

**DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • MAY 17, 2023 • VALENCIA COVE**

**HOST COMMUNITY WELCOME – VALENCIA COVE**

- Lainey Brooks, Valencia Cove Delegate and COBWRA Director, and President David Haft welcomed all. David thanked COBWRA for local efforts including the new Canyon Park, Library and upcoming Fire Station.

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- Kevin Crossman, Director of Sales, Community Relations for Bluestream Fiber, spoke about the company's services and ability to help community boards maneuver telecom discussions. Oscar Flores, Sales Development Representative, was also in attendance to answer questions.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

**SCHOOL BOARD VICE CHAIR KAREN BRILL**

- Announced – It's Graduation Time! – during which she will shake over 2000 hands. Ceremonies are available to be viewed live or recorded on YouTube, the District's website and Xfinity.

**COMMISSIONER MICHAEL BARNETT**

- Thanked law enforcement for all they do; this is National Police Week.

**STEVE WALLACE FOR COMMISSIONER MARCI WOODWARD**

- Thanked everyone for their letters of appreciation on her vote against the "Land Swap".
- There is a "Live Local" BCC workshop being held on Tuesday, May 23, 9:30 AM in the County Commission Chamber. It will be live on YouTube or Channel 20.

**VICE MAYOR MARIA SACHS**

- Will continue to fight for "smart development", a phrase she attributed to COBWRA. The "Land Swap" is not over yet. She said we have work to do before the issue comes back to the BCC. She thanked COBWRA for its support of the Ag Reserve.

**STATE ATTORNEY DAVE ARONBERG**

- Public safety is their top priority.
- The strong relationship between the State Attorney's Office and PBSO has developed into them being leaders in the fight against the opioid and fentanyl epidemic. PBC has had a decrease in fentanyl deaths. A program that was initially at JFK Hospital in WPB addressing opioid overdoses is being used across the State.

**FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS**

**PBSO MAJOR CHRISTOPHER KEANE**

- Spoke of the risk of scams and financial crimes. The Volunteers Against Scams Team (VAST) is available to visit communities for the purpose of educating residents on how to avoid becoming a victim.
- Encouraged COBWRA communities to have a representative attend the very informative COBWRA Safety & Security meetings.
- Appreciates the strong working relationship with the State Attorney's Office in putting criminals behind bars.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – STEVE WALLACE ON BEHALF OF MICHAEL J. BURKE**

- The Boynton Beach City Commission approved an \$848,500 grant to the School District to increase the academic performance of all students currently attending schools in Boynton.
- For the 7th year, the District earned the prestigious Best Communities for Music Education designation from the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation.
- On May 1, outstanding PBC educators were honored at the Kravis Center for the 39th annual William T. Dwyer Awards for Excellence in Education.
- Supt. Mike Burke received the Champion of Children award at the annual Best Foot Forward Foundation Bash.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER – STEVE WALLACE**

- COBWRA Delegates voted unanimously by acclamation to accept Valencia Sound as a member.
- Joel Miller, delegate, Bill Lazarus, president and several board members, accepted the COBWRA notebook.

**PRESIDENTS' REMARKS – STEVE WALLACE**

- Reminded Delegates to respond to the Directory Update email request, if not already done. The 2023-2024 Directory will be distributed to presidents, delegates & alternates at the June and August Delegates Meetings.
- Was honored to present a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating senior at Santaluces and Park Vista High Schools. The recipients have been invited to the June Delegates Meeting.
- The "Land Swap" was passed for transmittal to the State by a 5-2 BCC vote. There is still an opportunity to impact that decision when it returns to the BCC for final approval.
- COBWRA is working with Vice Mayor Sachs, and PBC Traffic and Engineering on the widening of Lyons Road.

**FEATURED PROGRAM – "LEGISLATIVE UPDATE", presented by local State Legislators, and Steve Wallace, Moderator.**

- Senators Lori Berman and Bobby Powell, along with Representatives Joe Casello, David Silvers, Kelly Skidmore and Katherine Waldron, responded to questions about the 2023 State Legislative Session and the bills that were passed.
- Topics included HB919: Homeowner's Associations; SB 102 - "Live Local"; SB 154 – Condo Safety; Education related bills; and the need for more homeowner's insurance attention from the Legislature.

**THANK YOU,  
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**Next Meeting: June 21, 2023 • 9:30 AM**

**In-person at Valencia Pointe**

*Highlights by Cheryl Dodes and Debbie Murphy*