

motioned to recommend approval of this preliminary/PD site plan. Commissioner Melanie Strop asked to amend the motion to require resurfacing Kingswood Drive, but Dick denied this request. She still seconded the motion, however.

In the end, the Sanctuary Pointe Phase 2 prelimi-

nary/PD site plan passed 3-2, with Commissioners Daniel Ours and David Gwisdalla voting against.

Items not on agenda

Gwisdalla noted that part of his hesitation to vote approval for this project stemmed from the ambiguous terms used at the 2006 meeting, and Planner Jennifer Jones assured him that terms are being more clearly defined during recent meetings.

Also, it was explained that all three of the matters at the January 2018 MPC meeting were approved by the Board of Trustees. This includes the Conexus Industrial Development zone change and preliminary

PD site plan, the final plat for Eagleview Patio Homes, and the Monument Ridge sketch plan amendment.

There may or may not be a Planning Commission meeting in March, but if there is it will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14 at 645 Beacon Lite Rd. Meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month. Information: 884-8017 or <http://www.townofmonument.org/meetings/>.

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Monument Board of Trustees candidate statements

Our Community News asked each candidate for the April 3 Monument town election to answer two questions, using no more than 250 words. The questions were:

- What in your background would help you as a Town of Monument board member?
- What do you think are the two greatest issues facing the town, and what would you propose the Board of Trustees (BOT) should do to deal with them?

water engineers and contracts with water attorneys. We have brought in experts to guide us, and we are implementing a plan to safeguard our future. We need to continue with that plan and look to the facts to guide our decisions.

Five candidates for three open trustee positions, in alphabetical order:

Laurie Clark

My extensive real estate background in residential, commercial, investment and land these past 31 years gives me confidence that I can bring a credible voice to the Monument Board.

The two greatest issues facing the town:

- Lack of water resources with insufficient infrastructure to accommodate anticipated controlled growth
- The necessary safety and protection needed to preserve quality of life in our communities is insufficient

These issues can be addressed with proactive water resource acquisitions necessary to bring water to Monument. The need to begin that process is now. Acting aggressively to bring this fundamental necessity is no longer an issue to put off. My primary focus: help establish tangible, clean water resources.

The safety and security of our residents, visitors and business owners is high priority. We should be proud of the dedicated men and women of our town who work diligently daily to provide the highest level of service to our community.

Monument is recognized as one of the best places in the state to raise a family and as one of the safest towns in Colorado. Daily, our dedicated Law Enforcement, Fire Department and Public Works Department serve with vigilance and resolve to make Monument the best place to live for all of us.

The lack of unified support for these professionals must end. The value they bring into our town must be recognized and respected. The residents have demanded a more comprehensive protection than they are now receiving. Moving proactively to ensure that the residents have that protection is vital.

Trustee Kelly Elliott

As a CEO, I've spent my career helping companies be strategic and implement plans to reach their goals. I know that I can do the same for our community by listening to what residents have to say, working cooperatively with all of our town leaders, and utilizing field experts in areas of concern. I love the small-town feel of Monument—friendly neighbors, great local businesses. I want to make sure Monument stays the best small town in Colorado for all.

The two biggest issues facing our community are water and infrastructure needs. These are the core needs government is responsible for. At the end of last year, I and the rest of the Board of Trustees passed a water plan with measures that will allow us to meet and exceed the growing water needs of Monument. We need to continue to listen to the water engineers and experts the town employs, steadily implement the plan already in place, continue to seek out even more water solutions, and avoid knee-jerk reactions that are harmful to our town economy. Secondly, we need to make sure infrastructure, especially roads, are top priorities. It is our duty to spend tax dollars on those core functions of government first. Our government should be of the people, by the people, for the people; constituents have asked me to prioritize our infrastructure and water needs since being elected to the Board, and I will continue to push for those priorities in my second term. trusteekellyelliott@gmail.com.

Two candidates for mayor, in alphabetical order:

Trustee Jeff Bornstein

I have been a resident in Monument for 16 years. My children were raised here. I have always fought for our community be it large development, a proposed methadone clinic, strict marijuana ordinance guidelines, the no sale of fireworks within town limits along with fair competitive wages for our Police Department. My focus has always been in the best interest of the community. I have never aligned myself with special interest groups or developers.

There are multiple issues plaguing our community at this immediate time. The two priorities I see requiring immediate attention are:

- 1) Depletion of our natural resource—water
- 2) Overdevelopment

The depletion of water is a fact. The BOT was told years ago by our water experts that the town potentially had a forecasted nine-year supply +/- of water based on current population. I would ask our board to investigate and implement an immediate solution for a "cost effective" emergency connect.

Overdevelopment in our community is now becoming an immediate crisis with upcoming proposed large housing developments, redundant service-related businesses, etc. In addition, there are even those within the community whom strongly believe in developing low-cost subsidized housing. The end results will dramatically impact home values, traffic, road wear along with public safety. I would ask for the BOT to impose a temporary building moratorium until there can be a 100 percent agreement by the citizens and the BOT on the absolute interpretation of the Comprehensive Plan and an implemented solution to our water crisis.

Mayor Pro-Tem Don Wilson

As the Mayor Pro-Tem of Monument, I have both experience and extensive knowledge of our community and the local government process. Professionally, I have spent the last nine years working in local government and have a great deal of insight into effective versus ineffective governing practices. I serve on the I-25 Gap Coalition and also served on the Baptist Road Rural Transit Authority. My work in the community provides me with an in-depth understanding of needs and the ability to communicate effectively with our community about those needs. I am also a Marine Corps veteran—I know how to work hard and get things done.

Two of the greatest issues facing the Town of Monument are the lack of communication between the board, the staff, and the community, and water. First, board members should be approachable by residents and town staff. We need more town halls where open discussion can take place to rebuild communication and trust. Water is understandably a concern, but it's important to note that the Board of Trustees passed several measures at the end of 2017 that will increase our water capabilities and infrastructure. These measures will exceed the estimated future water needs of Monument residents, to include anticipated growth. The town currently employs multiple

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