

The consensus of the commissioners was that such a facility is warranted in the area to reduce the amount of illegal shooting already happening on the Rampart Range and in the Red Rock Ranch area.

Police Trustee Bob Grado expressed his support for the proposal. He also said that Town Attorney Larry Gad-dis told him this was an acceptable proposal.

Questions about zoning for this property will be dis-

Fire mitigation, marijuana issues discussed at Palmer Lake town meeting

By Jim Adams

The Town of Palmer Lake held a public meeting Jan. 18 with two agenda items. One hour was dedicated to fire mitigation and a second hour to retail sales of recreational marijuana.

Wildfire mitigation

Wildfire mitigation specialist Margo Humes and Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department (PLVFD) Chief John Vincent spoke about the specific wildfire mitigation needs of Palmer Lake and of creating defensible spaces in the town through removal of overgrowth and thinning of trees. The intent was to explain that firefighters can only fight slow spreading grass fires. Dense foliage throughout Palmer Lake makes many areas impossible to defend, placing firefighters and residents in extreme peril.

Many at the meeting were surprised to find out that the evacuation route in the event of fire is to the north. Highway 105 would be closed to eastbound traffic.

Property assessments are free through the PLVFD. Fire mitigation guidance and literature will be provided. Colorado Wildfire Mitigation matching grants are available to town residents. Work must be completed before June to receive the 50 percent matching funds. Reimbursement for time is calculated at \$22.43 per hour. Contractor fees, equipment, fuel and related costs can be included up to \$1,000 per acre.

The town is looking for individuals interested in certifying as sawyers to man chainsaws in the event of

cussed at future meetings.

A sign was also retroactively approved.

The next regular meeting will be held on Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. in Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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wildfire. Contact the PLVFD.

Recreational marijuana issue

Dino Salvatori of Palmer Lake Wellness spoke about the potential revenue that could be generated from retail sales taxes on recreational marijuana and a proposed fee structure. He explained that the first wave of retail openings is generating significant revenue for those communities choosing to opt in. Palmer Lake is missing out on potentially thousands of dollars each day in tax and fee revenues, he said.

Those in attendance generally appeared to be in favor of receiving the revenue that could be generated for the town from retail cannabis sales, because the town is very short on funds. The need for the Town Council to take action to tax and regulate cannabis was voiced by many. Others in attendance rejected recreational marijuana sales outright.

Another town meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Feb. 15. Contact Palmer Lake Town Hall at 481-2953 or tara@palmer-lake.org if you would like to be on the email list for meeting notifications and agenda items.

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