

Trustees' comments

Trustee Tooley thanked Trustee Howe and Town Gardener Sharon Williams for their work in organizing and conducting the Memorial Day Ceremony at the town cemetery. Tooley also read a "well done" letter she had received from Army Col. Paul Taylor praising "the care,

feeling, and pride I witnessed yesterday" at the ceremony. Mayor Dominguez noted that a Native American World War II veteran who attended had been a bugler for over 1,000 veteran funerals.

The board went into executive session at 9:52 p.m. to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale

of any real, personal, or other property interest with Town Attorney Gary Shupp, Town Water Attorney Bob Krassa, Town Water Engineer Bruce Lytle, and Town Water Purchase Consultant Gary Barber. The board came out of executive session and immediately adjourned at 11:25 p.m. *Jim Kendrick can be reached at jimkendrick@ocn.me*

Monument Board of Trustees, June 16

Stormwater task force briefing gets cool reception

By Jim Kendrick

On June 16, the Monument Board of Trustees (BOT) continued discussions begun at the June 2 BOT meeting about the recommendation of the Pikes Peak Regional Stormwater Task Force to approve the task force's pro-

posed intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for creation of the Pikes Peak Regional Drainage Authority (PPRDA).

The consensus of the five BOT members present after a very technical presentation by representatives of the Pikes Peak Stormwater Task Force (www.pikespeakstormwater.org) was to not sign the proposed draft PPRDA IGA.

The board also unanimously approved two liquor license applications and cancellation of the regular board meeting scheduled for Monday, July 7.

Trustees Kelly Elliott and Becki Tooley did not attend this BOT meeting.

Stormwater task force presentation

David Munger, co-chair of the Pikes Peak Stormwater Task Force, introduced his task force colleagues in attendance: consultant Kevin Walker of the Greenway Fund (www.greenwayfund.org), task force media contact Rachel Beck, and task force co-chair Brian Risley (a member of the Tri-Lakes Economic Development Committee board (trilakesedc.com/trilakes-edc/about-us)). They gave a briefing endorsing the PPRDA IGA and recommended approval by the BOT.

The stormwater task force was formed in 2012 by the Colorado Springs City Council, the El Paso Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU).

The current estimate for cost of stormwater improvements within the region is about \$708 million. An estimated \$48 million in fee revenues per year for 25 years would be required. Construction completion time is estimated at 30 to 40 years. However, as proposed, the special fund dedicated to drainage and flood control capital improvements at 55 percent of net revenues would sunset 20 years after the effective date of the agreement. The impervious surface fees collected by PPRDA would also drop by 55 percent for all categories of property against which the fee is imposed.

Any funds remaining in the capital improvement fund following sunset may be used to complete remaining listed drainage and flood control capital improvement projects or those identified as high priority through subsequent planning or determined to be a flood-related emergency need until such funds are depleted or until the authority is terminated, whichever occurs first.

At the time of sunset, the parties to the agreement could go to the voters to extend the capital construction part of whatever project they choose. The other parts of the program will continue indefinitely until the authority



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