

“No Methadone” meeting (Cont. from page 1)

through drug addiction treatment herself. Also present was Colorado State House District 19 Rep. Paul Lundeen, who led the pledge of allegiance. Allen noted that former Rep. Amy Stephens and HD20 representative Terry Carver also supported the organization’s efforts. Additional speakers included activists Jamie Fenley, Trey Park, Gary Coopman, Rob O’Regan, and Dede Laugesen.

The meeting was opened with an invocation by Father Gregory Golyznjak of St. Peter Catholic Church in Monument who asked for the grace to make the right decision for the community. He later related his experience as pastor of St. Joseph in Colorado Springs near Southgate Boulevard, where drugs are a problem and crime is high. His rectory had been robbed three times, community members did not feel safe, and police presence was a regular occurrence at the parish property. Father Gregory indicated he wasn’t saying it was all done by people who were addicted to drugs. He stated on behalf of his community at St Peter’s and the children at the school, “We are not against people who struggle with the tragedy they go through with addiction but feel that the clinic is not in the right place.” He wants to see this community stay together in peace and safety and believes people need to stand firm and that is why St. Peter’s community and the school says no to this clinic.

The goal of this meeting, Allen said, was to meet the community and introduce the people involved and discuss what they learned, the steps to be taken and the obstacles. Allen indicated the group planned to get legal representation. “This is about the existing ordinances,” said Allen. “When they told us there wasn’t anything we could do, they were pretty much right. Just being honest with you.” Allen said the group would attend the Board of Adjustment meeting Aug. 10 and lay its appeal on the counter and tell them where they erred. “We’ve got a 50-50 chance of making this work for us. The 50 percent I like is the part that’s in our favor. The 50 percent I don’t like is the fact that that clinic, that repository of drugs ... and that iniquity ... a den of sin over there is going to be sitting there and we gotta put up with it.”

Allen indicated that there are people elsewhere in the U.S. following this and that the group would set the tone

and pace for the rest of the country to say no. He referred to a lawsuit filed in Alabama against CMG for medical malpractice. He indicated that the group has a lawyer ready to represent it at the Board of Adjustments meeting on Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Big Red, who has extensive experience in zoning and planning. The group needs to raise \$4,000 for a retainer and has raised \$1,700 so far from the Historic Monument Merchants Association. A donation jar was available for people to donate cash. The group has a 501c3 bank account with National Bank in town that is sponsored by the Tri-Lakes Community Foundation, and money will be issued by one of the foundation members.

Community members had numerous comments and questions. Upon listening to the opening remarks describing the history of this clinic, the crowd members impatiently noted they already are against the clinic and wanted to know what, specifically, the organization planned to do. They continually asked for details on how this would be attacked and what additional actions could be taken. Rob O’Regan and Dede Laugesen reiterated that the primary goal was to retain a zoning attorney for the community to represent the group at the Board of Adjustment. Additional questions from the community included whether the town could deny the business license, whether community members could attend the upcoming Board of Adjustment meeting, and what else volunteers could do. O’Regan answered that the town clerk would issue the license at a later date, it is appropriate for the community to attend the meeting, and that they want people to sign up and say what they can do before they decide on other actions.

Residents asked about the names of the Board of Adjustment members and O’Regan noted that the information is public with the town clerk but that they are a quasi-judicial group that cannot be lobbied and that he would not encourage any type of undue persuasion. A concerned citizen asked if the group and their attorney were prepared for any retaliation from CMG or the building owner, who would lose upwards of a million dollars over five years of lost lease revenue. Allen replied that if the group wins, if there is any retaliation or liability that comes to it, the town of Monument would have to pick up on that, not this group.

A questioner asked if any other cities in the United

States had taken on this company in the past and won. After a discussion on lawsuits in Alabama, Minnesota, and in other locations, the question was clarified to ask if a city had gotten a methadone clinic stopped. An organizer of the group stated that they didn’t think that anybody, any town had fought them and beat them and prevented them from coming into their community—yet. Allen said, “We may be the first one—there’s a lot of eyeballs on us.” An audience member named Terry said that in Colorado there is only one time that a lawsuit has been successful against another company in District Court.

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- Someone from the state referred this company to Monument, and we are trying to find out who and why.
- A company representative said she was surprised that her company had selected that location.

Dominguez said that a public meeting about the methadone clinic would be hosted by the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Com-

merce on July 13. See related article on page XX.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jeffrey Kaiser and Dominguez encouraged concerned citizens to speak to the business owners’ representatives at the July 13 public meeting and see what it would take to get them to relocate the clinic. “That is not something the town could do, but it is something the citizens could do,” Kaiser said.

Dominguez reiterated, “Because of our zoning, we

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