

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • August 18, 2021 • VIA ZOOM

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

COMMISSIONER MARIA SACHS

- The BCC has declared a State of Emergency due to county hospital's intensive care units filling up as a result of COVID-19. Hospitals must now report ICU statistics to the County and State. If local hospitals need additional resources, they will be paid for by the State or Federal Government.
- Commissioner Sachs urged people to get vaccinated and addressed the issue of boosters. The CDC recommends that they be administered 8 months after the second shot. Check with your doctor, or pharmacy.
- She will be meeting with COBWRA on Ag Reserve issues.

SCHOOL BOARD VICE-CHAIR KAREN BRILL

- Mike Burke, former District CFO, is the new Superintendent. The State doesn't recognize an interim position, thus his title. He will have the opportunity to apply for the permanent position, if he so desires.
- She will be supporting school masks mandates, with a medical opt-out, until the Delta Variant is less prevalent.
- There has been a discussion of incentives for District employees to be vaccinated, once the vaccines are approved by the FDA.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO LIEUTENANT NICHOLE ADDAZIO

- PBSO is focused on a Traffic Safety Initiative due to the opening of schools. They ask for patience from the community as they address educating parents about traffic issues.
- The District 6 Substation lobby remains open, with COVID-19 precautions.
- Thanked COBWRA and the community for support given to the District 6 deputy who was shot while on duty. He is recovering and doing well.

FIRE RESCUE BATTALION CHIEF PETE HUND

- The FR call volume has increased with the COVID uptick.
- Congratulated Chief Tony Tozzi on his promotion to Fire Rescue Division Chief of Emergency Management and noted there have been 9 new PBFR employees.
- There has been a significant increase in vehicular accidents and fatalities during the last month.

PROPERTY APPRAISER – DOROTHY JACKS

- 2021 Proposed Tax Notices will be mailed to over 700,000 PBC homeowners on Thursday, Aug. 19.
- The deadline to challenge property values is Sept. 13.
- Tax bills will be mailed in November. For information, go to pbcgov.org/papa.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - BETH RAPPAPORT ON BEHALF OF MICHAEL J. BURKE

- The 2021-2022 school year started Tuesday, August 10.
- SDPBC outperformed the State in multiple grade levels in the areas of Math, Science & English Language Arts.
- Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards are being phased in this year for grades K-2.
- The District website COVID-19 Dashboard is updated with confirmed cases on District property.
- Behavioral and emotional support professionals are in place to support students.
- Free breakfast and lunch are offered to all students.
- Nurses from the PBC Healthcare District work in schools. They are performing rapid antigen COVID-19 tests on symptomatic students who have parental approval.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT – DAGMAR BRAHS

GL Homes – Whitworth Development Phase 1:

- 362.714 gross acres, of which 145.397 acres will be the development and 217.317 acres will be preserve area.
- Rezoning Request: Rezone from AGR to AGR-PUD - 145.397 acres as development area; 217.317 acres as the preserve portion, including 4 preserve parcels; creation of a Preliminary Master Plan, including 277 residential dwelling units (adult restricted).
- Of the 217.317 acres of preserve land, 3 of the parcels are contiguous to the development. The 4th is the "Hyder West Preserve Parcel" owned by G.L. Homes and is on the west side of State Rd. 7, south of Atlantic Ave.
- The PUD is consistent with surrounding communities; is 60/40 compliant; meets all requirements of the Comprehensive Plan for the Ag Reserve.
- Delegates voted 35-6 in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – BETH RAPPAPORT

- The business of COBWRA continues with Zoom meetings. Upcoming committee meetings: Education – 8/24, 4 pm; Gov't Affairs – 8/25, 9:30 am ; Growth Management – 8/31, 7:30 pm; Transportation - 9/2, 10 am; Water & Wetlands – 9/13, 10 am; Communications – 9/14, 2pm.
- Mark your calendars for outdoor concerts which resume at Canyon Town Center with a 3-part miniseries "Feelin' Nostalgic" beginning on Oct. 16.

FEATURED PRESENTATION: FIGHT THE BITE! PREVENTING MOSQUITOES AROUND THE COMMUNITY - PRESENTED BY STEVEN FAZEKAS, PBC COUNTY DEPT. OF ERM, MOSQUITO CONTROL DIVISION

- Varieties of mosquitoes, their development and disease transmission, along with what attracts them and how to reduce their breeding was explained. For information or to report mosquito activity, go to: <https://discover.pbcgov.org/erm/pages/mosquito-control.aspx>

Next Meeting: September 22, 2021 • 9:30 AM*

***Due to the Jewish Holidays, it is NOT the 3rd Wednesday**

Highlights by Cheryl Dodes and Debbie Murphy