

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • April 21, 2021 • VIA ZOOM

MEETING DEDICATION

- The meeting was dedicated to those lost from our COBWRA community in the past year including Board Member Mel Morris, Biltmore Terrace Delegate David Kline, and friends and family of our COBWRA volunteers.
- Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Honor Guard and Palm Beach County Fire Fighter's Pipes & Drums have performed at our past special events. For today, they kindly recorded a performance of "Going Home" in remembrance of those that are no longer with us.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Note: State Representatives were unable to attend as they are in Tallahassee for the legislative session.

STATE ATTORNEY DAVE ARONBERG

- Reported current vaccine card scams and cautioned about the use of fake COVID-19 vaccination cards. Do not post your cards online. Your identity can be stolen, and the scammer can create other cards. It is a Federal crime.

MAYOR DAVE KERNER

- More than 80% of people 65 years of age and older have been vaccinated.

COMMISSIONER MARIA SACHS

- COVID-19 vaccinations are now available. Contact her office for assistance, if needed.

SCHOOL BOARD VICE-CHAIR KAREN BRILL

- A virtual meeting will be held on Monday, April 26 at 6:15 PM, where she will be updating and taking input regarding the district strategic plan and equity efforts for students.
- The new Park Vista HS principal will be announced tonight.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO MAJOR CHRIS KEANE

- Selected deputies were provided special training to handle issues associated with commercial traffic.
- Thanked Steve Slade, Safety & Security Committee Chair, and encouraged members to join the virtual meetings that continue along with partners from PBCFR.

FIRE RESCUE CHIEF TONY TOZZI

- Has been promoted to District Chief 28 in Wellington.

FIRE RESCUE DEPUTY CHIEF OF OPERATIONS DOUG MCGLYNN

- Appreciates participating in the installation of officers later in the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - DONALD E. FENNOY II, ED.D

- Schools will open in the fall as brick and mortar.
- High School graduation will be in person this year.
- Graduation and third grade advancement will be based upon school record, not upon standardized tests.

COMMITTEES

WELCOME NEW MEMBER – STEVE WALLACE

- **San Messina** became the 114th member of COBWRA.
- Jay Mangel and Steve Caballero, representing San Messina, were welcomed to the organization.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT - DAGMAR BRAHS

- Reported that the proposal to build a 4,400 sq. ft. commercial low project on the SW corner of Lantana Road and 441/SR7 was approved by the GM Committee, the Executive Board and the Delegates.
- The committee is following activities pertaining to the Ag Reserve, especially the Kushner proposal near Atlantic Avenue and the Turnpike.

WATER & WETLANDS – HAROLD BROWN

- Recognized Thursday as being **EARTH DAY** and reminded us that protecting our environment is critical.

PBC FIRE RESCUE PRESENTATION – DISTRICT CHIEF TONY TOZZI AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF OPERATIONS DOUG MCGLYNN

- Thanked COBWRA for providing gift cards to personnel for their work during the pandemic.
- They have provided 154,000 COVID shots and have tested 4,700 people county-wide including homebound patients.
- 40 new firefighters have been added. Increased staffing of rescue vehicles to 3 people will be completed county-wide by October 2021.
- They have received new Fire and Rescue vehicles and are working on the development of new stations at: Military Trail and White Feather; Flavor Pict and Lyons Road; and Linton Blvd. and Lyons Road.

INSTALLATION OF 2021-2022 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- **MASTER OF CEREMONIES, STATE ATTORNEY DAVE ARONBERG** thanked and officially dismissed the 2020-2021 officers and directors for their previous service.
- **DEPUTY CHIEF DOUG MCGLYNN** administered the Oath of Office to: BETH RAPPAPORT, President; STEVE WALLACE, 1st VP; BARBARA ROTH, 2nd VP; CHERYL DODES, Secretary; and NEIL AMBROSIO, Treasurer.
- **MAJOR CHRIS KEANE** administered the Oath of Office to Directors MICHAEL CHAPNICK, Biltmore Estates; CRAIG DITMAN, Canyon Lakes; VICTORIA MORTON, Lantern Key; DEBBIE MURPHY, Pine Tree CC Estates; GERRI SEINBERG, Mizner Falls; and LINDA WILSON, Colonial Estates.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – BETH RAPPAPORT

- Noted that the COBWRA 40th Anniversary Gala at Benevento's will be Friday, March 4, 2022.
- Thanked elected officials and their staff, PBC personnel, fellow officers - past and present, delegates, her family and all who helped make COBWRA a premier organization.
- Recognized retiring Director SAM MANUELE for his years of service.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2021 • 9:30 AM • Via Zoom
Highlights by Bruce Brodsky and Debbie Murphy