

cility found abandoned for more than six months must be removed by the owner of the property or by the town at the owner's expense. Only two wireless telecommunication towers currently exist in town, one off North Washington Street and the other at the northeast corner of I-25 and Baptist Road. The abandonment clause is meant to provide a procedure in case things fall into disrepair or the town receives complaints, rather than an alteration meant to address a current problem.

The single change to Regency Park Zoning and Development Standards Section 17.43 also has to do with wireless tele-

communications services. Up until this point, no wireless telecommunications towers have been allowed in Regency Park, because the technology didn't exist when the zone was first mapped out. Now, citizens have occasionally lamented the poor reception in the area, and this, among other reasons, inspires change.

Towers still won't be permitted in residential areas, but the Planning Commission agreed that they should be allowed on a conditional basis in three of Regency Park's zone districts: the planned commercial development, planned industrial development and planned multi-use

development areas. The goal would be to keep the towers as well hidden as possible, hopefully with other cell towers but potentially built into the side of walls to look like rocks, disguised as flag poles/light poles, or built off of buildings. As a last resort, more towers might be built, but only if none of the stealth-tower options work out. The tower is not meant to be noticeable.

A few small alterations were made to the wording of these proposals in preparation to take them to the Board of Trustees,

largely for the sake of clarity. All alterations passed unanimously, and are now headed for further voting.

The next Planning Commission meeting is set to be held on Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Monument Town Hall. Meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month. Information: 884-8017 or www.townofmonument.org/meetings

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Palmer Lake Liquor Licensing and Medical Marijuana Authority and Combined Workshop and Town Council Meeting, July 2

Committee will advise council on marijuana issue

By Jim Adams

On July 2, Palmer Lake Town Council trustees discussed the upcoming deadline to determine the town's policy on recreational marijuana sales, heard about the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department's role in fighting the Black Forest Fire, and approved new business and liquor licenses. Audience members talked about the Awake the Lake project and questioned watering restrictions.

Town Attorney Larry Gaddis and Clerk Tara Berreth said the town must opt in or out of local retail sales of recreational marijuana by Oct. 1. The town would lose any capacity to receive tax revenues from the sale of recreational marijuana if it opts out. Current dispensaries are first in line to begin retail sales if they so choose, since the separate medical marijuana regulations are already in place and are very similar to new recreational regulations.

They said a town Marijuana Advisory Committee was needed to recommend a decision to the Town Council. As of July 2, only three volunteers had applied for membership on the committee. (See a report on the committee on page 18.)

Awake the Lake

Jeff Hulsmann of the Awake the Lake Committee said a benefit in June raised \$4,500 for the lake. Four more concerts are scheduled. Awake-Palmer-Lake T-shirts and tickets for concerts are for sale at Palmer Lake restaurants and online at www.awakepalmerlake.com and on Facebook at Awake Palmer Lake.

Rick Pace of the Parks Committee said a Colorado Opportunity Grant (COGO) deadline for requesting lake funds was missed. Subsequent communications with COGO have helped in rephrasing the grant to emphasize that the lake is dry, possibly increasing the town's chances of receiving state help. A new grant application was being processed.

Liquor licenses

The Palmer Lake Liquor Licensing Authority and Medical Marijuana Authority unanimously approved a request for a transfer of a liquor license for the Palmer Lake Country Store at 56A Highway 105 to new owner Darmi Coon.

The Liquor Authority also unanimously approved a set of boundaries to be used for a survey of the area surrounding a new restaurant that seeks a liquor license. Owner Steve Rice seeks to establish a full service restaurant at the Illumination Point building at 630 Highway 105.

Two new business licenses approved

The council unanimously approved new business licenses for the new owner of the Palmer Lake Country Store, Darmi Coon, and for Trinity Mechanical, a mobile appliance repair service that will operate from Palmer Lake.

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