

TOWN OF MONUMENT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN MEETING
CREEKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, April 20, 2009

6:30 P.M. Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Approval of Agenda

Mayor Glenn called this Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Monument, Colorado to order at 6:30 P.M., at Creekside Middle School. Mayor Glenn led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board members and Staff were present for the meeting:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Present:

Mayor Glenn
Trustee Drumm
Trustee Miller
Trustee Plank
Trustee Easton

Absent:

Trustee Samuels
Trustee Dominguez

TOWN STAFF:

Catherine Green, Town Manager
Gary Shupp, Town Attorney
Jacob Shirk, Police Chief
Richard Landreth, Public Works
Director
Pamela Smith, Town Treasurer
Tom Kassawara, Director of
Development Services
Scott Meszaros, Town Clerk

Also present were:

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| Nicole Chillino | Jim Kendrick | Tom Harder | Monica Harder |
| Paul Stewart | Coree Stewart | Olin Gordon | Bobbi Gordon |
| Stephen Marks | Tim Shutz | Ernest Biggs | Phil Puckett |
| Kirk Sinal | Steve Auer | Jody Thompson | Alan Taubeneck |
| Kathy Taubeneck | Jeff Icke | John Chinnock | Paul Renovitch |
| Nancy Renovitch | Ben Marviowitz | Nancy Sweaoragi | John Dworak |
| Dr. Betty Konarski | Jerry Henningsen | Rod Wilson | Greg Maggard |
| Karen Griffith | Dan Miller | Robert Fisher | Steve Cox |
| Ronald Simpson | Warren Knott | Don Smith | Dr. Ray Blanch |
| John Siving | | | |

Trustee Plank made a motion that item #7 be continued until the May 18th meeting, seconded by Trustee Miller. Motion passed 5-0.

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the agenda as amended (continuation of item #7), seconded by Trustee Easton. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Glenn provided an introduction to the Town Board, Triview Directors present, Triview Acting Manager, and Town of Monument Staff present at the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes of April 6th, 2009 Regular meeting

No changes were noted.

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2009 for the Regular Meeting as presented. Trustee Easton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Open Forum Q&A Items

Ms. Catherine Green, Town Manager announced that on Friday, April 24th, the Town will be having a tree planting ceremony in recognition of “Arbor Day” at the park located on Park Trail Drive. She added that the New Town Hall will be opened shortly (week of May 10th) and there will be a grand opening planned once Town Staff have moved and settled.

2. Community accomplishments and moving ahead

Ms. Catherine Green, Town Manager presented a Power Point presentation on items #2 through #5. During the Community accomplishments segment she talked about the Baptist Road Interchange, Limbach Park Bandshell, New Town Hall Facility, and the purchase of Twin Lakes water rights. She discussed the business license fee and how the funds have been allocated towards the Community Development Coordinator position and related programs such as “Arthrop”, “Banner Christmas” and others that have been enhanced. She discussed community safety and the “Home Depot/Monument Police Department” security program which has become a National program, the “Reserve Police Officer program” which provides additional officer strength at no cost to the Town, the second “Citizen’s Police Academy” which has just started up, the Church Safety Consortium, and the Code Enforcement Officer, all of which are new programs. She discussed recent growth and development of the Town including; Senior Housing (Arbor Mountain), Home Occupation Code Amendment, Architectural Design Committee and Guidelines, Stormwater Management Program and Guidelines, Overlay Zone District in Downtown, and Monument’s first hotel opening soon (Fairfield Inn).

Ms. Green introduced Dr. Ray Blanch, School District #38 Superintendent. Dr. Blanch provided a brief status of the District and dispelled rumor that the District was looking to close down any elementary schools. He asked for any questions or concerns. None were asked.

3. Triview Metropolitan District

Following Ms. Green’s introduction of the Triview Metropolitan District Director’s in attendance and the Acting District Manager, she provided a segment on the Town/Triview services and future path until we eventually combine (upon the payoff of debt). She explained how the budgets must be kept separate as the Town contracts to provide such services. She asked for any comments or questions regarding Triview in general.

Mr. Dan Miller, Monument resident, asked about the condition and improvements to the detention pond near Misty Creek Drive.

Mr. Robert Fisher, Triview Director discussed the 2009 budget to address this item and affirmed that it is scheduled to be done this year. He commented on the Promontory Point property stating that there are several problems with the site and its current condition. He also added that an additional well has been added on the corner of the property which is tied into the Triview Water system adding a major benefit to the Town and Triview.

Mr. Paul Stewart, Monument resident, stated that he appreciates the work and improvements to be done on the detention pond. He pointed out that there are several dead trees he would like to see replaced. He asked about the status of Promontory Point and drainage on the site.

Mayor Glenn responded that John Lange has filed for bankruptcy and that the property is in need of erosion control and other required items.

Mr. Tom Kassawara, Director of Development Services commented that the property is in receivership and that his staff is working to locate the new contact in order to address the existing problems and conditions of the site. He explained that the Triview Metropolitan District holds bonds on the property and that he anticipates moving forward with addressing existing problems on the site shortly.

Mr. John Siving, Monument resident commented that the vegetation and slopes on the Promontory Point property have not taken and that he routinely calls to complain to the Police Department regarding dirt bike riders who illegally ride the property and continue to destroy the slopes and make noise. He commented that the snow removal this winter has been much better than previous years.

Mayor Glenn instructed Mr. Kassawara to contact "CSI" in regard to seeding and erosion control.

Ms. Green briefly discussed Triview services the Town will be providing in the future IGA.

Mr. Ernest Biggs asked if Triview will be compensating the Town for these services as the Town begins providing them.

Mayor Glenn responded "yes", there will be a formal IGA. The Town will not charge overhead or profit such as has been done when private contractors provide these services which will be a cost savings to the District; there Board will be able to reallocate such savings into areas they see fit such as reducing the debt.

Mr. Warren Knott, Monument resident, stated that he believes there is a problem with trash along Jackson Creek Parkway, specifically along the High School and over at the Office Condo corridor on Leather Chaps.

Mayor Glenn commented that perhaps the School District could have students do their projects to include picking up such trash along these areas. He explained that he has twin boys and has directly been involved in such student projects that the district may

enact. He stated that if it is commercial trash, the Town's Code Enforcement Officer will deal with it.

Mr. Tim Shutz, Monument resident stated that the construction and projects recently done by the Town are very positive. He commended the Board and Staff. He stated that the "Triview issue" must be very transparent. He encouraged that the Board be very transparent and do things in open session, he advised to not do things in executive sessions. He voiced his concern as a resident on the "west side of Monument" that involvement with Triview should not "hurt" the economic base of the west side. He encouraged that the IGA be adopted and worked out in open public hearing formats.

4. Town Water Issues

Ms. Catherine Green, Town Manager provided additional Power Point segments on the aquifers, she discussed the aquifers in our area and presented the calculated usages for the Town of Monument and Triview areas. This included the estimated water at build out. Discussions relating to the cost of infrastructure and partnerships with the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority, potential projects with Colorado Springs Utilities regarding the southern delivery system concepts, and other future costs were presented.

Mayor Glenn explained that there is sufficient water for the Town, however as the pressure gradient decreases, water will be available; however the costs (electrical expenses to pump water to the surface) will become much more expensive as this pressure is decreased. Therefore, alternatives such as reuse, surface, and delivery/water rights are options for the future, none of which are cheap.

Mr. Jerry Henningsen, Monument resident inquired about the Copper treatments and re-use issues. He provided explanation that the State's levels of acceptance for drinking water and the risk factors are not calibrated or pertinent under existing testing and health related correspondence to the levels established. He stated that funds could be better used elsewhere than in the current direction the State is requiring municipalities to go in regards to Copper.

Mr. Don Smith, Monument resident stated that he sees a direct correlation between conservation of water and the solution is to reduce building density.

5. Monument Home Rule

Ms. Catherine Green, Town Manager, provided additional Power Point segments on the Home Rule process which the Board is entertaining to initiate. She explained that Home Rule would give the Town more control. She explained how Estes Park (a Home Rule municipality) recently passed a tax for affordable housing, which its neighbor Frazier could not also do because of their statutory classification. She explained that although it is not an issue at this point in time, becoming Home Rule would allow for higher bonding and debt capabilities than are allowed as a Statutory Town. She stated that one issue that may be changed is the collection of our own taxes rather than having the State do it for 3% and waiting three months (quarterly) to get the funds. The Town could collect monthly, and historically she stated municipalities which do this have found that they collect more than they had previously.

Mr. Ernest Biggs commented that he remembers the previous Charter Commission and the charter itself was “great” except for four (4) or five (5) items. It appeared to him that the previous Commission did not seem “flexible” to amend items that citizens were not happy with. He remembers it failing the first time by only a few votes, and the other time by a 4:1 margin. He asked what Monument can’t do now.

Ms. Green responded that the Town cannot collect its own sales tax and becoming home rule reduces the “bureaucracy” involved in being directed by the State.

Mr. Biggs replied that he feels it adds bureaucracy, and it may cost more than the 3% the State currently charges to collect the Towns taxes.

Public Hearing Item

6. Police Department (Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant)

Monument Police Chief Jacob Shirk explained the proposed use of funds for the “Byrne” grant application. He explained that the items to be purchased are detailed in the handout provided. As a requirement in applying for these funds, discussion at a public hearing is required.

Mayor Glenn opened the public hearing for comments. Seeing none, the item was closed. No action taken.

Resolutions:

7. Announcing the recipient of the Jim Moore – Urban Achievement Award (Staff recommends tabling this until the May meeting)

Trustee Plank made a motion to continue announcing the recipient of the Jim Moore Urban Achievement Award until the second meeting in May, seconded by Trustee Miller. Motion passed 5-0.

Financial Issues:

8. Disbursements over \$5,000

Ms. Pamela Smith, Town Treasurer, presented the disbursements in the packet.

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the disbursements over \$5,000, seconded by Trustee Easton. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 pm, seconded by Trustee Drumm. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott W. Meszaros, CMC
Town Clerk