

Monument Board of Trustees, April 21

Child abuse prevention effort supported

By Jim Kendrick

El Paso County Commissioner Sallie Clark, District Attorney Dan May, and Jennifer Brown, county public information officer for the Department of Human Services, spoke to the Monument Board of Trustees at its April 21 meeting on the goals and programs of the Not One More Child Coalition. This presentation was one of a series they were making for Child Abuse Prevention Month. For more information, see www.townofmonument.org/town-notice/child-abuse-prevention/

Mayor Rafael Dominguez and Trustee Kelly Elliott were absent from the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Kaiser presided.

Trustees' comments

Prior to the county presentation, Kaiser noted that the November ballot will include an issue regarding stormwater. Kaiser asked Town Manager Pamela Smith and Public Works Director Tom Tharnish to prepare a presentation for the next board meeting on the staff's perspectives on the history of stormwater issues with Pueblo; how Colorado Springs and El Paso County factor into the issue; what's being asked for and the financial impact; and the difference between the tax and the fee. Kaiser handed board members copies of a paper on "A More Sensible Approach to Stormwater."

Commissioner Clark commented that Commissioner Amy Lathen could be

made available to the board for a stormwater presentation. Kaiser replied that he would like to hear from internal staff prior to having Lathen make a presentation to the board.

Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation approved

May stated the Not One More Child initiative began in 2011. The initiative empowers people to report child abuse/neglect, support a more proactive rather than reactive stance on child abuse, and offer resources for parents.

In 2014 the Board of Health, City of Manitou, City of Colorado Springs, City of Fountain, El Paso County Board of County Commissioners and now the Town of Monument have adopted a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

May stated the initiative was initially aimed at fatalities involving shaken baby syndrome. Throughout their studies they learned the children involved in the 2011 statistics had not seen a pediatrician, had seen a first responder (police/fire), and had connections with the military. Since 2011, the scope of the initiative has broadened to include training and reaching out to first responders, military, schools, and faith-based groups.

The town was urged to get involved by asking neighboring communities to adopt the proclamation as well as reach out to first responders, schools, and faith-



Above: On April 21, the Monument Board of Trustees approved a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. From left are Jennifer Brown, county public information officer for the Department of Human Services, Trustee Jeff Bornstein, District Attorney Dan May, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Kaiser, Trustee Becki Tooley, Trustee Stan Gingrich, County Commissioner Sallie Clark, and Trustee John Howe. Photo by Jim Kendrick.

based groups for recognition of child abuse/neglect and training. Brown stated there will be a 1-800 hotline that anyone can call by 2015. Calls will be routed to the appropriate county, city, town, or other agency.

The board unanimously approved the child abuse prevention proclamation.

The board also approved a proclamation declaring April 22 as Earth Day and a second proclamation designating April 25 as Arbor Day.

The purpose of Arbor Day is set aside a day to plant trees, which reduce the erosion of our topsoil by wind and water, clean the air, produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify a community. Deciduous trees will be planted at a later date at the south end of Limbach Park to help the town qualify again for Tree City USA designation.

A separate annual Town of Monument Cleanup Days event will be held May 15-18. Dumpsters will be located at 506 Jefferson St. (Public Works Yard). No hazardous material or tires will be accepted. The dumpsters will be manned so no prohibited material will be permitted. Triview Metropolitan District Director Tom Harder said he would inquire about coordinating a similar effort in Jackson Creek during the same period.

New Back East Bar liquor license approved

The board approved a new hotel and restaurant liquor license for the new Back East Bar and Grill Monument restaurant at 1455 Cipriani Loop. Owner/Manager Megan Davis and her attorney Vince Linden stated that Davis has worked for the Back East Bar and Grill Colorado Springs restaurant for eight years.

Davis stated that her husband will take over sole ownership of the Colorado Springs restaurant while she will individually own the new Monument restaurant to keep the two licenses separate.

The board unanimously approved her new liquor license with the standard conditions of approval for a clean fingerprint check by the back-logged Colorado Bureau of Investigation and separate state approval.

Town water use code revised

The board approved an ordinance for revising wording in part of the town code on water use. The proposed revision was based on a four-year study of use rates

undertaken by the Development Services Department that provided a new set of water demand criteria based upon actual water meter readings. These new water demand criteria are identical to the demand rates that the Board of Trustees approved on April 7 as a part of the new Town/Triview/Centre Development Water Agreement.

Financial report

The board unanimously approved five disbursements over \$5,000:

- \$111,488 to Triview Metro District for February sales tax, March motor vehicles tax, and Pikes Peak Regional Building Department sales tax
- \$5,000 to the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority for town participation a regional water infrastructure feasibility study
- \$14,085 to Dell Marketing L.P. for computer equipment upgrades to town police cruisers
- \$9,071 to Hart Intercivic Inc. for ballots and envelopes for the town's April 1 election
- \$8,185 to Sieck Contracting Inc. for Second Street Sidewalk removal and replacement in front of the Monument Sanitation District building

Town Treasurer Monica Harder presented the March 2014 financial report, which the board approved unanimously. General Fund net revenue year to date was under budget by \$608, and Water Fund net revenue was over budget by \$14,000, both of which are not unusual, she said.

General Fund expenditures year to date were \$313,000 less than the amount budgeted for this period. Water fund revenue year to date was about \$40,000 less than the amount budgeted.

Staff reports

Tom Kassawara, director of Development Services, reported that there were eight single-family residential land use permits issued during March. Six of these were in Triview. The total for the year is now 19, with 17 in Triview.

Replacement of the town's existing curb cuts and sidewalk in front of the Monument Sanitation District with new sidewalk and curbs has been completed. Part of the painted yellow curb in front of the Second Street Hair Studio was repainted gray to create a fifth parallel parking space in front of the Monument Sanitation District building. This mirrors the long-standing length of yellow curb and fifth Chapala Building parking place



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