

- Sept. 11: A passenger on a Greyhound bus traveling south on I-25 called authorities threatening to kill himself and any cops who showed up. Forty-one police units from various agencies responded, and Monument police provided shields to officers from other agencies and made a tactical entry into the bus near West Baptist Road. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.
- Four sexual assault cases were reported in the last 30 days.

Shirk described the various types of specialized training that department members completed in September. In addition, he said that in August, the Support Services Department averaged 75 citizen contacts a day, including phone calls, fingerprints, case report requests, registering sex offenders, and court payments.

Shirk told the board, "We need help out there," and he hoped more officers could be hired in the near future for the continued safety of both citizens and officers.

Bulk fill water station relocation progress

Town Manager Pamela Smith said that Forsgren and Associates was working on engineering drawings for moving the bulk fill water station from its current location on Wagon Gap Trail to the new location between Conoco and the Safeway shopping center. Public Works Director Tom Tharnish added that survey work has been completed at the site and the town will be consulting with Mountain View Electric Association on power supply availability to the new location.

Resolutions approved

The trustees unanimously approved these items:

- A resolution approving Land Use Attorney Carolynne White of Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber and Schreck to advise Monument on its zoning ordinances.
- An intergovernmental agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for Phase 1B of the downtown sidewalks project so that funding for 80 percent of the project can come from CDOT.

The trustees also approved the consent agenda, including the following disbursements over \$5,000:

- Triview Metro District, sales tax, motor vehicle tax, regional building sales tax – \$163,494
- Nolte Associates, professional services on planning projects – \$7,062.

Shupp informed the board that contrary to rumors circulating in town, he is not retiring or resigning at the end of September.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 5. Call 884-8017 or see www.townofmonument.org for more information.

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Monument Board of Trustees, Sept. 8

"We will fight this" citizens asked to help lobby state reps

By Lisa Hatfield

On Sept. 8, the Monument Board of Trustees heard 80 minutes of public comments urging the town not to "be bullied" by Colonial Management Group (CMG), which has filed a lawsuit against the town, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Adjustment. The trustees also approved the Final PD Site Plan for the Sanctuary Pointe water tank and booster station and appointed Daniel Rathke as an alternate member of the Planning Commission.

Citizens: "Do not let this dispensary open!"

Mayor Rafael Dominguez said the town has been sued in El Paso County District Court. Town Attorney Gary Shupp said that as of Sept. 8, the town had not actually been served with litigation but had received a courtesy copy of the complaint filed by Metro Treatment of Colo-

rado LP and Colonial Management Group LP, represented by attorneys Christopher J. Dawes, Christopher T. Groen, and Risa B. Brown of Fox Rothschild LLP. The complaint states that because of "the defendants' discriminatory reaction and behavior," the plaintiff "has suffered economic injury ... including losses in excess of \$800,000, as well as lost profits and other opportunity cost" since it has not been able to open its planned methadone clinic at 192

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