

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • May 26, 2021 • VIA ZOOM

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

MAYOR DAVE KERNER

- Palm Beach County continues to lead the State in the number of COVID vaccinations provided.

COMMISSIONER MARIA SACHS

- She is reviewing issues that impact COBWRA residents.
- Announced that Beth Rappaport has been chosen to be part of an elite group of Ag Reserve advisors.
- A survey will be sent to people effected by potential growth in the Ag Reserve.

SCHOOL BOARD VICE-CHAIR KAREN BRILL

- During in-person high school graduations, parents will be in a separate area due to social distancing.
- Parents of children in grades K-5 who wish them to be retained in that grade next year can do so by request of the superintendent.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO CAPTAIN SEAN EASTMAN

- As crime continues to trend downward, PBSO is addressing traffic issues.
- The District 6 Substation will reopen to the public on June 15. Full services will be provided while following CDC guidelines.
- They have been getting requests for another shredding event. Nothing is planned for June. They will resume when the shredding company they partner with is able.

FIRE RESCUE

- No report today due to fires in Martin County.

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

- **Facial Coverings Policies**
 - Facial coverings are now optional for students and staff while outside.
 - Students and staff are required to wear facial covering inside campus buildings or riding on school buses.
 - Facial covering policies for the next school year will be confirmed before school begins on August 10, 2021.
- **Graduation Ceremonies**
 - In-person ceremonies will take place June 3 through June 19, 2021.
 - Facial coverings must be worn at all times and social distancing will be observed.
 - Each graduate will be allotted two guest tickets.
 - All ceremonies will be live on the District's YouTube channel and recorded. For more information visit palmbeachschools.org/graduation2021.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS - WENDY SARTORY LINK

- Clarifying - SB90: Elections
 - Vote-By-Mail ballots must be requested each General Election cycle. There will no longer be a check box on the VBM envelope for future elections. When requesting VBM, it is best to supply both your SS# and Driver's License #, as one of them must be verified and you may not remember which was used when first registering to vote in Florida.
 - You may return VBM ballots for family members and 2 people with whom you are not related.
 - The Bill was effective immediately. Until an updated form is posted on the website, call the Supervisor of Elections office to request a VBM ballot.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT – DAGMAR BRAHS

- Village of Golf voted to deny the Amazon Distribution Center at the corner of Military Trail and Woolbright Rd.
- The proposed "Jade Project" on the south side of Acme Dairy and Boynton Beach Blvd. was voted down unanimously by the Board of County Commissioners.
- Developers withdrew the "Morton Project" on the north side of Boynton Beach Blvd., west of the Turnpike.
- The committee is closely watching the "Starkey Project", a million sq. ft. distribution center at the NW corner of Atlantic Ave. and the Turnpike. The proposal, which doesn't include preserve land, would negatively impact the future of the Ag Reserve.
- The proposed "Hypoluxo Village" at Hypoluxo and Military will be presented at the June 1 GM meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – BETH RAPPAPORT

- The Transportation and Gala Committees will kick off next week. If you are interested in participating in either committee, please contact Beth Rappaport.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - STEVE WALLACE, MODERATOR

- **Note:** Some Bills are awaiting the Governor's signature.
- **SENATOR LORI BERMAN** via video stated that she had 7 Bills passed, including a Purple Alert for people age 20-60 with cognitive impairments and a Bill giving sales tax exemptions for specific items that help aging in place.
- **SENATOR TINA POLSKY** had 2 Bills pass - helping low-income seniors and moving of derelict vessels. NPA candidates must now be registered as such for a year to run. She worked on amending the initial election law.
- **REP. MIKE CARUSO** had 4 Bills passed. He stated there is a lot of pressure to support the political party and that all parties need to work more closely together.
- **REP. KELLY SKIDMORE** spoke of getting work force training into the Glades area for non-agricultural jobs and supporting the Right to Farm legislation.
- **REPRESENTATIVES CASELLO AND SLOSBERG** were unable to attend.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2021 • 9:30 AM • Via Zoom

Highlights by Cheryl Dodes and Debbie Murphy