

COBWRA DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • BELLAGGIO • MAY 15, 2019

WELCOME

BELLAGGIO DELEGATE BARBARA ROTH and **PRESIDENT PAM ROTHMAN** welcomed the COBWRA guests to their community.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

RICHARD CHRISTMAS from **PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE** expressed appreciation for the new law that grants benefits to firefighters with cancer. The law recognizes cancer as an on-the-job injury for Florida firefighters. He also encouraged everyone to become CPR certified and reminded the Delegates that it's time to begin preparing for hurricane season.

SHERIFF RIC BRADSHAW explained that the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department is the lead agency for Homeland Security. Sheriff Bradshaw also discussed his appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee regarding mental health issues.

PBSO DISTRICT 6 CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN announced that there have been multiple arrests and hundreds have been charged in the banking scam case. Because the illegal activities involve multiple states, the case is being taken over by the FBI. Captain Eastman also reported a decrease in all categories of crimes and that there have been 50% fewer burglaries in comparison to last year's statistics.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

COUNTY COMMISSIONER MARY LOU BERGER reminded the Delegates that her office is available as a resource and to assist with any issues that arise.

DISTRICT 3 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER KAREN BRILL announced a "small win" in the recent legislative session which will enable plans to move forward to build the middle school adjacent to Sunset Palms Elementary School.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS WENDY SARTORY announced that new equipment has been purchased and that a new voter registration system has also been implemented. She also announced that her department is currently hiring Poll Workers.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE CHAIR VICTORIA MORTON reported that the committee's debut event, COBWRA CONNECTION: A Community Association Vendor Expo has raised \$26K.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT BETH RAPPAPORT acknowledged the Health & Wellness Committee for their very successful symposium on STRESS and encouraged everyone to attend the Fundraising Committee's Vendor Expo.

Photo and Highlights by Sharon Reuben

GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR STEVE OSEROFF presented two projects to the Delegates for a vote:

1. Public Storage facility on Military Trail, South of Hypoluxo Road to include a 3-story storage building to replace outside storage and enhancements to the site visible from Military Trail. The Growth Management committee and the COBWRA Board had previously voted to recommend approval of the project as presented. The Delegates voted to recommend approval as presented.
2. Boynton Commons MUPD located on the NE Corner Boynton Beach Blvd. & the Florida Turnpike. The proposal calls for modifying an existing 2008 proposal from 115,000 sq. ft. Medical office to mixed use, dramatically lowering traffic (trips per day). The project will include three uses
 - Medical Office & Retail
 - Congregate Living Facility (CLF)
 - Self Storage

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE PRESENTED BY THE COBWRA-AREA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

Senators Lori Berman and Kevin Rader, joined by Representatives Emily Slosberg, Tina Polsky and Joseph Casello reported on the results of the 2019 Legislative Session. Among the session's successes were two bills supported by COBWRA: A bill cracking down on Sober Homes and a bill making driving while texting a primary offense. The Firefighters with Cancer Bill was touted as a big win. However, the members of the Delegation expressed concern that the 2019 Session represented an attack on public education and home rule.



Pictured: (l-r): Senator Kevin Rader, Senator Lori Berman, COBWRA President Beth Rappaport, Rep. Joseph Casello, Rep. Tina Polsky, Rep. Emily Slosberg, and COBWRA Government Affairs Committee Chair Steve Wallace