

**COBWRA DELEGATES MEETING**  
**VALENCIA SHORES – DECEMBER 20, 2017**  
**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**WELCOME**

**VALENCIA SHORES DELEGATE BARBARA KATZ** welcomed the Delegates and guests and explained that Valencia Shores was the first meeting location for many of the organization's committees prior to the opening of Sheriff's Substation 6.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**PRESIDENT MYRNA ROSOFF:**

- Reported on the County Commission meeting held on Tuesday, December 19, where the third amendment to an Interlocal Agreement with the South Florida Water Management District for the County's purchase of SFWMD's 60.6% interest in the McMurrain Farm Property for \$8,926,380. The County (39.4%) and SFWMD (60.6%) jointly own the 571-acre McMurrain Farm property in the Ag Reserve. The property was initially purchased for interim agricultural use with plans for SFWMD to construct an above ground reservoir as part of SFWMD's Agricultural Reserve Reservoir program. SFWMD has since determined that the Ag Reserve Reservoir program is not feasible and desires to sell its interest in the property to recover its investment. During the County budget process, the Board programmed \$9,000,000 in funding over 3 years to acquire SFWMD's interest in the property.
- Announced that the GL Homes application for its proposal to dismantle the Ag Reserve master plan has been withdrawn, but that they can bring a new plan forward once the current application cycle is completed.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

- **STATE REPRESENTATIVE LORI BERMAN** announced that the 60-day Legislative Session begins on January 8 and that, due to 2018 being an election year, it is anticipated that there will be minimal legislative activity.
- **STATE ATTORNEY DAVE ARONBERG** reported on his trip to Washington, D.C. where he petitioned Congress to allow local governments to enact reasonable regulations to protect the health & safety of Sober Home residents.
- **SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS SUSAN BUCHER** reminded the Delegates of the upcoming Special Election to fill the District 31 Senate seat. The Primary Election will be held on January 30, The General Election is set for April 10, Absentee ballots will be mailed on December 27, and Early Voting will run from January 22-28 at three Palm Beach County locations, including the Hagen Road Branch Library FROM 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **REPRESENTATIVE EMILY SLOSBERG** announced that she has introduced a "Texting While Driving" bill to make texting while driving a primary offense. She is hopeful that the bill will pass and become State Law.

*By Sharon Reuben*

**FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS**

- **CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER KEANE** encouraged all COBWRA communities to have representatives attend the Safety & Security meetings. He also reminded the Delegates to lock their cars and remove valuables.
- **PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE: TONY KEELER** announced that there were no "turkey fryer" fires reported on Thanksgiving and no candle fires during Chanukah. He thanked COBWRA for their ongoing support of the Palm Beach County Firefighters and Paramedics,

**VETERANS SERVICES**

**ANDREW J. REESE, US ARMY (RET)** reminded the Delegates that **VETERAN SERVICES OF PALM BEACH COUNTY** offices serves all military veterans and their dependents in developing and filing claims and appeals with the Veterans Administration. Call the Delray Beach office at 561.2761270 for information.

**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIR/SECOND VICE PRESIDENT BRUCE BRODSKY** presented the committee's 2018 Legislative Priorities for a vote of the Delegates:

- OPIOIDS AND ASSOCIATED MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
- FRACKING AND ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
- VACATION RENTALS
- HOME RULE & HOA LEGISLATION
- TEXTING WHILE DRIVING
- EDUCATION AS IT RELATES TO FUNDING, ACCOUNTABILITY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, STUDENT ASSESSMENT AND CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING

The Delegates voted to approve the above Legislative Priorities. The Government Affairs Committee has also recommended to the Executive Board that COBWRA support the effort to have a Constitutional Amendment added to the November 2018 ballot which would reinstate voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they have completed all terms of their sentences including parole or probation. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses.

**GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR STEVE OSEROFF** discussed how COBWRA's "behind the scenes" negotiating resulted in a reduction in density and a lower profile design for a **CONGREGATE LIVING FACILITY** that will be built adjacent to COBWRA member Delray Dunes.

**PROGRAM**

*Meet a PBSO Search and Rescue Canine*



AN UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL INTRODUCTION TO "INKA" AND HER HANDLER, DEPUTY SHERIFF ED QUINN

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**NEXT MEETING • JANUARY 17**  
**INDIAN SPRING**