

confirmed no Santa Fe Trail access will be impacted. Elizabeth Sperling was concerned about light pollution. Flynn said the lights would either be facing down or turned off at night.

UPS representative Sergio Enriquez said the distribution site is one of many in the state.

The request was unanimously approved.

Animal control codes adopted in sync with county and other local municipalities

The Monument Police Department and the HSPPR requested an update to the town's animal control codes and fee schedule to bring them in line with other local towns.

In past years, the board simply adopted a version of the El Paso County Animal Rules, but this has created difficulties with prosecution and restitution.

Town Attorney Andrew Richie confirmed the Monument police enforce the codes and determine if an animal is dangerous based upon its actions, not the breed.

Richie said animal code violations make up a substantial portion of the town's monthly court docket. According to the new ordinance, a first offense for a missing dog license is \$45. A dangerous dog first offense is \$75 but will go up to \$150 after three or more offenses. Chickens are allowed only in R-1 and R-2 districts and must be kept in a backyard coop.

The ordinance was approved 6-1. Wilson voted against the request with no reason given.

Public comments

Several residents made comments regarding the sale of Kratom in the town limits, including Mac Haddow, Beth Fisher, and Wendy Pardue. The board approved a temporary moratorium on the sale of Kratom during the May 20, 2019 meeting and then banned the sale entirely during the Nov. 18, 2019 meeting. See Vol. 19 No. 12 - December 7, 2019 (ocn.me).

Chad Dewey and William Benefield supported opening all businesses that have been closed due to the pandemic.

Lindsey Leite said the state's five-star program is too onerous for businesses. The five-star program is a voluntary county-led program. An administrative committee oversees the program. According to the program documentation, "It encourages businesses to implement safety measures beyond what is already required by public health orders and guidelines that will help slow the spread

of COVID-19. In doing so, businesses will be able to accelerate their reopening." For more information, see 5 Star State Certification Program | Colorado COVID-19 Updates.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

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Monument Planning Commission, Jan. 13
New chair and vice chair for PC; Gleneagle Dental relocation plan approved

By Kate Pangelinan

The Jan. 13 Monument Planning Commission (PC) meeting saw the yearly vote for chairman and vice chairman, during which Chris Wilhelmi agreed to an appointment as the new PC chairman and Sean White took on the role of vice chairman. Commissioners Eric Light, Steve King, Martin Trujillo, and Bill Lewis were also in attendance.

Following the three scheduled Public Hearings and Recommendations, Planner Debbie Flynn reported on the status of recent Santa Fe Trail discussions, explaining that El Paso County is still deliberating how to move forward. The county will decide whether to keep the trail where it is or reroute it, which would mean relocating either some or all of the trail. This choice isn't Monument's to make—the county will decide and then let everyone else know.

Further information about all projects discussed by the PC can be found in the meeting packets located at monumenttownco.documents-on-demand.com. This site is also a good resource for accessing approved meeting minutes as well as the agendas for upcoming meetings. This latest PC meeting, along with many older ones, can be found recorded on the Town of Monument's YouTube channel at youtube.com/channel/UCd-FL08UcqZfFdkio5JT6GDA. Citizens may find it easier to search for "Town of Monument" or "Monument Planning Commission" in YouTube's search bar.

The first section of this latest PC meeting failed to record due to technical difficulties, as stated in the YouTube video's description. If citizens have any questions or concerns, they are encouraged to "please reach out to planning staff."

According to the town's website, planning staff can be contacted by calling 719-481-2954 or sending an email to planning@tomgov.org.

Native Sun Construction annexation and zoning

Some facts about this development, referencing the meeting packet:

- The Native Sun Construction property is on Woodcarver Road, south of Baptist Road and "adjacent to the southwest boundary of the town and the approved Falcon Commerce Center Phase 1 Preliminary PD Site Plan." This is a 10.69-acre plot of land. Native Sun Construction is looking to have this area annexed by Monument and zoned to Planned Development.

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- Part of Woodcarver Road is included in this space, and its status is "being handled through an agreement between adjacent owners/users and the town." It's expected to be dedicated to Monument.
- The Board of Trustees (BOT) has already decided that "the submittal of the annexation petition and basic requirement of contiguity to the existing Town limits have been met." At the Feb. 16 BOT meeting, a resolution will be voted on that could lead to a movement to annex this property on March 1. Those more specific dates are indicated in a list of ongoing projects on the town's website at <http://www.townofmonument.org/235/Projects-Around-Town>. The PC's thoughts and recommendation verdict will be taken into consideration at the Feb. 16

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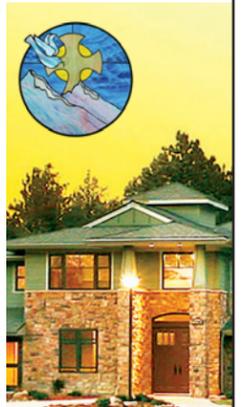
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