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2. That the applicant also consider minimizing all access points into the site and crossing the Santa Fe Trail to the greatest extent possible to make as little

impact as possible. This motion was seconded by Strop, and approved unanimously, 5-0.

Sanctuary Pointe Filing No. 7 Final Plat
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is north of Higby Estates and south of Sanctuary Pointe Filings 4, 5, and 6. The property is 57.625 acres and is a part of Phase 2 of the Sanctuary Pointe development, the Final PD Site Plan that was approved in March 2018. Filing No. 7 features 56 lots, two tracts and four streets, with lots ranging from 9,800 square feet to 2.06 acres. The tracts will be owned and maintained by Triview Metropolitan District and comprise about 41.96% of the total land area. These tracts are intended for open space, parks, and trails, among other uses as stated in the meeting packet. This plat is consistent with the PD Site Plan.

Much of the discussion,

including the public comment, was difficult to hear in the provided recording. In the end, Thomas moved to approve the proposal, which was then approved unanimously, 5-0. Planning staff is expected to release this special meeting's minutes once they have been approved after the upcoming meeting in July, so please check the town website if you would like more information.

Reports and communications

Town Manager Mike Foreman stated that he will work to initiate discussions about relocating Santa Fe Trail where it crosses Old Denver Road. He acknowledged that the project

would take effort, but that a lot of people are concerned.

The possibility of having two meetings during one week in August instead of spreading the meetings apart throughout the month was also discussed. As Strop will be moving out of Monument town limits after August, it is likely a vote will have to be held for her replacement at that time.

PC meetings will be held online over the next few months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Information: 884-8017 or http://www.townofmonument.org/meetings/.

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Burglaries, shots fired in Monument

At 1:30 a.m. June 3, Monument police officers responded to a report of "shots fired" in the 17000 block of Pawnee Valley Trail. An investigation revealed that a homeowner awoke to find a man inside of his vehicle in his driveway. When the homeowner went outside to confront him, the man fired a handgun at the homeowner three times. The homeowner was not struck. The suspects then immediately fled the area in a dark-colored sedan.

Further investigation found numerous vehicles were burglarized in the Trails End Neighborhood in the hours preceding the shooting. All vehicles targeted were unlocked or showed no signs of forced entry. A 2016 Ford Escape was stolen from the 2000 block of Wagon Gap Trail after the ve-



Above: The Monument Police Department (MPD) is requesting assistance to identify suspects and asking that residents of the

Trails End and Pastimes Neighborhoods check security cameras and doorbell cameras for footage from the night of June 2 and the morning of June 3 that may help identify criminals involved in burglaries and shots fired. Anyone with information is asked to contact Greg Melikian at gmelikian@tomgov.org. Photos courtesy of MPD.

hicle's keys were found in an unlocked vehicle parked on the same property.

The Monument Police Department reminded citizens to

remove valuables from their vehicles and ensure that they are locked. ■

Palmer Lake Board of Trustees, June 11 and 25

New fire chief sworn in; stormwater ordinance updated

By James Howald and Jackie Burhans

The Palmer Lake Board of Trustees met twice in June: on June 11 and 25. The meetings were held in person at the Palmer Lake Town Hall.

A new fire chief was sworn in, and the town updated the ordinance governing the han-

dling of stormwater. An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with El Paso County was put in place that authorizes the town to receive funds from the CARES Act. Several resolutions and ordinances were passed, and the town granted a business license and a street vacation.

Fire chief sworn in

At the June 11 meeting, Fire Chief Christopher McCarthy took the oath of office, ending the town's search for a new fire chief for the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department (PLVFD). The oath was administered by Dawn Collins, the town's newly hired town clerk.

Stormwater ordinance updated

At the June 11 meeting, the board began its consideration of Ordinance 04-2020, which amends the Municipal Code to address the issue of stormwater. The board heard a presentation from John Chavez of Chavez Consulting Inc., the consultant the town has hired to assist them in complying with the state's regulations for handling stormwater. At that meeting, Chavez told the board he had added a chapter

to the Municipal Code on illicit discharge, working from the El Paso County ordinance on the same subject. Other parts of the updated ordinance address construction and right-of-way issues, he said. Subdivisions, grading, and culverts are also handled in the updated ordinance, according to Chavez.

The ordinance was tabled until the June 25 meeting to give the board adequate time to consider the numerous revisions and additions.

At the June 25 meeting, Trustee Patty Mettler asked Chavez why oil and gas issues were not addressed in the illicit discharge portion of the ordinance. Chavez said that was because there was a separate regulation that oversaw oil and gas.

The board voted unanimously to approve the updated ordinance.

IGA to provide funds for COVID-19 remediation

At the June 11 meeting, Interim Town Manager Bob Radosevich asked the board to consider authorizing Mayor John Cressman to sign an IGA with El Paso County that will provide the town with \$221,000 through

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