

process was to set a date for the annexation and zoning hearings, which needed a resolution to be passed by the trustees for each parcel. The trustees voted unanimously to set the public hearing for April 18 for both parcels to be considered for annexation, and that hearing is where the benefits and disadvantages of annexation for the town would be discussed. See related March 9 Monument Planning Commission article on page 12.

Water tank question

During public comment, El Paso County resident Michelle Miller asked about rumors that the Red Rock Ranch homeowners association had heard that the town wanted to build a 1.5-million-gallon water storage tank, and if one of the sites they were consid-

ering was in the park in Red Rock Ranch, which is outside the town limits. Mayor Dominguez and Town Manager Lowe said they could not give feedback at this meeting. See related March 14 Red Rock Ranch HOA article on page 20 for further information from town staff.

Checks over \$5,000

The trustees unanimously approved the consent agenda, which included:

- Forsgren Associates Inc., water rate and fee study – \$5,862
- Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, first-quarter support – \$5,000
- D&J Quality Electric, electrical upgrade to IT room – \$9,684
- Pikes Peak Regional Water

Authority, annual membership dues, transit loss: gauging stations – \$5,548

Chief's commendation

Police Chief Jake Shirk thanked Walmart for its assistance with Santa on Patrol. He commended Tri-Lakes Fire Protection District paramedic Elliot Linke for his work with the Direct Action Response Team (DART) and thousands of hours of other safety-related efforts. He also commended

Town of Monument Support Services Manager Mary Ellen Burk and the new Support Services Manager Andrea Thompson.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The March 21 meeting was canceled

due to lack of a quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for April 4. Call 884-8014 or see www.townofmonument.org for information.

To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for the Monument Board of Trustees, see <http://monumenttownco.minutesondemand.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

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Monument Planning Commission, March 9

Zoning recommended for Dominguez property; senior centers and care facilities discussed

By Kate Pangelinan

At the March 9 Monument Planning Commission meeting, the commissioners voted to recommend R1 zoning as part of the proposal to annex Mayor Rafael Dominguez's 9.5-acre residential county property, 16440 Old Denver Rd., into the town of Monu-

ment.

Editor's note: There was no Monument Planning Commission meeting packet available on the town website this month. Only an agenda was posted.

Public comments about senior care and center

During public comments, David

Betzler, a longtime Monument resident involved personally with the care of senior citizens, wanted to know about plans for a new senior center in Monument. He had heard about two proposed care facilities to be built, one along Old Denver Road and another along Jackson Creek Parkway, and was curious about the status of both developments. He also hoped to ensure that the Planning Commission is aware and involved in this development.

Bethesda Senior Living facility intends to build on Beacon Lite Road. See www.ocn.me/v13n4.htm#bot0311 for information on its 2013 approval by the Monument Board of Trustees, when the property was owned by Encore Partners. See www.ocn.me/v16n3.htm#mbot0216, where Monument Mayor Rafael Dominguez mentioned this February that he hoped groundbreaking would happen in April or May. The next step in the process would be to file a plat, according to Principal Planner Larry Manning. This project is in-



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