

road when a distracted driver didn't see him.

He suggested the connection to Higby Road is a big issue for improving safety in the neighborhood if there is ever a fire and it should be built out as soon as possible as an egress from the community.

Andrea Barlow of NES Inc., representing Classic Homes, responded by saying the developer has done everything required of them, meeting all conditions from Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District. Loren Moreland, vice president of Classic Homes, said they met the requirements of the town's development guidelines. He indicated Classic Homes doesn't need to further improve Gleneagle Drive for it to be considered a safe way in and out.

Trustee Greg Coopman considered Kimple's concern about safety to be valid, noting, "I'm tired of developers saying we don't have to" with regard to doing more than the town's development requirements for the safety of residents. It comes down to procedural

issues that can be resolved in code updates, he said. Coopman asked how the developer would respond to Kimple's "valid concern," to which Moreland said he too had almost been hit driving on the roadway, but he said they have followed the standards as required by the town.

Both Coopman and Bornstein were concerned the minimum requirements currently set by the town are not meeting the needs of the residents with regard to safety and agreed they could be changed with the current review process.

Trustee Ron Stephens agreed with Kimple about his concerns and urged town staff to continue their work with the county and Triview Metropolitan District to annex Higby Road into town. Town Manager Mike Foreman said he met with Triview and the county last week to continue their discussions, but there is a lot of legal work to be done before the annexation goes through. During the Nov. 18 BOT meeting, Triview District Manager Jim McGrady an-

nounced the county might be willing to transfer ownership of Higby Road to the town, which means the road can be developed to meet safety requirements. See <https://ocn.me/v19n12.htm#mbot>.

Barlow added that all the homes are built to Firewise standards, and the landscaping must meet the standards as well. Moreland said the homeowners receive design guidelines with a full list of Firewise-approved plants, and the developer teaches classes during the annual neighborhood barbecue.

The ordinance was approved unanimously.

Town manager's report

Foreman reported the Police Department has received LoJack technology free of charge for two vehicles, which will assist with stolen vehicle recovery. The department also received a daily field activity report form from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, also free of charge, to capture data on calls for

service and enforcements.

The meeting went into executive session at 8:15 p.m. for the negotiation and discussion of the salary and compensation package for a new chief of police. No decisions were made in open session.

The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Feb. 3. Call 719-884-8014 or see www.townofmonument.org for information. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for BOT or to download audio recordings of past meetings, see <http://monumenttown-co.minutesondemand.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

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- February 13, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Prairie Winds Elementary School
- February 13, 2:00-3:30 p.m., Ray Kilmer Elementary School
- February 18, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Monument Academy
- February 20, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Palmer Ridge High School

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