

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • OCTOBER 19, 2022 • VALENCIA BAY

HOST COMMUNITY WELCOME – VALENCIA BAY

- Irwin Cohen, COBWRA Delegate, welcomed everyone to the community on behalf of Ken Albert, HOA President.

SPONSOR GREETING – BETH RAPPAPORT

- Introduced the Breakfast Sponsor - Danny De Freitas, VP of Client Services from Xtreme Landscaping, who greeted and informed the delegates that their service is used in many southeast Florida communities.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

CONGRESSWOMAN LOIS FRANKEL

- FEMA assistance is available to local Hurricane Ian tornado victims.
- Hearing aids are now available on-line and over-the-counter without a prescription.
- Congress approved a yearly cap of \$2,000 in 2025 on out-of-pocket prescription drug costs in Medicare, and a cap of \$35/month for insulin beginning in 2023. Medicare will be negotiating prices with pharmaceutical companies to help lower costs.
- Social Security monthly payments will be increased an average of \$140 /month in 2023.
- People over 65 years of age are involved in 36 million falls each year costing the country \$50 billion annually.
- Reminded people to vote and that Vote-by-Mail ballots will have to be requested, by the voter, for election cycles after Nov. 8, 2022.

COMMISSIONER MARIA SACHS

- Encouraged delegates to contact her office when needed.
- Voiced that we should work to keep open land and thanked COBWRA members for their efforts to control overdevelopment.

COMMISSIONER MACK BERNARD

- Spoke about the ballot bond issue - County Question #1 - funding for Affordable and Workforce Housing.

SCHOOL BOARD VICE-CHAIR KAREN BRILL

- The new West Boynton middle school will be named at this evening's meeting.
- Reminded delegates to support County Question #2 regarding funding for the School District.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO MAJOR CHRISTOPHER KEANE

- The Sheriff's Office recognizes the need to build trust with the community, warned people to be aware of scams, spoke of the Therapy Dog Program that supports victims of crime, and kids with speech and other issues.
- "Operation Hot Wheels" works to clear roads of drag racing and speeders and thanked Beth Rappaport for working on Facebook Live with PBSO to answer questions.

TONY KEELER FOR PBCFR DISTRICT CHIEF STANSBURY

- Reported that the 9th fire station in Battalion 4, located at Flavor Pict and Lyons Road, will be working out of a trailer beginning in the 1st quarter of 2023.
- Battalion 4 responded to 3,100 calls last month.
- Noted we need to remain prepared for hurricane season.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT REPORT – DAGMAR BRAHS

Two projects were presented:

- LTG Sports Turf - just west of US 441 and Boynton Beach Blvd. - specializes in construction and maintenance of athletic facilities. The Committee and Board recommended support of the proposal with the exception that a self-storage building not be permitted. Delegates voted in favor 46-2.
- Towns of Tidewater – on the south side of Hypoluxo Rd. between Military Trail and Jog Rd. The Board recommended denial of the townhome community due to the MR5 density being out of character with the area, incompatibility with the surrounding neighborhoods, and the workforce housing units not being built on site. Delegates voted in favor of recommending denial 51-0.

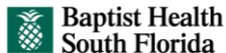
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – STEVE WALLACE

- Held a moment of silence in memory of Shirley Saporito, a long-time delegate from Jamaica Bay.
- Spoke of the importance of voting in the upcoming election and that COBWRA supports County Question #2 - funding of PBC schools that directly impacts school safety and teacher pay.

GUEST SPEAKER – MICHAEL J. BURKE, SUPERINTENDENT, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PBC: "STATE OF THE DISTRICT"

- The A-rated school district is the 10th largest in the US.
- He spoke of the District's Strategic Plan which seeks to Educate, Affirm and Inspire every student.
- Reminded delegates that the annual Showcase of Schools. The application window opens on November 1.
- Asked that the voters say YES on County Question #2 which supports funding for increased teacher pay, supports mental health services for students, speaks to school safety and provides for music and art.
- Thanked the COBWRA volunteers who serve on many District Advisory Committees.

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Next Meeting: November 16, 2022 • 9:30 AM
In-person at Villaggio

Highlights by Bruce Brodsky and Debbie Murphy

