and that the two detention ponds' purpose was to di-

Commissioner Becky Fuller said she was impressed with the cooperation between the developer and WOSC and that she thought the members of the

public who had spoken would see their concerns adrect water into the storm sewer. dressed further on in the process.

Commissioner Jay Carlson voiced his concerns with the density, which he felt was not a great transition between the proposed homes and those existing, adjacent homes that are zoned RS 20000. Commissioner Eric Moraes shared Carlson's concerns about transitions. He said, "I don't see how it's [the RS 5000

zoning district] in compatibility in all directions." Commissioner Tom Bailey said he found it a sensible infill plan and a "very compatible compromise."

> By Brent Ambuehl, crime prevention coordinator of

the Criminal Intelligence Unit, El Paso County Sheriff's Office Mar. 18: The Sheriff's Office is seeing a large volume

of mailbox thefts occurring in District 2. Recently a

community mailbox was damaged and mail left on

the ground in the 6700 block of Burgess Road. About three weeks ago, the Terra Ridge neighborhood near

Black Forest Road and Hodgen Road was also victimized. Specifically, numerous community-type

mailboxes have been damaged and mail stolen from

within. Residents are reporting they are finding mail,

both open and unopened, strewn around the ground.

There have also been many individual mailboxes

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tampered with along outlying streets.

Applauding WOSC and its work with the developer, he said, "If you want open space, you have to own it."

The commissioners voted 9-1 to recommend the application for approval. Moraes was the no vote.

The application is now due to be heard at the El Paso Board of County Commissioners meeting on

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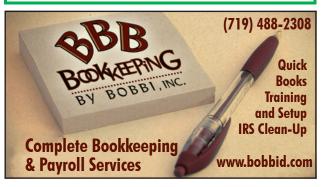
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If you have any questions, I can be contacted at BrentAmbuehl@elpasoco.com or 719-520-7151. I am also available to talk to your community or neighborhood groups to discuss further crime activities in your specific areas. Please help us help you by being vigilant and taking some of the above crime prevention steps to help you from becoming a victim of mail theft. Have a great day and stay safe.

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