SENIOR LIVING FACILITY (cont. from page 1) The absence of Chairman Ed DeLaney was excused.

Background

Monument developer Jamie Hull has made several proposals for use of this property, the last undeveloped full city block within the downtown district.

Hull first offered to develop the parcel in 2004 as



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a downtown municipal center to centralize all town administrative functions in one location. This proposal was eventually dropped in 2005 when proposed costs for the combined police and courthouse building with cells for inmates far exceeded the town's ability to issue property tax revenue bonds. (http://www.ocn.me/ v5n5.htm#bot0502)

Note: The town subsequently built a new combined Town Hall and Police Department building for \$4.4 million. It opened for business on May 10, 2009.

Hull also offered a pre-application proposal that was presented to the Monument Board of Trustees by Town Planner Mike Davenport on May 17, 2004, for replatting and rezoning the parcel to build 13 or 14 senior citizen one-story duplex patio homes with two bedrooms and two baths and one-car garages between the units. They would have cost about \$250,000.

However, the city block had only 16 platted lots with 0.5 acre-feet of water per year per lot for a total of 8 acre-feet per year available. The proposed project would have required a purchase of water rights for an additional 9 to 10 acre-feet per year from the town. A U.S. acre-foot is



325,853 gallons.

The Hull parcel also still had lower density R-2 downtown residential zoning. The higher proposed density also required rezoning to PUD (planned unit development.)

Another complication that still exists today is that Lewis-Palmer School District 38 had built a fence around its track to the south that encroached on lots 6 to 8 of the original city block plat. (www.ocn.me/ v4n6.htm#monbotmay17)

Hull made a pre-application presentation for a senior living center on this lot to the Planning Commission on Jan. 12, 2005. This revised proposal included replatting and rezoning for 50 to 52 dwelling units, 44 apartments in a two-story structure and six to eight patio homes. Fifty residences would have needed 18.75 acre-feet of water per year, assuming seniors would only use 0.375 acre-feet of water per year instead of 0.500 acre-feet of water per year.

The consensus of the commissioners was that the parcel was better suited to commercial development due to the limited amount of usable groundwater on the parcel and the very small number of remaining available town water taps, due to Water Department production and storage limitations. Road access was considered too limited on the west side of the property due to traffic for Grace Best Elementary School, which was still open at that time. (www.ocn.me/v5n2.htm#monpc)

This proposal was dropped when the town offered Hull an alternative senior center lot. The other lot was donated to the town by WED LLC when the 140-acre Wahlborg addition on the southeast corner of Highway 105 and Knollwood Avenue was annexed. WED's donated lot had also been considered as a location for the new police station and courthouse, but costs for the proposed joint facility far exceeded the town's bonding capacity as well. A site plan for the Arbor Mountain Senior Living Facility was approved on the town's lot adjacent to Highway 105,





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