

pressed involved the placement of the waste disposal unit, proving a bit difficult for big RVs to reach.

Final PD Site Plan for the self-storage development were approved unanimously.

Other business

Both the Final Plat and the Over 30 citizens were in atten-

dance at this meeting, and public comment was varied and passionate. One citizen in particular wanted to call attention to the Grow Smart Monument Facebook group, a gathering space for concerned residents dedicated to helping direct the future of Monument's development. Grow Smart Monument is particularly concerned with Monument's

open and recreational spaces.

A new planner, Katherine Brady, was also introduced at this meeting. The new planning director, Larry Manning, used to work in Cheyenne and was scheduled to begin work in the Town of Monument soon after this this meeting took place.

The next Monument Planning

Commission meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 645 Beacon Lite Rd. Meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month. Information: 884-8017 or <http://www.townofmonument.org/meetings/> Kate Pangelinan can be reached at katepangelinan@ocn.me

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Monument Board of Trustees, Oct. 19

New planning director, BRRTA bond, and Grow Smart group

By Lisa Hatfield

The Oct. 19 Monument Board of Trustees meeting included a welcome to the new principal planner, good news about the BRRTA bond, notice of a new citizens group, and information about the Monument Cemetery.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Kaiser and Trustee Kelly Elliot were ab-

sent.

New principal planner welcomed

Mayor Rafael Dominguez and Town Manager Chris Lowe introduced new town principal planner Larry Manning to his first Monument Board of Trustees meeting. Lowe said now the town is fully staffed again. Man-

ning has worked with the cities of Cripple Creek, Manitou Springs, and most recently Gillette, Wyo.

Lowe said he is also still getting acquainted with the lay of the land in Monument and meeting with department heads and the trustees one by one to share ideas. For communication with the trustees, he sent out Friday Night Highlights with information from each department.

CDOT will pay entire BRRTA bond

Dominguez said that he received an email from the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments announcing that the outstanding Baptist Road Rural Transportation Authority (BRRTA) bond will be fully paid off by the Colorado Department of Transportation. He did not announce a date or an exact payout amount. When the bond is paid off, the 1 percent sales tax on businesses within BRRTA will be repealed. See www.ocn.me/v15n8.htm#brrta0729 and the upcoming BRRTA article in the December issue of *Our Community News* for details.

Grow Smart Monument citizens group

El Paso County resident Allison Catalano introduced a citizens group she has formed called Grow Smart Monument. It is a volunteer group dedicated to preserving Tri-Lakes area open space and trails, recreational opportunities, natural resources, and community character. She wants to increase governmental communication with people about upcoming development, including water availability, schools, and the police force. And she wants the group to collaborate with developers and civic organizations in "creating a path to smart growth in our beautiful town and the surrounding Tri-Lakes area." Some of the group's goals include:

- Create a community sports complex with cooperation of the town, the county, and various state agencies.
- Help give input to the Monument Comprehensive Plan, which will be updated soon.
- Ask both town and county representatives to explain the transportation plan for the Tri-Lakes area, water issues related to additional homes and businesses, and other issues related to schools and police.

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