

all around the property.... I don't go along with the idea that a rural road is a buffer so, on those two, I don't feel the applicant met those two criteria, so I won't be voting in favor of this."

The commissioners voted 5-3 to recommend the rezoning for approval. Commissioners Carlson, Lucia-Treese, and Merriam were the no votes with concerns about compatibility with the surrounding area and density.

The application was then heard at the El Paso Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Aug. 24. See BOCC article on page 6.

Shiloh Pines

The commissioners unanimously recommended for approval an application by John Puskas to rezone 3.94 acres of a 74.46-acre property from RR-5 (rural residential) to RR-2.5 (rural residen-

tial) and the remaining acres from RR-5 to A-35 (agricultural). The property is located at the southwest corner of the Monument Lake Road and Peak View Boulevard intersection, to the west of Highway 105.

The 3.94-acre parcel has been purchased by neighbors Brian and Tibby Peterson and adjoins their existing property in the Shiloh Pines subdivision, which is zoned RR-2.5. The remaining Puskas property is used for agricultural purposes that are more in keeping with an agricultural zoning. Puskas is not proposing any changes to the existing uses at this time. The Petersons envision one day possibly building another house on the property they have acquired.

The item was heard as a consent item, meaning there was no discussion. The request was scheduled to be heard at the BOCC meeting on Sept. 14.

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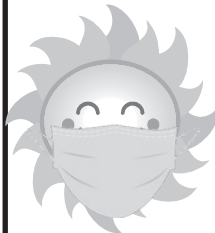
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