

Monument Board of Trustees, April 1

# New downtown directional signs proposed

By Jim Kendrick

On April 1, Tom Kassawara, director of Development Services, showed the Monument Board of Trustees slides of various options for signs to be installed in downtown Monument to help motorists and pedestrians find their way to various kinds of shops, restaurants, services, and parking. There is \$25,000 in the town's budget this year for the first phase of downtown signage for interior downtown streets. The second phase will include the exterior area. The signs would have a town logo at the top.

Before the regular meeting, the board had a dinner workshop with the board of the Triview Metropolitan District. All of the Monument trustees as well as the Triview directors, including District Manager Valerie Remington, were present.

## Downtown directional signage proposed

The larger signs would be installed at the intersections of Second Street and Third Street with Beacon Lite Road. They would be about 3 feet high and 2 feet wide and mounted on existing light poles. The signs in the downtown area would also be mounted on existing streetlight poles, opposite the Art Hop banner locations, along Second and Third Street. They would be about 2 feet wide and 1 foot high and bear lettering visible to both motorists and pedestrians.

The board favored the option for antique bronze rectangular signs with brackets. Former Trustee Tommie Plank, the owner of Covered Treasures bookstore, asked the board to consider a sub-committee of Historic Monument Merchants Association members to work on the project. Plank requested vacant slots on these new sign frames to allow business owners to purchase the slots for promoting their stores.

Kassawara stated that this would congest the poles. He suggested that future signage may include individual store "signs" on benches and planters that would say something like "Beauty Salon" or "Art Shop." The board stated that a subcommittee would not be in the best interest of the project now because a committee was in place and the timeline for completing the project was short.

Kassawara stated that he would brief the Merchants Association on the downtown signage project at the association's next meeting.

## Shirk "honored"

Trustee Jeff Bornstein stated that Monument Police Chief Jake Shirk had been very proactive through his participation in a variety of professional and volunteer community activities. He presented Shirk a framed pair of autographed Sheriff Joe Arpaio pink prisoner undershorts to much laughter. Arpaio is the controversial sheriff of Maricopa County in Arizona. For more information on this, see: [www.fh.az.gov/sheriff-joe-arpaio.aspx](http://www.fh.az.gov/sheriff-joe-arpaio.aspx)



Above (L to R): On April 1, Monument Trustee Jeff Bornstein presented Police Chief Jake Shirk with a framed autographed set of Sheriff Joe Arpaio pink prisoner undershorts. Photo by Jim Kendrick.

## Three land use ordinances approved

The board unanimously approved an ordinance granting a request for an extension for review and approval of the Village Center at Woodmoor Filing 3A major planned development (PD) amendment, replat, and final PD site plan applications. This extension allows time for the applicant to resubmit the project and obtain approval from the Board of Trustees. The project is located at the southeast corner of West Highway 105 and Gold Canyon Road.

The board unanimously approved an ordinance for a replat of the northern portions of the Promontory Pointe

development by developer Classic Homes.

Kassawara proposed two conditions of approval for Replat A:

1. The booster pumps for the potable water distribution system in the upper portion of the development must be approved by Triview and operational prior to the issuance of the first land use permit for any home that is served by a fire hydrant located in the specified fire zone.
2. Approval is subject to any necessary technical corrections to be approved by staff.

There were no public comments during the open portion of this public hearing on the replat or the two conditions. PD site plan amendment: The board also unanimously approved an ordinance for a second major amendment to the Final PD Site Plan for Promontory Pointe with four conditions:

- "1. The booster pumps for the potable water distribution system in the upper portion of the development must be approved by Triview and operational prior to the issuance of the first land use permit for any home that is served by a fire hydrant located with the "Fire Zone: as shown on the Triview Metropolitan District Booster Station Pressure Zones Exhibit, attached as part of Exhibit B to the ordinance."
- "2. Approval is subject to final approval of engineering plans by staff for the remainder of the development. This includes finalization of the drainage and grading plans, which must be approved prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the first home in Phase 4 or 5."
- "3. A site plan improvement agreement (SPIA) shall be approved by town staff and executed prior to recording of the Final PD Site Plan amendment."
- "4. Approval is subject to any necessary technical corrections to be approved by staff."

For more information on the extensive and complicated history regarding these two Promontory Pointe agenda items, see [www.ocn.me/v13n4.htm#monpc](http://www.ocn.me/v13n4.htm#monpc).

## Resolutions

The board unanimously approved four resolutions for:

- Authorizing the temporary closing of a portion of Second Street, Front Street and Washington Street on June 9 from 5 a.m. to 4 p.m. for conducting the 12th Annual Tri-Lakes Cruisers Car Show.
- Authorizing the temporary traffic control on Third Street and Second Street at the Trailhead on Sept. 2 from 6:30 to 10 a.m., for the American Discovery Trail Marathon.
- Approving a standard project agreement between the Town of Monument and Forsgren Associates Inc. concerning the revision and updating of the town's current Water Master Plan with regard to supply, treatment, storage, and solutions.
- Approving revisions to the Town of Monument Fee Schedule.

## Financial reports

The board unanimously approved these disbursements over \$5,000

- \$22,663 to CIRSA Insurance for second-quarter worker's compensation.
- \$ 16,642 to CIRSA Insurance for second-quarter liability insurance.
- \$37,193 to Applied Ingenuity LLC for repair and video of town well 7.

The board unanimously approved the February financials as presented.

## Staff reports

Town Treasurer and Interim Town Manager Pamela Smith reported that she had completed a budget-neutral staff reorganization change by eliminating the position of accounting clerk and adding a position for a town accountant.

Chief Shirk announced that Monument police were the first on scene at the Tom Clements shooting and assisted the CBI in staging.

Kassawara stated El Paso County is conducting a study in regards to the Willow Springs Sports Complex and the possibility of a secondary location at Powers and Highway 83. Kassawara asked the board for \$1,000 to contribute to the study so the town would be targeted as a location. The board approved \$1,000 from the contingency fund with the condition that the town would be named in the study.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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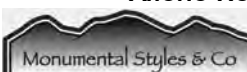
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