DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • JUNE 21, 2023 • VALENCIA POINTE

HOST COMMUNITY WELCOME – VALENCIA POINTE
- Linda Levine, Valencia Pointe Delegate, and HOA Treasurer and COBWRA 1st Alternate Steve Wolfberg welcomed all.

BREAKFAST SPONSORS
- Millie Ventura, Business Development Manager, Castle Group, spoke about their long history of property management in Palm Beach County. Ryan Johnson, Regional VP, was also in attendance to answer questions.

ELECTED OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

SCHOOL BOARD VICE CHAIR KAREN BRILL
- Spoke of several major changes to District staff, including Dr. Peter Licata becoming the Broward County Superintendent of Schools.
- Poor third-grade reading scores in PBC are being monitored and investigated as to the cause.
- A PBC resident filed a complaint requesting that the Bible be banned. The District does not ban books but will have them available based on age appropriateness.

VICE MAYOR MARIA SACHS
- Reminded everyone that hurricane season is upon us, and her office staff is available to help.
- A Traffic Workshop is being held this afternoon at 1 PM at the South County Civic Center to address the issue of increasing traffic. The panelists include staff from State and County Agencies, along with COBWRA President Steve Wallace and other community leaders.

FIRST RESPONDERS’ REPORTS

PBSO CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN
- Reported that the June 2nd PBSO Shredding Event processed 17 thousand pounds of paper.
- Reminded everyone that school is out for the summer, and with kids having more free time, be sure to keep your cars locked.
- PBSO is working with kids’ summer camps - combining fun and developing positive relationships with law enforcement.
- They are cracking down on the street racers, and other traffic issues, including “drifting” aka “donuts”.

PBC FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT CHIEF BILL STANSBURY
- Explained that the new temporary station on Flavor Pict & Lyons Roads will have one rescue vehicle. The permanent station is anticipated to open in two years.
- Commended Valencia Bay for having AEDs available, resulting in their recently saving the lives of 2 people in distress while playing pickleball.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – STEVE WALLACE ON BEHALF OF MICHAEL J. BURKE
- The District is offering the Summer Food Service Program providing free meals to children aged 18 and younger, between May 30, and July 28.
- Teacher Fest is being held on August 2, for new teachers to engage in a day of professional learning, helping them thrive during the first 60 days in the classroom.
- 18 District students received $2,500 National Merit Scholarship grants.
- The inSIGHT Through Education organization donated $200,000 in grants to The District to support Holocaust education and reducing prejudice of any kind.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT – DAGMAR BRAHS
Four projects were presented for consideration.
- Kolter Tropical World - Senior living rental units, east side of Hagen Ranch Rd between Woolbright and Flavor Pict Roads. COBWRA recommends approval as presented.
- Logan Residential - Essential Housing rentals, south side of BB Blvd east of Acme Rd. COBWRA recommends approval with the condition that the maximum height of the buildings is 3-stories/38ft.
- The District (BC Commerce Center) – A Commerce designated project, north side of BB Blvd between Acme Dairy Road and the FL Turnpike. COBWRA recommends approval with the condition that there are no buildings higher than 38 ft.
- Boynton Place MUDP - A commercial project, north side of BB Blvd between Main Street at Boynton Shopping Center and Country Fair. COBWRA recommends denial of the project due to incompatible density.

PRESIDENTS’ REMARKS – STEVE WALLACE
- Thanked the delegates for their continued efforts to make COBWRA a meaningful contributor to improving the lives of those within the COBWRA area.
- He introduced the two COBWRA $1000 Scholarship recipients. Bethsaida Myrthil from Park Vista HS will be attending the University of Valley Forge and Abigail Diaz from Santaluces HS will be attending Palm Beach Atlantic University.

FEATURED PROGRAM – “PBSO THERAPY DOGS!”
Corporal William Feaman, Deputy Brian Cassie, Deputy Teresa Grimaldi, and Civilian Specialist Tania Heatherly, with their therapy dogs Daya, Bear, Milo, and Reggie, respectively, spoke about the selection and training of the dogs, as well as how they assist law enforcement by bringing comfort to victims or witnesses of crime.

Next Meeting: August 16, 2023 • 9:30 AM
In-person at The Grove
Note: No meeting in July

Highlights by Bruce Brodsky, Cheryl Dodes, and Debbie Murphy