

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • January 19, 2022 • VIA ZOOM

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

COMMISSIONER MARIA SACHS

- The Commissioner is focused on the issues of Human Trafficking. Florida #3 in nation and PBC #3 in state for trafficking and is a magnet for runaways.

SHOOL BOARD VICE-CHAIR KAREN BRILL

- Reported several proposed bills in Tallahassee, related to public education, which she opposes: cameras in classrooms, making school board elections partisan, and prohibiting classroom discussion of race.
- Stated that Critical Race Theory is not taught in PBC.
- There is an upcoming community input meeting about the new middle school located next to Sunset Palms Elementary.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN

- Reported crime in all areas is down.
- The Community Policing Team has been busy with helping food pantries, food for seniors, collected 300 pairs of shoes through "Jacob's Shoes", and working with kids and homeless through The Soup Kitchen.
- Stressed caution when driving with our current increased traffic. Do not keep valuables in the car and be sure to lock it.

FIRE RESCUE BATTALION CHIEF PETE HUND

- Two new area stations are moving along on schedule. The White Feather station, on White Feather just east of Military Trail, has broken ground and the temporary station at Lyons Rd. & Flavor Pict is scheduled to open later this year.
- Garage fires are caused by charging golf carts in an enclosed area. Use CO2 monitors and if detected call Fire Rescue, open garage door and evacuate the house.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- The following five people were nominated via email: Dagmar Brahs, Delegate, Tara Estates; Lainey Brooks, Delegate, Valencia Cove; Sharon Reuben, Delegate, Valencia Isles; Myrna Rosoff, 2nd Alternate, Aberdeen; Steve Wolfberg, 1st Alternate, Valencia Pointe.
- Sharon Reuben was appointed Temporary Chair by President Rappaport.

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

- Mr. Burke lobbied in Tallahassee during PBC Days for their legislative platform including increasing pay for lower paid employees.
- A Holocaust Commemorative Remembrance Ceremony is being held on January 27.
- Schools are partnering with the Health Care District to provide COVID-19 testing for students and eventually staff.
- Graduation rate increased from 90.2% to 91%.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT – DAGMAR BRAHS

- The Committee recommended approval of the two proposals presented this month.
 - **More Space Storage**, to be located north of Flavor Pict Road on the east side of Military Trail on the current salvage company site.
 - **Melrose Commercial**, previously approved, is requesting modifications to their plan. It is located on the east side of SR7/441 at Armone Place. The addition of increased landscaping on the north and northeast corner of the property was included in the motion sent to the Delegates.
- Both proposals were approved by the Delegates.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – BETH RAPPAPORT

- COBWRA traveled to Tallahassee for Palm Beach County Days meeting with lawmakers and presenting the COBWRA 2022 legislative agenda.
- Reported the Planning Commission meeting voted against the text amendment to facilitate a land swap proposal transferring development rights from Indian Trails Grove into the Ag Reserve, increasing the number of homes. It will go to the BCC in February.
- The Member Directory pickup distribution is complete.
- Save the Date! The Health & Wellness Committee presents a symposium on vaccine awareness. VACCINES: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE will be held via Zoom on February 10, 2022 at 7:30 PM with featured speaker LARRY M. BUSH, MD, FACP, FIDSA.
- A free concert is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 19 at 7 PM at the Amphitheater at Canyon Town Center. COBWRA is a title sponsor.
- COBWRA's upcoming committee meeting dates have been posted on our Facebook page. These committees are open committees and are accepting new members. We are also seeking a Chair for the Water and Wetlands Committee. Please email info@cobwra.org for information and meeting links.
- All COBWRA meetings continue to be via Zoom due to the Omicron outbreak.

FEATURED PRESENTATION: "Understanding Human Trafficking", Presented by Brieana Salter, Outreach Coordinator, PBC Victim Services.

- Explained the various issues associated with sex and labor trafficking. To report suspected abuse, contact Palm Beach County Victim Services at 561-833-7273 and/or the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888 or text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733).



Next Meeting: February 16, 2022 • 9:30 AM

Highlights by Bruce Brodsky and Debbie Murphy