

COBWRA

COALITION OF BOYNTON WEST
RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATIONS

COBWRA DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 • BANYAN SPRINGS

WELCOME

BANYAN SPRINGS DELEGATE HARVEY RAISNER AND PRESIDENT HOWARD WEIN welcomed the COBWRA guests to their community.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

DISTRICT 3 SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE KAREN BRILL:

- Announced the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new *ProjectNext* program at the Palm Beach School for Autism.
- Informed the group that the School District is providing healthcare/vaccination contact information for those Bahamian children who were forced to flee the havoc of Hurricane Dorian.
- The vote to continue the employment of the Spanish River High principal is scheduled for October 16. For those wanting to comment they can do so by sending an email to boardoffice@palmbeachschools.org.
- The School Board is looking at building the new high school at Lyons and Lake Worth Roads and hoping to redraw district attendance lines so the COBWRA-area students who were previously relocated to schools outside of the COBWRA service area will be reassigned to Park Vista High School.

DISTRICT 5 COMMISSIONER MARY LOU BERGER:

- Announced the widening of the Florida Turnpike between Atlantic Avenue and Boynton Beach Boulevard will begin shortly.
- Noted that the Commission just approved adoption of the annual budget without an increase to the current 4.78 millage rate, now steady for the past nine years.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN:

- Has just returned from a 10-week FBI National Academy Training Program which included participants from 50 states and 35 countries. Captain Eastman noted that, based on his observation at the Academy, the PBC Sheriff's Department is "ahead of the curve" with regard to training its officers.
- Announced that Lt. Beth Krivda has been promoted to the rank of Captain and that she will be assigned to the Courthouse in West Palm Beach.
- Encouraged participating in the RUN, HIDE, FIGHT active shooter response presentation on September 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Valencia Reserve.

PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE COMMUNITY LIAISON TONY KEELER:

- Noted that Fire Rescue had fewer requests for assistance in the days leading up to Hurricane Dorian than in past years which is an indication that the residents were better prepared.
- Invited the Delegates to attend PBC Fire Rescue's 35th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, October 5 from 11 a.m.-2.p.m. at PBC Fire Rescue Headquarters, 405 Pike Road, West Palm Beach.

Next Meeting • October 16 • Palm Isles

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT BETH RAPPAPORT:

- Announced that the distribution of the new waste bins from the Solid Waste Authority has begun. Many communities have contacted COBWRA with regard to issues associated with the new bins. All of the inquiries have been addressed with representatives at the SWA.
- President Rappaport is in the process of working with the School District, PBSO, and local healthcare providers to plan a seminar to address the vaping epidemic.
- Two symposia are being planned for the first quarter of 2020:
 - February 11, 2020 – Water & Wetlands
 - March 5, 2020 – Health & Wellness

GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

GMC CHAIR STEVE OSEROFF:

- Presented one project for consideration by the Delegates:
Chick-Fil-A at Canyon Town Center, Boynton Beach Boulevard east of Lyons Road, west of Starbucks.

PROPOSAL

Change existing Type II restaurant to Type I with drive-thru.

The Growth Management Committee and the Executive Board recommended approval of the project. The Delegates voted to recommend approval (30 to 23).

AG RESERVE COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE CHAIR AND PAST PRESIDENT MYRNA ROSOFF:

- Discussed the proposal to build a CLF (Poet's Walk) in the Ag Reserve. The developers are proposing to abrogate the requirement to place 60% of the property aside for preservation. Environmental Attorney Richard Grosso has been retained to represent COBWRA. The final vote of the PBC Commission is scheduled for October 28. All Delegates are encouraged to contact the commissioners and urge them to **NOTE NO** on the developer's proposal.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION by PAUL OWENS, PRESIDENT, 1000 FRIENDS OF FLORIDA (a non-profit that works to protect the environmental riches of Florida and advocates for responsible development throughout the state) Mr. Owens discussed **WHY FLORIDA NEEDS GROWTH MANAGEMENT MORE THAN EVER.**

Mr. Owens urged people to contact the Palm Beach Legislative Delegation along with other state officials urging them to **support bills filed by Senator Berman and Representative Casello to repeal provisions in HB 7103, a law making a citizen who challenges a development order for being inconsistent with a comprehensive plan, and who loses, liable for all attorney fees and costs for the prevailing parties. That includes local government and even the developer.** This could bankrupt an individual or a civic organization. The Berman and Casello Bills remove the provision in HB 7103 allowing the prevailing party in certain development order challenges to recover specified fees and costs. Delegates are encouraged to write letters to the editors of local papers supporting the repeal of HB 7103.

Highlights by Bruce Brodsky and Sharon Reuben