

However, Kimple persisted in bringing in external information, prompting Mayor LaKind to question its validity, particularly highlighting Kimple's assertion that Highway 105 wouldn't be completed until 2040. "They're actively building four lanes right outside my bedroom window right now; I hear it all day long," LaKind said. Romanello followed by saying "I'm not OK with this at all," referring to Kimple's call for a tax-funded study to help promote a "NIMBY attitude" (Not In My Backyard).

Town Attorney Bob Cole emphasized that no conclusion should be made because the applicant (Maverik) was not present. If Maverik should re-

turn with its application, Kimple said he would likely have more questions.

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The Monument Council 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 meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 4 and March 18. Call 719-884-

8014 or see [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org) for information. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets or to download audio recordings of past meetings, see <http://monument-townco.minutesondemand.com> and click on Town Council.

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Palmer Lake Board of Trustees, Feb. 8 and 22

## Ben Lomand property eligible for annexation; stance on migrants debated

By James Howald and Jackie Burhans

At its meeting on Feb. 22, the Palmer Lake Board of Trustees (PLBOT) held a public hearing to decide if the property owned by the United Congregational Church was eligible for annexation by the town. Mayor Glant Havenar asked the board to approve a resolution declaring Palmer Lake to be a "non-sanctuary" town; she also asked it to authorize her to sign a letter drafted by leaders in surrounding towns to the El Paso Board of County Commissioners.

The PLBOT board considered updates to the town's land use code. The lease agreement between EcoSpa LLC and the town was amended. The board held a workshop on its master fee schedule and voted to approve a new version of it. The location of the proposed pickleball courts was changed so that they would not be built over a water line. Finally, the board approved two special use permits.

Both meetings ended with executive sessions.

**Property meets eligibility requirements**

Havenar opened the public hearing on the eligibility of the Ben Lomand property for annexation into the town by saying the attendees were neighbors

and by requesting they speak kindly. She and Town Attorney Scotty Krob said the sole topic of the hearing was whether the property was eligible for annexation and that all other issues would be handled later in the development process.

Dan Madison, a civil engineer representing the church, said the town had written an annexation impact report for El Paso County as required by the annexation process. The primary criterion for eligibility was one-sixth of the boundary of the property being contiguous with the town. Madison said the property met that requirement with 20% of the boundary being contiguous.

Havenar asked Madison to address the issue of water service for the proposed development. Madison said the developer does not want water service from the town; the lots would have private wells and the development would be self-sufficient regarding water. The developer did want the town to provide fire and police service, however. Madison pointed out that the developer initially wanted to remain in unincorporated El Paso County, but the town asked to be a partner in the development process.

Resident Roger Moseley raised several objections to the planned de-

velopment, arguing that the impact report was "a terrible report," mistaken on the issue of density, lacking information about costs, that the specifics of the development were not covered, and that there was a legal requirement for maps to be updated. Krob replied the impact report was prepared for the county, which had judged it adequate for its purposes. The maps needed to be updated before annexation, Krob said, but not before the determination about eligibility was made.

Resident Martha Brodzik said the impact report did not include a financial plan. She said she believed the town would be required to maintain a portion of County Line Road and

that annexation would cost the town \$77,000 a year in excess of the property taxes received. She said she was not in favor of or opposed to annexation, but she did not want to bear the burden of annexation.

Resident Johann Moum asked who the developer of the property is and if access to the proposed development would be through existing streets. He also asked about the intended lot sizes. Havenar pointed out these questions did not relate to eligibility.

Reid Wiecks, chairman of the Parks and Trails commission, said he was in favor of annexation but believed that one of the parcels would cut off a proposed trail. He objected to the Parks



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