

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • FEBRUARY 17, 2021 • VIA TELECONFERENCE CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

VICE-MAYOR ROBERT WEINROTH

- He is pleased with the vaccine distribution at the Fairgrounds and South County Civic Center. The positivity rate is hovering around 5%. If in need of assistance, contact his office.

COMMISSIONER MARIA SACHS

- Palm Beach County has provided the most vaccines in the state. Contact the office if help is needed and/or if you want to volunteer to assist in the vaccine roll-out.
- She is seeking feedback regarding the one million sq. ft. project in the AG Reserve at Atlantic Ave. & the Turnpike.

SCHOOL BOARD VICE-CHAIR KAREN BRILL

- The District is focused on equity and a strategic plan.
- As part of the "Council of Great City Schools", she is in a 9-month training program with 18 other nationwide urban school districts for the improvement of student outcomes.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR ERIC CALL

- The Canyon District Park Phase 1 is under construction and will have three soccer fields, a fitness trail, a maintenance building, parking and other infrastructure needed for Phase 2. They are working to partner with the School District for mutual use in the future.
- The dog park planned near the Villages of Windsor will be entering the design phase midyear.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO DISTRICT 6 CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN

- The office remains closed; records, reports and fingerprinting can be obtained by contacting Central Records at 561.688.3000. While crime is down, vehicle burglaries continue; over 90% of those vehicles were unlocked. In the last 7 days, there were 7 vehicle burglaries, 6 were unlocked and 2 had guns stolen. If guns must be left in cars, place them in lock boxes or in the trunk. Deputies are concentrating on traffic safety resulting in fewer accidents.

FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT 4 BATTALION CHIEF TONY TOZZI

- Carbon Monoxide calls continue to be an issue. Get CO monitors/alarms to avoid problems. In response to an article in The Post, they are aware of the delays in response time and are working on resolving the issue.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – SHARON REUBEN

- Having not received any floor nominations, the proposed slate of officers for the 2021-2022 year are: Beth Rappaport, President, Colony Preserve; Steve Wallace, 1st VP, GreyStone; Barbara Roth, 2nd VP, Bellaggio; Cheryl Dodes, Secretary, Valenica Isles; and Neil Ambrosio, Treasurer, Canyon Lakes. The election will be held at the March 2021 Delegates meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - BETH RAPPAPORT ON BEHALF OF DONALD E. FENNOY II, ED.D

The District is monitoring several legislative bills and is recommending the following:

- *Oppose - SB 48 Education Scholarship Programs.* Due to the COVID crisis impact on state revenue, it is not the time to expand tax-payer vouchers to private schools.
- *Support - HB 321 Employment Assistance After Retirement of School District Personnel.* This allows retired district employees to be rehired as substitute teachers.
- *Support - SB 886, COVID-19 Impact on School Accountability.* It waives requirements around using state assessment data to calculate school grades or make promotion-related decisions for students.

They are working to ensure that school-based staff aged 65 and over are prioritized for COVID-19 vaccinations.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT REPORT – DAGMAR BRAHS

- The changes to the Amazon Distribution Center site plan at Military Trail & Woolbright Rd. have not been voted on by the Village of Golf. The current construction at that site is the previously approved Publix.
- COBWRA is concerned with the proposed plans for a one million sq. ft. industrial building at Atlantic Ave & Turnpike which will conflict with the 60/40 rules in the Ag Reserve.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – STEVE WALLACE

Upcoming COBWRA Legislative Agenda:

- *OPPOSE* any bills allowing short term rentals that would adversely impact existing association documents.
- *SUPPORT* HB91 which further restricts use of wireless communication devices while driving.
- *SUPPORT* legislation requiring Charter Schools to be held accountable for maintaining the same standards as Public Schools; and more funding for Public and Charter Schools for additional qualified "Mental Health Providers."
- *OPPOSE* legislation that authorizes drilling, fracking and matrix acidulation in land, water or off the coast of Florida.
- Authorization to address issues affecting member associations.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – BETH RAPPAPORT

- She urged delegates to use every opportunity to get the COVID shots; reminded people that Comm. Sachs is looking for volunteers; expressed concern for the potential industrial project at Atlantic Ave. & Turnpike; reminded delegates that the Education Committee is hosting a forum on February 23; thanked past presidents who have worked to establish the Canyon Lakes District Park during the last 20 years; and mentioned COBWRA's lobbying efforts for the legislative session which starts in March 2021.

FEATURED PRESENTATION – Current & Future Traffic Trends and Projects in the West Boynton Area, presented by Dr.

Motasem Al-Turk, Director, PBC Traffic Division

- Dr. Al-Turk spoke of area projects - planned and in process, traffic projections, road construction, traffic and maintenance control measures, street light repairs and answered traffic related questions.