty and we will not at any moment or at any time sacrifice any of those things."

Citizens' comments

During the citizens' comments portion of the meeting, Holly Longenbach, a local resident, said she

would email the board a copy of her statement and all supporting documents to ensure her statement would not be "disposed of" as was done with a letter submitted by an MA parent at the last meeting. She noted that she was not a parent of an MA student but was a taxpaying member of the community who had witnessed and experienced questionable behaviors and decisions by MA leadership.

Longenbach said she submitted several Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) requests and learned the hard way that it is very difficult to obtain information from MA. She said she was appalled to learn that the board was planning to make it more difficult to get information that MA has a legal responsibility to provide and taxpaying citizens have a right to access.

She noted that she was often quoted exorbitant amounts to fulfill requests for the most basic records that are usually posted publicly on other charters' websites or provided quickly without high fees. She gave an example of a request to MA for invoices, payments, and receipts to TAGG Education LLC wherein MA quoted seven days, six hours and payment of \$150 to comply. In contrast, Rocky Mountain Classical Academy provided the records in less than three days with no charge. She noted that TAGG Education LLC is owned by the son of MA's legal counsel and there is no conflict of interest waiver on file.

She asked when the MA board would see that a certain administrator isn't abiding by the board policy 1500-B that states "The executive director shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision, or organizational condition which is unlawful, imprudent, or in violation of the highest standards of professional ethics." She finished by referencing the hiring of the

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Questions: Contact Parade Director: rich7100@comcast.net

