

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • APRIL 19, 2023 • VALENCIA SHORES

PRESENTATION OF COLORS – PBSO HONOR GUARD

- The meeting began ceremoniously with the Presentation of Colors, by PBSO Honor Guard.

HOST COMMUNITY WELCOME – VALENCIA SHORES

- Joel Cohen, Valencia Shores Delegate, and General Manager Courtney Cady for President Larry Schleyer welcomed all.

BREAKFAST SPONSORS

- Danny Defreitas of Xtreme Landscaping, Marcy Kravit of Hotwire Communications, and Ivy Montero of FirstService Residential spoke about their companies' local services and appreciation of COBWRA.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

SCHOOL BOARD VICE CHAIR KAREN BRILL

- Informed the delegates about proposed statewide education legislation and state board approvals impacting The District.
- Spoke about anti-Semitism and ongoing litigation related to the principal who denied the Holocaust.

PBC MAYOR GREGG WEISS

- Explained BCC action taken to prohibit anti-Semitism and hate speech or images on someone else's property.
- Expressed concern of the State "Live Local" bill on local control of development rights and affordable housing.

COMMISSIONER MICHAEL BARNETT

- Greeted COBWRA delegates and thanked PBSO and PBC Fire Rescue for their work in keeping county residents safe.

COMMISSIONER MARCI WOODWARD

- Assured everyone that the BCC is acting responsibly, and the County is financially doing well.

COMMISSIONER SARA BAXTER

- Explained her focus on the County infrastructure and her hopes for Palm Tran to better serve residents.
- The Sweet Corn Fiesta is being held at the South Florida Fairgrounds on April 30.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO DISTRICT 6 CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN

- An upcoming shredding event is being planned.
- Traffic issues, and the rise in anti-Semitism are current PBSO focuses.

V.A.S.T. CAPTAIN HERB REIN

- The Volunteers Against Scams Team (V.A.S.T.) is offering a new presentation to interested communities. Contact them for more information - (561) 688-3970.

PBC FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT CHIEF BILL STANSBURY

- Spoke about the Active Shooter Training that Fire Rescue participated in with PBSO.
- Noted that the infrastructure for the Lyons and Flavor Pict Rds. Fire Rescue temporary trailer has begun.

INSTALLATION OF 2023-2024 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS – PBC FIRE RESCUE DEPUTY CHIEF DOUG MCGLYNN, MASTER OF CEREMONY

- In his opening comments, Deputy Chief McGlynn spoke of his long history, and friendships with COBWRA officers and delegates.
- Commissioner Michael Barnett thanked the 2022-2023 Officers & Directors and officially discharged them of their duties.
- Commissioner Marci Woodward installed Allen Appel (Villaggio) and Cheryl Dodes (Valencia Isles) as the 2023-2024 Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.
- Deputy Chief McGlynn swore in Debbie Murphy, 2nd Vice President (Pine Tree CC Estates) and Barbara Roth, 1st Vice President (Bellaggio).
- Mayor Gregg Weiss administered the oath of office to Steve Wallace, President (GreyStone).
- Directors, Lainey Brooks (Valencia Cove), Irwin Cohen (Valencia Bay), Joel Cohen (Valencia Shores), Jack Leicher (The Cascades), Myrna Rosoff (Aberdeen), and Steve Slade (Avalon Estates) were nominated by President Steve Wallace, approved by acclamation of the Delegates, and sworn in by Commissioner Sara Baxter.

PRESIDENTS' REMARKS – STEVE WALLACE

- Thanked the many volunteers and staff at Valencia Shores for the beautiful venue, and the 2023-2024 Officers, Directors and Immediate Past President, Beth Rappaport for their willingness to serve the COBWRA residents. He expressed his appreciation for being involved in COBWRA's accomplishments during the past year, including the opening of the District Park, the groundbreaking of the Canyon Library, and his pride in presenting the COBWRA College Scholarship to local graduating high school seniors. He recognized Past President Myrna Rosoff for her role in his becoming active in the organization many years ago. He spoke of valuing the partnerships that COBWRA has with State Legislators, County Commissioners, and their staff, as well as PBSO and PBC Fire Rescue, in working for COBWRA residents.
- President Wallace presented outgoing Treasurer Robert Harding a token of appreciation for his contribution to the organization and wished him well in his upcoming move to Texas.

THANK YOU, BREAKFAST SPONSORS!



Next Meeting: May 17, 2023 • 9:15 AM

Please Note Earlier Meeting Time!

In-person at Valencia Cove

Highlights by Bruce Brodsky and Debbie Murphy