

Roofing. Crivello intends to open a warehouse at 780 Highway 105, Suite A. The warehouse would store materials and equipment used by the business on jobs

in Douglas County and Denver and would not be used as a retail space. Business owners Kathy Crivello and Cecelia Dunlap requested a license for Yarn Bird

Fibers, a retail yarn store, at 790 Highway 105, Suite C.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. July 10 in Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of the month. Informa-

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Palmer Lake Town Council Workshop, June 5

Retail marijuana discussion continues

The Palmer Lake Town Council held a workshop session on June 5 to work on issues tabled during its monthly meetings, and marijuana policy once again took center stage. Trustees discussed a proposed ballot initiative to ban retail marijuana sales and halted an amendment from Trustee Paul Banta to ban medical marijuana sales in the M1 (light manufacturing) zone of Palmer Lake. The council also formulated its response to the Colorado Mountain Club's proposal to classify land above the town's reservoirs as a wilderness area and discussed

the investigation of Battlefield Colorado's request to lease city land.

Initiative to extend ban on retail marijuana sales
Resident Chris Amenson sought guidance from the council concerning the process to place a resolution on the ballot for the Nov. 4 election. His resolution would prohibit sales of recreational marijuana in Palmer Lake for three years. Mayor Nikki McDonald said 5 percent of the city's 1,941 registered voters, at least 98 voters, would need to sign the initiative for it

to be placed on the ballot, and that Larry Gaddis, the town's attorney, who was not present at the workshop, would need to validate the language of the initiative. McDonald emphasized that the initiative process is citizen-driven, and the council has little role in it.

Medical marijuana amendment

The council returned to its discussion of the amendment to Ordinance 4 2010 proposed by Trustee Banta in a previous meeting. It would prohibit sales of medical marijuana from the light manufacturing zone that surrounds County Line Road. Resident Tammy Huling questioned the reason for the amendment. Banta replied that he intended the amendment to clarify the future of medical marijuana in the community, to provide a way of limiting retail marijuana shops, and not to prohibit marijuana growing.

Trustees John Russell and Jennifer Martin said the amendment unfairly favored property owners in the north end of town at the expense of those to the south, whose property values could decline due to their proximity to marijuana businesses. Trustee Richard Kuehster indicated he would not vote for the amendment. Concluding the amendment would not pass, Banta withdrew it from consideration.

Palmer Lake Wellness to relocate

Dino Salvatori announced that he would move his medical marijuana grow business to the building on Highway 105 that previously was a bowling alley. He plans to move his dispensary to the new location as well, and estimates that he may employ up to 50 people.

Concerns about club's efforts

The Colorado Mountain Club recently held an open house in the Palmer Lake Town Hall to get feedback from the community concerning the club's efforts to have land north of the town's reservoirs classified as a wilderness area. Wilderness areas allow hikers and horse riders but do not allow motorized vehicles or mountain bikes. Mayor McDonald noted many in the audience at the open house were hostile to the club's proposal, and Trustee Kuehster commented that most of the attendees were from the "motorized community." Kuehster also raised concerns about the club's work on Ice Cave Creek Trail, which he felt made the trail unusable by mountain bikers.

Resident Tom Allen commented that he believed the Colorado Mountain Club had played a role in the closure of Cap'n Jack's Trail, which angered mountain bikers and ATV riders. Allen

also criticized the club's work on a trail adjacent to the Palmer Lake reservoirs, arguing that it made the trail suitable for hiking only, with switchbacks too sharp to accommodate biking. McDonald decided she would send the club a letter expressing the council's concerns with the club's work.

Battlefield Colorado considers leasing land

Trustees Banta, Allen, and Russell and Mayor McDonald visited the site of the proposed Battlefield Colorado lease, along with representatives of Battlefield, and were favorably impressed with the company's presentation and plan for the site. McDonald said she would contact Mark Smith of Battlefield to discuss next steps. Battlefield Colorado, which wants to use the land for an outdoor laser tag site, is considering other sites besides Palmer Lake and has not yet decided where to move its business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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