

ees' discussion occurred, and the article on the Oct. 14 Monument Planning Commission where considerable discussion was heard at www.ocn.me/v15n11.htm#mpc1014.

The trustees voted 0-5 on the ordinance regarding the rezoning, and since it failed, they did not vote on the PD Sketch Plan. Trustees Jeff Bornstein, John Howe, Jeff Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Kaiser, and Mayor Rafael Dominguez voted no. Trustee Becki Tooley abstained since she did not attend the Nov. 2 meeting.

Public comments about land-use decision communication

Several audience members had questions about the communication process with the public about development plans in progress. Their comments (and the answers) included:

- When are town government meeting dates set?

Answer: Shupp said they are set annually. The Board of Trustees usually meets on the first and third Mondays, and Planning Commission on second Wednesday.

- We need to have notification of the agendas for public review.

Answer: Complete agendas and board packets are always posted by Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman before each meeting. See <http://monumenttownco.minute-sondemand.com/> and click on Board of Trustees or Planning Commission to download the PDF files.

- A lot of people in Monument do not have online access, and so other methods of communication should be used.

Answer: There is also a mailed town newsletter. See related Nov. 12 Monument Planning Commission article on page 13 for information about "opting-in" to the mailed and emailed town newsletter.

- The minutes from the Oct. 14 Planning Commission and the Nov. 2 Board of Trustees are not online yet, so we don't know what was discussed at those meetings if we were not able to attend the meetings.

Answer: The board meeting packets posted ahead of

time include minutes from the previous Planning Commission and board meetings.

- I hope the trustees all did their own research on this (Monument Heights) topic.

Answer: Kaiser reminded the people that for quasi-judicial hearings on land use, the trustees are allowed to use only the documents presented and testimony given at the public hearing to make their decisions.

- It does not invite public input to have testimony and decision-making all on the same night. Zoning changes are going to be a vehicle for changing this town in ways you will regret.

Answer: Shupp said that development applicants do have neighborhood meetings before the public hearings, but unless a decision is formally "continued," public hearings are always done in one evening. Otherwise, their decision could be overturned in district court. He said this was the first time in 15 years he could remember a zoning issue being continued like Monument Heights was.

- Where can we find the proposed parks plan on the town website?

Answer: <http://www.townofmonument.org/departments/parks-and-recreation-plans/>. Trustee Tooley said that several open houses were publicized and held this year to collect public input, but participation from people was "not overwhelming." She said the budget for 2016 is very strict, and the parks plan needs funding ideas and conceptual ideas from the public. Interested

people should write to btooley@tomgov.org or jhowe@tomgov.org.

- Future development needs to include affordable housing and good jobs so we can convince our children to move back here.

Earlier in the meeting, Bornstein had commented that he accompanied Town Manager Chris Lowe to the Tri-Lakes Economic Development Corp. luncheon on Nov. 12 and reported that there is basically 0 percent unemployment in El Paso County. Employers say there is a shortage of people for both vocational and professional work.

Resident Cheri Hysell said, "We do also have to take responsibility. I am here tonight because a year ago something happened in my neighborhood, and it is just being resolved, but now my neighbor and I try to come to 100 percent of these meetings. It is our responsibility to be here."

Checks over \$5,000

The trustees unanimously approved the consent agenda, which included these checks over \$5,000:

- Triview Metropolitan District, sales tax and motor vehicle tax for September – \$151,166
- Mayflower Transit LLC, moving bid for town manager relocation, – \$10,510

Town Manager Pamela Smith's sales tax report indicated that collected sales tax revenues as of November were ahead of budget by 7.6 percent or \$321,000 compared to November 2014.

Trustees' comments

- Dominguez asked for a moment of silence for the citizens of Paris.
- Jeff Smith expressed his condolences to the family of

Colorado State Trooper Jamie Jursevics, who lost her life on Nov. 15 on I-25 while on duty.

- Kaiser thanked Pamela Smith for working on the tax collection problem with the Baptist Road Rural Transportation Association.

At 7:26 p.m., the board went into executive session developing strategy for negotiations, instructing negotiators, and determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations (water operator agreement).

Sirochman and Code Enforcement Officer Laura Hogan reported that the board did not make any announcements after the executive session, and the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

DK Konstruction

General Contractor

Drywall Install & Repair

Remodeling

Electric & Plumbing

Carpentry

Basements

Fence • Deck Install & Repair

Landscaping

Power Washing

New Home Building

NO JOB TOO SMALL!

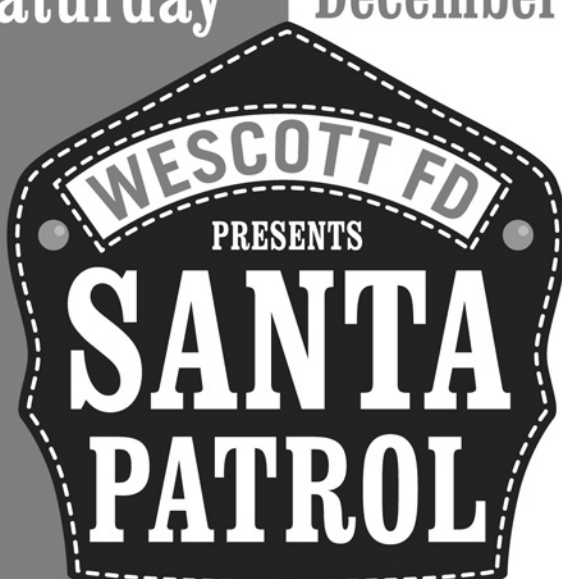
FREE ESTIMATES

LICENSED & INSURED

Serving the Tri-Lakes area since 1985

719-330-7638

Saturday
December 19th



WESCOTT FD PRESENTS SANTA PATROL

Come out and meet Santa when he trades his sleigh for a fire truck and brings holiday cheer to our district with the Wescott Firefighters.

10:00 Antelope Trails Elem.

10:40 Big R

11:10 Ridge Pointe Apts.

11:40 Bella Springs Apts.

12:10 Angel Mist Park in Flying Horse

PETERSON REALTY GROUP, LLC
It's all about your needs

Land and Residential
Thinking of buying or selling?
Call me today!




Tina Peterson, ABR, CRS, GRI, SFR
Serving El Paso, Teller, and Douglas Counties
Direct: 719-460-7614
TinaPeterson.Realtor@gmail.com
www.ColoradoHomesMarket.com


2015 MONUMENT 'ERIES' TOUR

DEC 19 • 11am - 9pm

243 Washington St
719-481-3477




Winery




P = Parking

279 Beacon Lite Rd, Ste G
719-488-2858



Distillery

174 Washington St, Unit C
719-510-1636




Cidery

TAKE THE TOUR!

Visit with your local 'eries' for Drink
*Specials, Prize Giveaways & A Good Time!

*Specials and/or activities will be determined by the individual shops on the day of the event.

1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr
719-208-4098



Brewery