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sible for the monitoring of School Improvement Plans, assisting the Board of Education in community education, acting as a liaison with Monument Academy, and maintaining a Committee for Political Achievement.

Bob Linza, representative of Monument Academy, said that the academy is very pleased with its present relationship with the district. School officials were pleased to be invited to meetings and to have visits from the superintendent and members of the board.

As in the past, DAAC will hold its meetings at various locations throughout the year.

Committee for Political Achievement

Chair Cori Tanner reported that the purpose of the Committee for Political Achievement (CPA) is to talk with the community and legislators about school

funding and education.

In this election year, the committee will get the word out to students who are eligible to register to vote and familiarize the community with ballot measures such as the amendment to regulate campaign funding, the initiative to raise taxes to fund the Sheriff's Office, and term limits for county officials.

Tanner stressed that the CPA's function is to inform the public, not to tell them how to vote. Both sides of each issue must be presented.

The District Accountability Advisory Committee meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Locations vary. The next meeting will be held on Oct. 9 at Kilmer Elementary School, 4285 Walker Road in Monument.

Harriet Halbig may be reached at harriethalbig@ocn.me.

Monument Board of Trustees, Sept. 4

Police Officer Jacob sworn in

By Jim Kendrick

On Sept. 4, Monument Police Chief Jake Shirk swore in new Reserve Police Officer Steven "Jake" Jacob. His wife Linda pinned on Officer Jacob's new badge. Shirk noted that Jacob will be an unpaid volunteer officer and had paid his own way through a police academy to become eligible to serve Monument's citizens.

Trustees Rick Squires and Becki Tooley were absent.

Trustees' comments

Mayor Travis Easton and Town Manager Cathy Green noted that a new option on the town's website now allows residents to pay their town water bill online. The website for this service is <https://www.pamentservicenetwork.com/login.asp>.

Public comments

Dave Vanness of the Tri-Lakes Community Foundation asked the board to consider a donation in the 2013 town budget to help his organization provide a "T-59" transportation program for 10 to 20 citizens age 59 and under who need rides to local or Veterans Administration medical services or social services. The Tri-Lakes Cares organization is coordinating foundation rides for the "T-59" program at 719-481-4864. Seniors 60 and over can obtain rides through a separate service, Mountain Transit, coordinated by an agency on aging.

Volunteers and computer hardware/software donations are also being sought. The foundation is also helping with the Master Sgt. William Crawford Medal of Honor Memorial project in Palmer Lake.

Vanness stated that the foundation is now an entirely separate 501(c)(3) organization, primarily financed by private donations, and no longer affiliated with the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

Two site plans extended one year

The board approved one-year extensions of site plans for the Monument Rock Business Park and Raf's Village.

Director of Development Services Tom Kassawara said the time limit extension for the planned development site plan for the still vacant portion of the Monument Rock Business Park would allow developer SDK1 LLC to get financing and resubmit the project to obtain future administrative approval for Phase 2 not later than Sept. 4, 2013.

No work has been done yet on either of the vacant lots to the east of the only building constructed to date on the



Above (L to R): Linda Jacob and new Monument Police Department Reserve Officer Steven "Jake" Jacob with Chief Jake Shirk after Officer Jacob was sworn in at the Sept. 4 Monument Board of Trustees meeting. Officer Jacob is a volunteer who paid for his own police academy training to qualify to join the department. *Photo by Jim Kendrick*

Monument Rock property. These lots have remained unimproved since the site plan was approved in 2004. The property is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Synthes Avenue and Mitchell Avenue, in the Synthes industrial park.

For more information on the controversy regarding the original site plan and long-term non-compliance by SDK1 owners with the conditions of approval specified by the board in 2004, see:

- www.ocn.me/v4n10.htm#monpc
- www.ocn.me/v4n10.htm#monp&l
- www.ocn.me/v4n11.htm#botoct4
- www.ocn.me/v4n11.htm#botoct18
- www.ocn.me/v4n11.htm#botnov1
- www.ocn.me/v10n8.htm#bot802

The time limit for the Raf's Village traditional zone site plan was also unanimously extended one year by the board. Kassawara stated this extension would permit more time for the developer, Expeditionary Solutions LLC, for:

- Design and development.
- Seeking financing for the project.
- Resubmitting their project proposal with the changes deemed necessary for a complete site plan.
- Obtaining administrative approval from the town staff by Sept. 4, 2013.

The Raf's Village property is located at 174 N. Washington St.

Liquor license transfer approved

The board unanimously approved a