

COBWRA

COALITION OF BOYNTON WEST
RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATIONS

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • September 22, 2021 • VIA ZOOM

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

COMMISSIONER MARIA SACHS

- Thanked COBWRA for helping resolve the issues related to the widening of Lyons Road - bike lanes, and right turn rights-of-way into and out of communities. Communities will not have to give up easements and the improvements will not be paid for by their residents.

CLERK JOSEPH ABRUZZO

- Commended the other constitutional officials for working together as a team to serve the people of PBC.

SCHOOL BOARD VICE-CHAIR KAREN BRILL

- The upcoming Canyons Middle School will serve 1,345 students. Phase 1 of the school project should be completed by March 2022. The traffic plan has been vetted by the PBC Traffic Department.

REPRESENTATIVE EMILY SLOSBERG

- She explained the legislature has begun the State and Federal Districts redistricting process; results will be reported at end of the legislative session.
- A traffic safety round table will be held in December.
- She has introduced legislation regarding protections for First Responders.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN

- Deputies are concentrating on traffic safety, especially in school zones. While previously educating parents, they are now issuing tickets.
- They are partnering with local agencies and non-governmental offices to provide food and assistance for the underprivileged.
- While the District 6 Substation lobby remains open, with COVID-19 precautions, the meeting room is closed.

FIRE RESCUE BATTALION CHIEF PETE HUND

- Two of the five COBWRA-area stations that make up the battalion showed significant call increases between July and August.
- Of the new employees reported last month, some were assigned to rescue trucks as additional personnel. Consequently, only one truck needs to respond to calls, freeing up additional equipment to meet demand.
- Due to two recent kitchen fires, he urged people to be cautious and make sure stove hoods or grease traps, where in use, are cleaned.

FIRE RESCUE SAFETY SPECIALIST JEFF HEINZ

- The Education Section provides information and virtual meetings on issues such as smoke alarms, hurricane preparedness, car seat installation and the Yellow Dot program. Email Jeff Heinz at jheinz@pbcgov.org to arrange programs.

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

- COBWRA advocated for the Buddy Bench at Plumosa School of the Arts. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tfrx10C3RXQ>
- SDPBC is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15th-Oct. 15th. Constitution Day was celebrated Sept. 17th. The "Thank a Teacher" weekly recognition celebration has resumed.
- District staff are taking youth mental health awareness and assistance training: Youth Mental Health First Aid.
- COVID-19 Mobile Vaccination Clinics are available to District students, employees, and their families.
- Drive-thru COVID-19 Rapid Testing Sites are available.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT – DAGMAR BRAHS

Two projects were approved by the delegates:

- The HAGEN RANCH COMMERCIAL MUPD on the NE corner of Hagen Ranch Road and Boynton Beach Blvd. The shopping center will be anchored by Whole Foods and contain retail stores, two Type 1 and one Type 2 restaurants.
- The TEMPLE SHAAREI SHALOM proposal to host a K-12 school with student enrollment of up to 260 students, and a daycare facility of up to 124 students, in the existing building. An outdoor area, reducing current parking, will be added for the daycare facility.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – BETH RAPPAPORT

- COBWRA has been helping resolve issues associated with the widening of Lyons Road and the traffic flow problems associated with Sunset Palms School.
- She noted there will be a workshop regarding the Ag Reserve on October 26; a Health & Wellness symposium on February 10; and the Canyon Town Center Concert Series beginning on October 16.
- Amazon has begun delivering packages between 4-8 AM; any communities that are unhappy with such activity should contact COBWRA.
- She urged people to join COBWRA committees.

FEATURED PRESENTATION: YOUR PUBLIC TRUSTEE, SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC RECORDS AND PUBLIC FUNDS! *Presented by Joseph Abruzzo, Circuit Court Clerk and Comptroller, PBC*

The Clerk oversees public records and funds, is the PBC Treasurer and Auditor, and is the Clerk of the BCC. The office has provided "Pop-Up Passport Days" after hours and on weekends, has digitized county records, collects fines from traffic tickets, helps people navigate the court system, reschedules jury duty, helps apply for and/or renew passports, arranges virtual marriage license appointments, works with judges and partners on the Pandemic Recovery and provides a Guardianship Integrity Assurance hotline. Go to www.mypalmbeachclerk.com for more information.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2021 • 9:30 AM

Highlights by Bruce Brodsky and Debbie Murphy