

## Robbery suspect sought



On Nov. 27 at about 10 p.m., a man entered the Walgreens store at 265 Highway 105, approached a cash register, and, while holding a handgun, demanded that the clerk behind the register give him the money from the register. Once he received the money, the man left the store. No one was hurt during the incident.

The suspect is a white male, approximately 6' tall, 160-185 lbs, mid-twenties, with sandy brown

hair, and acne on his forehead. He was wearing blue jeans, a black hoodie with the hood pulled up and the word Colorado printed in yellow on the front. He had a black backpack and a red bandana covering his face.

If you have any information about this incident, please call the Monument Police Department at (719) 481-3253. ■

Monument Planning Commission, Nov. 14

## Parking, public notice code amendments approved

By Jim Kendrick

On Nov. 14, Monument Senior Planner Patricia Parish and Director of Development Services Tom Kassawara presented code amendments to the Planning Commission regarding parking in the general business district (the downtown B zone) and public notice requirements. They were unanimously approved.

The absences of Chair Ed Delaney and Vice Chair Kathy Spence were excused. Commissioner John Dick served as acting chair.

### Parking amendment approved

Some of the significant code changes to parking in the general business district were:

- Adds a provision for the maximum number of parking stalls allowed to limit impervious surface drainage issues.
- Fixes discrepancy in parking stall length—standardizes stall length at 18 feet.
- The minimum two-way circulation access shall not be less than 24 feet in width.
- Adds a new prohibition on parking large trucks in residential neighborhoods within the public right-of-way or roadway (unless temporarily conducting business) or for living or house-keeping purposes.
- Updates standards for Americans with Disability Act accessible parking spaces and aisles—now consistent with [www.access-board.gov](http://www.access-board.gov)—to reduce the current excessive town requirement.
- Adds wording for new section on motorcycle and low-speed vehicle parking stall standards.
- Adds parking lot landscaping as well as landscape island standards—one island per 10 parking stalls.
- Updates off-street parking space requirements for each land use.

The table in the code at the end of the parking chapter has been edited to reflect industry standard calculations for required off-street parking depending on the use.

All these changes were unanimously approved.

### Public notice amendment approved

Some of the changes discussed regarding public notice requirements for major and minor planned development site plan hearings and minor amendments to these site plans were:

- The proposed language makes it clear the

town's Development Services Department will publish public notices and the required timelines for public notices.

- Public notices will now be mailed to property owners within 500 or 1,000 feet of the property lines for a development application, as determined by the town planner.
- Posting of a sign, or signs if more than one is required, on the property for a public hearing will be done by the applicant 15 days prior to a public hearing.
- An affidavit will be required by Development Services from the applicant, notifying the town of the sign posting(s) along with photographs of the sign(s) in place on the property.
- New requirements, meeting procedures, and other details are proposed for projects deemed to be controversial or of significant public interest.
- A paragraph on email notifications and collection of emailed public comments by the applicant was also proposed.
- Cross-references to the above were added to the code on final planned development site plans, major site plan amendments, and minor site plan amendments.

Commissioner Glenda Smith asked if there were any code changes regarding diagonal parking.

Kassawara said no changes would be made on Front Street. He also noted that downtown business owners have asked for as many diagonal parking on Second Street and Front Street as possible. Signs will be erected to direct motorists to the new town parking lot on Washington Street.

All these changes were unanimously approved. These changes will go to the Board of Trustees next for final approval.

For more information on the town code see

- [www.townofmonument.net/DSZoningOrdinances.html](http://www.townofmonument.net/DSZoningOrdinances.html)
- <http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=16718>

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 12, at Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. Meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month. Information: 884-8017.

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