ers concerning their rights and responsibilities in and with an HOA. All homeowners who have complaints filed with his office receive personal and thorough attention, he said. He does not provide investigative services. Kujawski reiterated that any homeowner may contact him for assistance, without charge, on any matter concerning a complaint against an HOA or to validate any possible complaint. He also provides direction to process a valid complaint. Kujawski may be contacted at 303-894-2355 or emailed at gary.Kujawski@state.o.us. Another source

of useful HOA information is www.dora.state.co.us.

Board President Dave Powell said NEPCO now consisted of 32 HOAs and 7,000 homeowners.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. May 10 at Monument Town Hall.

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Woodmoor Improvement Association Board of Directors, Feb. 26

New board members welcomed; coyote and burglary problems reviewed

By Jackie Burhans

The Board of Directors of the Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA) discussed community concerns about coyotes, nearby burglaries, and the need to update the WIA website along with other topics at its Feb. 26 meeting.

President Jim Hale welcomed new board members Erik Stensland, director of Covenants, and Mark Ponti, director of Common Areas, and noted the return of Vice President Kirsten Reimann. Treasurer Tom Schoemaker was absent.

Coyote problems

Woodmoor residents Alan Backson and Fred Urban noted that coyotes have been sighted near the golf course and on Lake Woodmoor near common areas. The coyotes are not afraid of people and have approached joggers. Woodmoor Public Safety (WPS) Chief Kevin Nielsen said that there had been sightings and signage about missing animals. Chief Nielsen has been talking with the Colorado Department of Wildlife to gather information on what can be done.

The board will research policies, rights, limits, and costs and determine the best options. Actions may include community education, working with licensed animal control specialists, and working with other local homeowners associations through NEPCO (Northern El Paso Coalition of Community Orga-

nizations).

Association Manager Matt Beseau reported that the YMCA, having received Architectural Control Committee approval, can start work at any time on the 50,000-square-foot health center expansion on the south side of the YMCA building. The board will conduct weekly or monthly reviews including physical inspections of the property and will communicate with the Town of Monument and the county.

Burglaries investigated

Nielsen sent out an email crime alert for burglaries in the area surrounding Woodmoor. The incidents occurred during the day, with suspects knocking on doors and, if no one answers, breaking in a back door. A good description has been obtained of one of the suspects, and a car believed to be involved has been found by the Sheriff's Office, which has issued warrants but no arrests have been made. The board discussed the need to communicate such incidents quickly and accurately.

Nielsen indicated that he has a list of 150 email addresses for such notifications. NextDoor.com is a private neighborhood social network but does not have a direct relationship with WIA and is not an official alert system. Nielsen would like to find someone who is active on the network and send them information that can be shared in the future.

Website review

President Hale then raised the issue that the current WIA website (woodmoor.org) was not suiting the needs of the community. The site is currently maintained by Secretary Jeff Gerhart and Beseau. Secretary Jeff Gerhart said the site has old and duplicated information and has a low number of visitors who stay only an average of 30 seconds.

Hale said the board needs to research legal requirements for keeping documents online, review options for hiring someone to update the website, and determine who will maintain it long term. The board met with the current web designer on Feb. 27; another designer wants to meet as well.

Director Covenants of Stensland reported that several illumination complaints noted that the covenant is very subjective. Stensland made a motion to purchase a light meter to accurately measure light output. The board tabled this motion to determine if this specific case can be solved. Members said the WIA should check with NEPCO to see how other HOAs have dealt with this issue and if there are specific guidelines set by other jurisdictions.

The board of the Woodmoor Improvement Association meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the association's Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Drive,

Monument. The next meeting will be on March 26.

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Woodmoor coyote concerns addressed



Above: Coyote in a driveway in South Woodmoor, September 2013. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

By Jackie Burhans

The Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA) Board of Directors hosted a meeting on March 10 to address concerns about coyotes. Several board members attended, along with more than 50 community mem-

bers. Representatives from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO), Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), and Alpine Animal Control (AAC) gave presentations and participated in the discussion.

Sabrina Hurwitz of CPW gave a presentation on bears, mountain lions, and coyotes, all of which can be found in Woodmoor. She discussed mountain lion identification and recommended that pets be kept indoors, be supervised outdoors, or kept in a fully enclosed kennel.

Black bears, which can be black or brown, are attracted to food and can open doors and get through screened windows. Hurwitz recommends closing garages, putting cans out only on trash pickup mornings, hanging bird houses rather than feeders, and protecting compost piles.

Reports of illegal wildlife feed-



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