

John Romero of Goodwin Knight gave a presentation on the benefits of the development, which would have a 50-foot buffer between it and the single-family 5-acre lots to the southeast, in El Paso County. He cited the need for "mixed use" affordable housing for the growing workforce, including police officers, firefighters, and teachers. He said the dwellings would be apartments for rent that would attract first-time renters, millennials, and retirees, in the \$900-\$1,700 range monthly. Coopman said he understood the need for more affordable housing in the area, but this price point would not attract low-income earners. He was also concerned about high-density housing. Romero

also said less traffic would be generated by a residential project than a retail use of the land.

During public comments for the ordinance, Ed and Jody Ellsworth, the owners of the property, made a plea for the ordinance to pass. They said after four years of owning the property, they have had zero interest in commercial development. Ed crunched the numbers, saying a successful financial plan supports higher density housing, and figured this will be just enough dwellings to make it work fiscally. Hayes also supported the project, saying it would be a great location for apartments and that the price point would be affordable if roommates shared costs.

Trustee Shea Medicott thanked the developer for the presentation and said, "I get chills down my spine when government tells someone how to use their land." Coopman and Murphy voted against the ordinance. Now that it has been approved, the next steps include review and approval of preliminary and final PD site plans by both the Planning Commission and the Board of Trustees.

Village Center Metro District will be heard
The trustees voted unanimously to set a public hearing for March 5 on the Modification of the Service Plan for Village Center Metro District, which is petitioning the town for permission to raise its property taxes so that it can reach financial solvency. See www.ocn.me/v17n12.htm#mbot.

Town manager report includes 2017 crime statistics

Bornstein asked Lowe when Triview would be presenting the trustees with a status report on its roads and water system. Lowe only said, "Jim McGrady's got a phone number." McGrady is Triview's district manager. Wilson then asked Robert Bishop, who is Human Resources director and assistant to the town manager, if he would invite a Triview representative to the next meeting. Bornstein asked if the HR director was now the board's liaison with Triview. Corley interrupted to say she would invite Triview.

The town manager's written report for 2017 included:

- A new tourist-friendly map of Monument was made available.
- The town is starting a "placemaking" project with Downtown Colorado Inc. for downtown revitalization. Placemaking is defined as "the art of creating public 'places of the soul,' that uplift and help us connect to each other."
- Public works installed a small T-shaped dock at Monument Lake that was used all summer and winter.
- The Monument Water Department worked with many local and state agencies, including the

Monument Police 2017 Case Reports					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
AOA (Assist Other Agency)	8	9	3	12	32
Assault	2	5	3	3	13
Auto Burglary	10	35	5	10	60
Burglary	5	8	5	7	25
Child Abuse	1	2	2	1	6
Damaged Property	5	6	6	7	24
Domestic Violence	3	7	13	6	29
Drug Abuse	4	4	9	7	24
DUI	4	1	5	7	17
Fraud	24	27	9	17	77
Harassment	1	2	6	4	13
Menacing	0	1	1	1	3
Mental Health	1	3	3	2	9
Minor In Possession	2	5	2	3	12
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	4	6	2	14
Non-Criminal	6	21	9	11	47
Other	13	9	12	12	46
Robbery	0	0	2	1	3
Sex Assault	4	3	1	4	12
Theft	21	37	22	19	99
Traffic Accidents	22	29	21	35	107
Vehicular Eluding	0	2	1	1	4
Warrant Arrest	16	13	17	7	53
Weapon Offense	1	2	0	1	4
Total Case Reports for 2017	155	235	163	180	733
Total Calls for Service for 2017					6838

- Colorado Stormwater Council.
- This was the 24th year of Santa on Patrol.
 - According to the National Council for Home Safety and Security, Monument was rated as the 20th safest town in Colorado, reported Shirk. See case report table above.

The regular Feb. 20 BOT meeting was canceled. The board usually meets at 6:30 pm on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next meeting is scheduled for March 5. Call 884-8014 or see www.townofmonument.org for information. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for the Monument Board of Trustees or to download audio recordings of past meetings, see <http://monumenttownco.minuteson-demand.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

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Monument Board of Trustees special meeting, Feb. 15

Town manager's administrative leave extended indefinitely

By Allison Robenstein and Lisa Hatfield
The Monument Board of Trustees (BOT) held a special meeting Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. All board members were present. During the very short open session, the board

voted to enter an executive session to conference with Town Attorney Alicia Corley. The board received legal counsel from Corley concerning the interim town manager and town manager. See related Feb. 5 BOT article on page 1.

After the executive session, Mayor Jeff Kaiser reminded everyone that executive session discussion and dialogue are "not for public consumption." He then recognized Corley for her impartiality, expertise, advice, and professionalism. He also thanked Town

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