

would use a private security company to prevent loitering on its premises, and that they were working with the town's Police Department to see if their security could be extended to Limbach Park. Regarding the problems at other clinics, Peck said that the company had replaced staff to address the violations.

Attendees skeptical of CMG staff

Several speakers accused Hanson and Peck of dishonesty and evasiveness in their answers, especially in their estimate that the clinic would serve 100 patients daily, and in their lack of clarity on the question of dosages the clinic would provide.

Other speakers threatened CMG staff or the patients who might use the clinic. One resident pointed at Hanson and Peck and said: "If my crime rate goes up, we're coming after you!" Another said if the clinic opened as planned she would consider bringing a firearm when she



Above: At the July 13th town hall meeting featuring Colonial Management Group representatives, Randy Renkens asserts "if my crime rate goes up, we're coming after you!" Photo by James Howald

visited the park with her children. Another said the clinic should be picketed and the patients photographed to deny them anonymity and shame them.

Hanson and Peck did not respond directly to these accusations and threats. At other times in the meeting their answers to questions were drowned out by shouts from the audience.

"How did we get here?" resident asks

Many questions were directed to Monument's mayor, trustees, and other officials. Attempting to sum up the decision process, Mayor Dominguez said, "It is a properly zoned use for this clinic to be there . . . this town government is going to follow the law." The crowd responded with boos, calls to rezone the property, and shouts to recall the mayor.

Asked if he personally approved of the clinic, Dominguez said "Hell, no!" He added that the plans for the clinic did not come before the board, since the law required only an administrative review by the town planner, and that the board would not put the town in the position of being sued.

Town Attorney Shupp explained that in an admin-

istrative review the planning staff simply determines whether or not the request conforms to the zoning regulations, and does not have the authority to put restrictions on the property's use. Shupp added that if the administrative review is appealed, the matter goes before the Board of Adjustment. Such an appeal has been made, and the Board of Adjustment will decide the matter in a public meeting. The decision of the Board of Adjustment can be appealed before the District Court, Shupp said.

The town of Monument has scheduled the Board of Adjustment meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 10, at the School District Administration building, at 146 Jefferson St.

Lundeen inquires about Board of Adjustment role

Rep. Lundeen asked if the Board of Adjustment had the legal power to put restrictions in place that would make the location unpalatable to CMG. As examples, Lundeen proposed requiring CMG to provide transportation, or limiting the dosages that CMG staff could supply. Shupp answered that the Board of Adjustment does not have the authority to apply restrictions where the proposed use conforms to current zoning regulations.

Monument Police detail plan to keep park safe in the short term

Lt. Burk addressed a question about how the police would respond to the opening of the clinic. Burk said there will be extra patrolling for the first five days the clinic is open that would be financed by the budget for overtime. The department does not have money or staff for extra attention to the area over the long run, according to Burk.

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