

MSD (Cont. from 18)

Parker said the draft before the board was the same one emailed previously and posted.

No comments were made by district customers and Howe closed the budget hearing.

The board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 11172021-2 which adopts the budget for 2022 and appropriates the necessary funds.

Conference room agreement and fee considered

Parker gave the board a draft of the conference room rental agreement he proposed to use beginning in January of 2022. The proposed agreement states that MSD will have priority if a schedule conflict exists and that use of the room will be limited to government, educational, community, business, and non-profit organizations. The renter will be responsible for set-up and clean-up of the room. The proposed fee is \$30 for a five-hour block of time.

Parker asked for comments on the proposed agreement and fee so that the issue could be addressed at the next board meeting.

Update on RFP for legal services

Parker told the board that three law firms—Fritsche Law, Sparks Willson, and Collins Cockrel and Cole—had responded to MSD's RFP for legal services. Parker said he would follow up with companies to whom the RFP had been sent.

Operational reports

In his Manager's Report, Parker said wastewater service line inspections were under way in Wagons West and would begin soon in Willow Springs. A memorandum of understanding between MSD and the home builder at Willow Springs specifying the requirements for the development to connect to MSD's service lines was signed by all parties. Parker said two board seats—those belonging to Howe and Saucedo—would need to be filled in an election in May 2022. The board members elected would serve three-

year terms due to the new election cycle. MSD has received 25 tap fees from builders at Willow Springs.

Parker mentioned Triview Metropolitan District (TMD) had proposed annexing the Monument Ice Rink into its service area. He said, this would present legal difficulties because TMD's water would be flowing into MSD's sewer lines. If they annex the ice rink, MSD would require TMD to also provide sewer service to the rink, Parker said.

Monument Sanitation District meetings are normally held at 9 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month in the district conference room at 130 Second St., Monument. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Dec. 15 at 9 a.m. See <https://colorado.gov/msd>. For a district service map, see <https://colorado.gov/pacific/msd/district-map-0>. Information: 719-481-4886.

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Triview Metropolitan District, Nov. 17 and 18

Potential regional water system becomes more tangible

By Jennifer Kaylor

The Triview Metropolitan District conducted back-to-back events in November. The district held a second open house on Nov. 17 to communicate the status on and receive input about the proposed regional drinking water pipeline called the Northern Delivery System (NDS). Triview's board of directors convened on Nov. 18 for its regular monthly meeting. One agenda item was to review and consider a petition to include Higby Road into the district.

Triview staff, all board directors, and legal representatives attended the meeting either online or in person.

The November board meeting packet, including the agenda, may be accessed via <https://triviewmetro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Triview-Board-Packet-for-11.18.2021.pdf>.

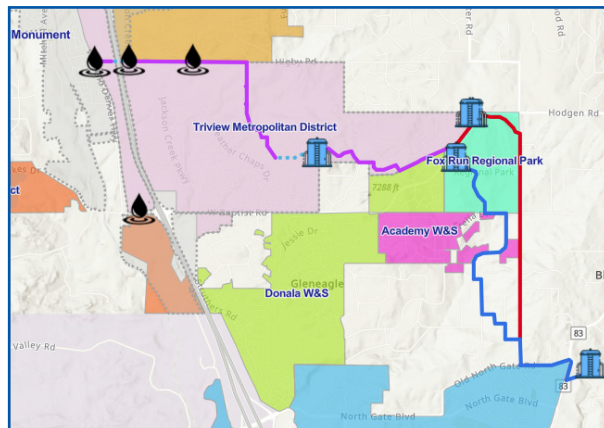
Triview is a Title 32 special district in Monument that provides road, park, and open space maintenance, as well as water, stormwater, and wastewater services to Jackson Creek, Promontory Pointe, Sanctuary Pointe, and several commercial areas.

Northern Delivery System explained, public input sought

At the open house located at Bear Creek Elementary School, District Manager Jim McGrady presented information and graphics to explain the proposed water delivery system intended to provide renewable water to northern El Paso County water systems. A significant reason for creating the NDS is to bring renewable water to the area and reduce reliance on groundwater that regional providers pump from the Denver Basin aquifer. Groundwater is a nonrenewable water source in which replenishment from rainfall and snowmelt does not keep pace with pumping demands and water quality is prone to arsenic and radium contamination among other elements. In addition to improving water quantity and quality, the pipeline would use some of Colorado Springs Utilities' (CSU) existing infrastructure thereby capitalizing on cost effectiveness and efficiency, install fire protection along the pipe route including areas within Fox Run Regional Park, and provide a system to transport treated wastewater return flows if the North Monument Creek Interceptor is built.

McGrady presented two potential routes currently being considered, both of which start at a proposed pump station that would be constructed next to an existing CSU storage tank near the juncture of Old North Gate Road and Highway 83. The placement of a one-million-gallon water tank depends on the route. Route consideration A (shown in blue in the map below, courtesy of the Triview Metropolitan District) passes through Fox Run Regional Park and places the tank—for which strategic design and location are planned to mitigate visual impacts—in the

park southeast of Baptist Road. Route consideration B (shown in red) passes through a more northerly section of Fox Run Park and places the water tank near an existing Donala Water and Sanitation District (DWSD) tank. Due to elevation, consideration A is more energy efficient, creates fewer road and wooded park impacts, and adds fire hydrants to the park but would require construction of a pump station for DWSD. Consideration B would consolidate the new tank with an existing DWSD tank, omit the need for an additional DWSD pump station, and use existing trails for pipeline construction. The route would place fire hydrants along Roller Coaster Road, however, instead of inside the park and electrical needs would be greater, consequently increasing expenses for NDS participants and ultimately customers.



McGrady's full presentation is published on Triview's website at https://triviewmetro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Powerpoint-Nov-17-_story-map_3-web.pdf and an expanded explanation is available at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/eed101379c3d482d93f1881ee5378bc8>. See also https://triviewmetro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Fox-Run-Regional-Park-Alignment_NDS.pdf for a focused depiction of a potential Fox Run Regional Park alignment.

The NDS project team is comprised of sponsors Triview and Forest Lakes Metropolitan District, civil engineering firm JDS-Hydro Consultants, Inc., and urban design and land planning corporation N.E.S. Inc. Other water providers in northern El Paso County have the option to participate in the pipeline as well. The team has been working closely with El Paso County personnel to establish permits, approvals, and agreements which consider among other issues endangered species such as Preble's meadow jumping mouse habitat, wetlands, archeological sites, and Fox Run Regional Park's culturally modified trees and recreational use. El Paso County will ultimately make final decisions on the project. The current cost estimate of the project is \$21.5 million. Construction is anticipated to begin during the second quarter of 2022 and end around the third quarter of 2024.

McGrady, other team members, and county representatives responded to questions, comments, and suggestions throughout the presentation and afterward. The public is encouraged to learn about the NDS project from the aforementioned resources posted on Triview's website and provide feedback to Triview or other team entities.

District accepts Higby Road maintenance and repair responsibilities
Directors reviewed and considered a petition from

the Town of Monument to Triview for the district to include Higby Road into its service boundary for the purpose of constructing and maintaining improvements on the road. Citing consistency with the terms and conditions of the intergovernmental agreement of September 22, 1987, between the Town and the district, the petition stated, "all roadways constructed, improved, and maintained on Higby Road by the District will be dedicated to the Town for public use, and the District will remain responsible for the ongoing maintenance and repair of the roadway improvements on Higby Road." The petition further stated that "the Town and District are working cooperatively to ensure that funding for necessary improvements to said roadway is provided by those parties benefitting from such improvements."

McGrady characterized the Town's petition as a culmination of three years' worth of planning and work. He described hundreds, if not thousands, of pages of right-of-way information resulting from a thorough survey of the road which extends from its connection with Jackson Creek Parkway—just east of I-25—to the eastern edge of Homeplace Ranch. Three preliminary steps needed to be accomplished before the petition reached the Triview directors' November meeting. The El Paso County Board of County Commissioners needed to petition the Town to annex Higby Road as its public right-of-way, the Town had to approve the annexation, and then the Town needed to petition Triview to include Higby Road into the district. The directors unanimously approved the inclusion of Higby Road into the district.

With Higby Road now under Triview's purview, McGrady stated that design for improvements would start right away. Additional legal steps remain, however, so snow removal responsibilities would likely be "handed off" from the county in the summer of 2022.

Trustee challenges October decision

During public comment, Town of Monument Trustee Mitch LaKind appeared before the board to register a formal complaint about the district's October board decision to explore potential inclusion of Monument Ice Rinks for the purpose of providing water service. He disputed Triview's pursuit of such an inclusion agreement without communication and collaboration with the town.

McGrady clarified that Monument Ice Rinks initiated the proposed idea and that the Triview board simply chose to accept the invitation to assist the ice rink owners in examining all water service options. He further explained that the Woodmen Valley Chapel Monument campus, which is currently under construction and in relative proximity to Monument Ice Rinks, is now tied into Triview's infrastructure, so the request from Monument Ice Rinks Facility Manager Jeremy Hunter was a logical one. McGrady acknowledged that Monument Ice Rinks falls within the town's service area and the district would work with the town if the inclusion idea moved beyond the current phase of an exploratory conversation.

Additional actions and reports noted

- Directors approved two resolutions. Resolution 2021-12 pertaining to Triview's annual administrative framework and how it will manage its business throughout 2022. It will maintain its current board meeting schedule of 5:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the district's business office. The second resolution, 2021-13,

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