Monument Planning Commission, Dec. 9

UPS Distribution Center Site Plan and Sanctuary Pointe Filing No. 8 Plat approved

The meeting focused on two proposals: first, a

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Monument Planning Commission (MPC) Vice Chair Chris Wilhelmi led the Dec. 9 meeting, which was held remotely due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Joining him were Commissioners Sean White, Steve King, Martin Trujillo, and Joshua Thomas, with presentations provided by Planner Debbie Flynn.

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Final PD Site Plan for an upcoming UPS Distribution Center intended to be part of the Falcon Commerce Center 1 Preliminary PD Site Plan Commercial Subdivision, and secondly a Final Plat for Sanctuary Pointe Filing No. 8. Both proposals were approved unanimously and will now be considered by the Board of Trustees. Further information about all projects dis-

cussed by the MPC can be found in the meeting packets located at monumenttownco.documentson-demand.com. This site is also a good resource for accessing approved meeting minutes as well as the agendas for upcoming meetings. This latest MPC meeting, along with many older ones, can be found recorded on the Town of Monument's YouTube channel at youtube.com/channel/UCd-FLo8UcqZfFdkio5jT6GDA. Citizens may find it easier to search for "Town of Monument" or "Monument Planning Commission" in YouTube's search

UPS Distribution Center

Some facts about the project, according to Flynn's presentation, the meeting packet, and the MPC's discussion:

- The site comprises 16.91 acres. It's located at 1671 Squadron Drive, with Woodcarver Road to the west and south.
- Surrounding businesses include the Pilot Travel Center, Valero Gas Station, and Pioneer Landscape Centers.
- The UPS distribution center itself is expected to be 98,290 square feet. It will include warehousing and administration offices, as well as a 24-hour guardhouse.
- Improvements will be made to Woodcarver Road, and when they're completed it will become the preferred route for UPS trucks.
- Flynn provided schedules for both UPS brown trucks and larger tractor trailers serving the

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Above: UPS Distribution Center vicinity map. Courtesy the Town of Monument.



Above: UPS Distribution Center North Elevation. Courtesy the Town of Monument.



Above: UPS Distribution Center West Elevation. Courtesy the Town of Monument.

business. For brown trucks, 100 drivers will leave the site between 8:30 and 9 a.m., and between 5 and 8 p.m. It's impossible to say how many will make it back per hour. For large tractor trailers, 8-10 trucks will arrive at the facility between midnight and 6 a.m. Three to five trucks will depart between 7 and 11 p.m.

- A picture of the facility design is provided in Flynn's presentation and in the meeting pack-
- The project will provide jobs in Monument, including part-time positions that include full benefits. Some staff is anticipated to transfer in from other UPS locations, but new positions are also expected.
- According to the meeting packet, the applicant is Ware Malcomb (Brian Weiss), and the property owner is UPS (Sergio Enriquez).

MPC discussion points included a desire for more than the anticipated four bike spaces, as well as hopes for a bike lane/easy options for Monument residents to commute to work without driving. MPC members expressed excitement for an "ideal employer" moving to Monument, and a project representative stated that UPS hopes to incorporate some of the MPC's suggestions, and that the company does its best to be "a great corporate citizen," employer, and neighbor.

No citizens spoke during the Public Comment period, and a motion to approve the proposal with the condition that "no building permits will be issued until access permits are issued by El Paso County or the Town of Monument, whomever has ownership of Woodcarver and Baptist Road" passed unanimously, 5-0.

Sanctuary Pointe Filing No. 8

Some facts about the project, per Flynn's presentation, the meeting packet, and the PC's discussion:

This site comprises 45.551 acres, with 27 single-family lots, three tracts, and two streets (Forest Cloud Way and Sunset Splendor Lane). Lots range in size. The plat is consistent with a previously approved PD site plan.



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