

complimented but deemed too urban for Monument's community by Wilhelmi and White. King stated that he believes the project "needs to go back to the drawing board." Behnke asked if he could be allowed to respond, expressing that he hopes the project will be reconsidered. He understands why PC members

would be opposed to the maximum allowable height, but he hopes they can also see the appeal of the development. In the end, a movement to recommend the project for denial was approved 5-1, with Lewis voting against. Reasons listed for this denial involved the development's "failure to

comply with or meaningfully consider the town of Monument's Comprehensive Plan," with mentions of density, aesthetics, and quality of life in the surrounding areas. This proposal will go on to be considered by the Board of Trustees on Feb. 1. ***** For the time being, the public

will be able to attend PC meetings through Webex software. Citizens are also afforded the option of calling in to listen to meetings, and if alternate accommodations are needed, the town website states, "Individuals without the ability to participate by phone or computer may contact Drew Anderson at

danderson@tomgov.org or 719-396-0842." Further information: <http://www.townofmonument.org/meetings/>. The next PC meeting is expected to be held on Feb. 10. Kate Pangelinan can be reached at katepangelinan@ocn.me.

Palmer Lake Board of Trustees, Jan. 14 and 28

New leadership addresses old problem: water

By James Howald and Jackie Burhans

The Palmer Lake Board of Trustees (PLBOT) met three times in January. Regular meetings were held on Jan. 14 and Jan. 28, and a workshop was also held on Jan. 28.

At the Jan. 14 regular meeting, Trustee Bob Mutu resigned his seat on the board and received a certificate of appreciation from Mayor Bill Bass. The board handled housekeeping issues, some via the consent agenda and some as separate resolutions or ordinances. The board also granted a new business license and heard reports from staff and trustees.

At the Jan. 28 workshop, attention turned to issues relating to water, beginning with a presentation from GMS Inc. Consulting Engineers (GMS) on the town's water infrastructure, water supply, and water rights. Town Administrator Dawn Collins discussed the town's policies on residential wells, water taps, and planned water rate increases. The workshop ended with a plea from a property owner who asked for clarity on his application for a water tap.

At the Jan. 28 regular meeting, which convened immediately after the workshop, the discussion of water issues continued. The moratorium on water taps, the policy on taps purchased but not used within 12 months, billing issues, and future water supply were discussed. The board voted on fire restriction and social media policy, and on two business licenses.

Trustee Mutu honored

Mutu was appointed to the board on May 12, 2016. As a younger man, he served in the Air Force and was the chief electrician for Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station. While on the board, Mutu also served on the Parks Commission.

At the Jan. 14 meeting, he told the board he was struggling with the requirements of trusteeship due to issues with his hearing.

Bass thanked Mutu for his service to the town and presented him with a certificate of appreciation honoring his time on the board.

Later in the meeting, the board passed Resolution 9-2021, which declared Mutu's seat on the board to be vacant and authorized the board to move forward with an appointment to fill the seat. Interested applicants must apply by 5 p.m. Feb. 1, 2021.

Policies, appointments handled by resolutions

The consent agenda passed at the Jan. 14 meeting contained the following resolutions:

- Resolution 1-2021 estab-

lished the Town Hall at 42 Valley Crescent and the Palmer Lake Post Office at Highway 105 as the official posting places for notices of public meetings.

- Resolution 2-2021 appointed Kirk Noll, Mike Pietsch, Reid Wiecks, Ande Furrer, and Greg Feuerhaken to the Parks Commission.
- Resolution 3-2021 appointed Amy Hutson, Mark Bruce, Charlie Ihlenfeld, Bill Fisher, David Cooper, and Vic Brown to the Planning Commission.
- Resolution 4-2021 appointed Kurt Ehrhardt, Charlie Ihlenfeld, Ed Kinney, Bob Miner, Glant Havenar and Michael Richards to the Board of Adjustment.
- Resolution 5-2021 appointed Dawn Collins as town clerk and treasurer, Matthew Krob as town attor-

ney, John Ciccolella as municipal judge, Toni Vega as clerk of Municipal Court, and Jason Vanderpool as police chief.

- Resolution 6-2021 amended the electronic sign policy to prohibit posting material on or near the sign.

Vacation and replat approved

Havenar recused herself from a public hearing and vote on Ordinance 18-2020, which would vacate and replat a property at 93 Hermosa Ave. Collins told the board the vacation and replat had been discussed by the previous board and recommended by the Planning Commission. The ordinance before the board would require the property owners, Palmer Lake Fire Chief Christopher McCarthy and town staff to develop a turnaround for firetrucks on Hermosa Avenue.



The Palmer Lake Historical Society

would like to thank our members, volunteers and calendar advertisers for their support in this difficult time. We plan to resume our free monthly local history programs and events as soon as conditions permit. New displays at the Vaile Museum are nearly complete while work continues on the restoration of many artifacts. We gratefully commend the volunteer staff at OCN for their work in keeping residents of the Palmer Divide area informed of local events. Watch the PL bridge for our new red caboosel! The 2021 PLHS calendar is now available at many local merchants. If you would like to join or learn more about the PLHS please visit us at: www.PalmerDivideHistory.org or follow us on Facebook @PalmerLakeHistory.

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