

senting to the Monument Board of Trustees again and answer her continued questions about Triview's debt and long-term water

plan. Triview Director Jim Otis told the trustees that Triview's monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month were open to the public and that they reviewed the budget every month. **Note:** The only time an OCN volunteer has ever seen a Town of Monument board member at a Triview meeting was at the July 12, 2016 meeting regarding the water leak.

As he said last month, Lowe said he has been trying to contact Triview President Reid Bolander and District Manager Valerie Remington to set up a joint meeting. See related Triview article on page 16.

At 8:07 p.m., the trustees voted to go into executive session for a conference with the town attorney to receive legal advice regarding litigation. They returned to public session at 8:25 p.m.,

then went into executive session at 8:30 p.m. for determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations. Deputy Town Clerk Robert Bishop told OCN that no announcements were made nor votes taken after either of the executive sessions. The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

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Monument Board of Trustees, April 17

Water tank suit and Wagons West annexation top agenda

By Lisa Hatfield
At the April 17 meeting of the Monument Board of Trustees, the trustees ratified a settlement

agreement for one of the two current litigations in progress regarding the proposed second water storage tank, and they approved the next step in the process for consideration of annexing Wagons West Addition No. 1.

Trustee Shea Medlicott was absent.

Water tank litigation proceeding

In December, the town initiated eminent domain proceedings to remove the restricted covenants from the property it purchased in Forest View Estates so that it would be able to build a 1.2-million-gallon water tank at 744 Forest View Way, outside the town limits. The Forest View Neighborhood Association filed suit against the town, trying to prevent the town from building a tank there. See www.ocn.me/v16n4.htm#rrrhoa0314, www.ocn.me/v17n1.htm#mbot.

On April 17, Town Attorney Gary Shupp presented a ratification of a settlement agreement for the trustees to approve before the trial date starting the week of April 24. He said there were two lawsuits regarding the proposed water tank site for the town, and this one involved the covenants. He said the settlement was that the town would not proceed with the water tank unless covenants were amended, or if a final decision, not appealable, was reached in the eminent domain action. The reason for the settlement was that it was a duplicate of what the town was already doing and there was no point in litigating it twice, Shupp said. The trustees voted unanimously in favor of the mayor signing the document.

Wagons West Addition No. 1

On Feb. 21, the trustees unanimously approved a resolution to set an April 17 hearing date for Wagons West Addition No. 1, specifically for "Substantial Compliance" with state statutes concerning the petition for annexation. The 35-acre Wagons West property is on Old Denver Road between the Trails End subdivision and the Colorado Sports Center, which both sit within the town limits. Teachout Creek runs across the northern half of the property. See www.ocn.me/v17n3.htm#mbot0206, www.ocn.me/v17n3.htm#mbt0221.

At the April 17 meeting, they approved another resolution of "Findings of Fact and Conclusions," essentially confirming the previous action, Principal Planner Larry Manning said.

Now, an ordinance to annex the area can be heard by the Planning Commission and then by the trustees. It would consider the annexation agreement, including the zoning designation, and the preliminary planned development site plan. Manning anticipated this process would take a few months.

Comprehensive Plan and Arbor Day

Manning presented the 2017 Town of Monument Comprehensive Plan, which was made effective by the approval of Monument Planning Commission in February. The plan is intended to be a guiding document for future land use, transportation, and infrastructure systems of the town. The trustees voted unanimously for the mayor to sign the resolution approving the plan.

Note: The Future Uses Map included in the plan does not designate a property's zoning. However, when a property rezones, this document is used as one of the criteria for approval or denial by determining if the rezoning complies with the suggested land use "to ensure the town continues to develop in a manner the community desires," according to the town website.

For the Town of Monument's zoning map, see <http://www.townofmonument.org/227/Maps>. See also www.townofmonument.org/234/Monument-Comprehensive-Plan, www.ocn.me/v17n3.htm#mpc.

Town Gardener Cassie Olgren read a proclamation about Arbor Day and invited the public to attend a tree-planting ceremony on April 28

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