about drainage. Barlow noted that the project's drainage would include the retention ponds and assured citizens that it should work smoothly.

In the end, the Sanctuary Point Phase 3 Preliminary/Final PD Site Plan proposal was approved unanimously. It then went on to be approved by the Board of Trustees. See related Board of Trustees article below.

### **Reports and communications**

- Planning staff requested a volunteer for the Board of Adjustment.
- The commission agreed to move future meetings to 6 p.m. instead of the former 6:30 p.m.
- There will be a February workshop with state Department of Local Affairs PC training.

The meeting was followed by a pre-

sentation by Martin Landers with Plan Tools LLC.

This article was written referencing a draft of the Jan. 8 meeting's minutes that will be considered for approval by the Planning Commission at its February meeting.

Planning Commission meetings are

generally held on the second Wednesday of the month at 645 Beacon Lite Rd. For more information: call 884-8017 or go to www.townofmonument.org/meetings/.

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Monument Board of Trustees, Jan. 21

# **Development code updates underway**

By Allison Robenstein

Before the regular meeting on Jan 21, the Monument Board of Trustees (BOT) held a workshop to review the 2020 land development code updates. During the regular meeting, the board approved the final phase of Sanctuary Pointe and was introduced to new town staff.

## Land development code update project underway

The Monument Planning Department received a grant through the state Department of Local Affairs to update town municipal codes. Specifically, the project will review Title 16 and 17 of the codes, which cover subdivision and zoning codes respectively. To see a list of the town's municipal codes, go to https://library.municode.com/co/ monument/codes/code of ordinances. According to the board packet, Monument's development code update will consolidate all land use regulations (zoning, subdivisions, signs, and other related code provisions) into one document for ease of reference. The 2017 Monument Comprehensive Plan identified code updates as most necessary. Plan Tools LLC of Loveland is assisting town staff with the project. At this workshop, Martin Landers of Plan Tools and Gerald Dahl of Murray, Dahl, Beery and Renaud gave an update to the board.

Dahl said the team's diagnosis of the codes identified inconsistencies. Landers said the town has "more [codes] than any other community we've worked with before." Dahl gave an example of the new code format that will be in table form with graphics where needed, as opposed to the confusing narrative organization the town currently uses.

More information about the 18-month project can be found at www. townofmonument.org/478/Land-Development-Code-Project.

#### New town staff

Finance Director Rosa Ooms introduced Town Accountant Jessica Hullinger, who has bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting as well as five years of experience.

Acting Police Chief Lee Birk intro-



**Above:** Monument Human Resources Director Robert Bishop presented Shannon Walker as the Employee of the Month for December 2019. He said Walker is proactive, honest, and volunteers for extra assignments. She has worked seven years for the town, starting as an administration assistant and now HR benefits specialist. Town Manager Mike Foreman said he and the staff are also appreciative of Walker. From left are Bishop, Foreman and Walker. *Photo by Erica Romero*.

duced Police Service Specialist Evan Cox, who was brought on in October 2019 as a code enforcement officer. Birk said there isn't enough work for full-time code enforcement, so he has identified additional duties for this position.

Trustee Jeffrey Bornstein asked if there is a forecast for dividing up the time Cox will spend performing code enforcement versus all other assignments, to which Birk responded he will evaluate that as his time here progresses.

## Planning Commission alternate approved

Sean White was sworn in as a new member of the Planning Commission as an alternate. Chad Blome, who offered to be on either the Planning Commission or the Board of Adjustments, was selected for the latter. White was born and raised in Monument, while Blome is originally from Nebraska and moved to Monument with his family.

Four members of the Planning Commission either resigned or are not eligible for another term. Chairwoman Michelle Glover and Commissioners Jeremy Lushnat and Ken Kimple do not wish to be reappointed. John Dick is term limited. See https://ocn.me/v19n12.htm#mpc.

#### Sanctuary Pointe Final PD Site Plan for Phase 3

Town Planner Debbie Flynn presented the ordinance for Sanctuary Pointe Final PD Site Plan for Phase 3 approval. The final site request for this development consists of 117 acres and will include 72 single-family lots. According to Flynn, the request was approved by the Planning Commission on Jan. 8 by a 7-0 vote.

The two access points for the phase are Sanctuary Rim Drive east to Baptist Road and Sanctuary Rim Drive west to Gleneagle Road, which was extended



Above: On Jan. 22, the town announced the selection of Christian "Sean" Hemingway as the new chief of police. Jake Shirk, the former chief, retired in July last year. Since then, several in-house officers, as well as an external hire, Lee Birk, have managed the department. Hemingway is a 30-year veteran officer serving as chief of police in the town of Bay Harbor Islands, Fla., for the last six years. Photo courtesy of Town of Monument.

through Promontory Pointe into the Sanctuary development.

Kimple, a previous Planning Commission member, said during the public hearing phase that the access through Gleneagle Road should not be considered as an egress since it is not complete. He said there are no curbs, sidewalks, or signage along the roadway, although it is being used by subcontractors and residents. Kimple was almost hit walking his dog along the

