

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • DECEMBER 16, 2020 • VIA TELECONFERENCE CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH CASELLO

- The Legislative Committee Week is in January.
- The state budget shortfall will need to be addressed as it is approximately \$3 Billion.

COMMISSIONER MARIA SACHS

- Thanked the Valencia Reserve legal committee for their efforts in dealing with the "waterski park". The owners continue to develop the property against PBC stop work orders. It is now in the court system and we are waiting to see how it will be resolved. The County can impose a fine up to \$20,000 and incarceration.
- The BCC is working with the Healthcare District and first responders to explore ways of getting the vaccine to our most vulnerable seniors, many of whom live in our HOAs.

VICE-MAYOR ROBERT WEINROTH

- PBC is in line for the Moderna vaccine, which is expected to be approved next week.
- The Commission is busy developing federal and state 2021 legislative agendas and working on next year's initial budget. Strategic priorities include focusing on economic development, housing, environment, infrastructure, public safety and substance abuse.
- CARES dollars must be spent by Dec. 30 and applied where they will do the most good. Hopefully, the HEROES ACT will pass, providing more funds for the county.

SCHOOL BOARD VICE-CHAIR KAREN BRILL

- FL Dept. of Education is requiring face-to-face learning for underachieving students. Parents will continue to have a choice of in-person or virtual classes if their children are struggling.

STATE ATTORNEY DAVE ARONBERG

- The 110th arrest was made through the Sober Homes Task Force.
- Trials are backlogged and hopefully will be getting back to normal soon.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO MAJOR CHRISTOPHER KEANE

- Shared the accomplishments of the Community Policing Unit and the *Shop with a Cop* program which provides gift cards for those in need and works with the School District to provide food for children and families.

PBSO DISTRICT 6 CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN

- Due to COVID-19, the District 6 lobby remains closed to the public.
- Fingerprinting is available by appointment only.
- Overall crime in the area is down.
- There have been citations, arrests and a vehicle confiscated for those drag racing.
- It is the time of the year to connect with friends and those who are alone to be sure they are okay.

Highlights by Bruce Brodsky and Debbie Murphy

TONY KEELER, PBC FIRE RESCUE

- Be cautious when working with holiday lighting by checking wiring and power strips. Do not overload outlets and keep indoor trees watered.
- Be cautious when traveling in the South County area due to major construction in West Boca and Delray.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT REPORT – DAGMAR BRAHS

- COBWRA continues to work with PBC on the waterski park.
- The Palm Meadows horse training facility on Lyons Rd. will be increasing their stable capacity by 25%.
- Mike Morton, a developer who has been working with the Committee has passed away. His project, presented at the last meeting, is on the north and south sides of Boynton Beach Blvd., just west of the turnpike. Being a very intense project, including industrial usage and no preserve land, Growth Management and the Board rejected the proposal as incompatible with the area.
- Debbie Murphy reported that Amazon reps met with Quail Ridge and Delray Dunes to promote their project on the S.W. corner of Woolbright Rd. and S. Military Trail. Amazon is seeking a "special exception" allowing one 65,000 sq. ft. building rather than 100,000 sq. ft. in 7 separate buildings. Amazon has agreed not to use drones to deliver merchandise. COBWRA supports our member communities in opposing the project and agrees it should not be in a residential area. The Village of Golf Council will vote on the exception.
- Barbara Roth reported that the "Main Street at Boynton" project at the NE corner of Jog Rd. and Boynton Beach Blvd. will contain multiple restaurants, a Synovus Bank and has won an award for innovative and aesthetic design by the South Florida Business Journal.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – BETH RAPPAPORT

- Reported that Jerry Banks, long term volunteer and leader of the Lake Worth Road Coalition, has passed away.
- The Government Affairs Committee is busy planning legislative lobbying efforts during their virtual attendance of the March 2021 PBC Days in Tallahassee.

FEATURED PRESENTATION

West Boynton Beach and Beyond: An Education Briefing with Superintendent Fennoy presented by Donald E. Fennoy II, Ed.D, Superintendent of Schools

- Spoke about projects and facility repairs the One Penny Sales Tax revenue has supported throughout the county.
- The Sunset Palms school construction timeline and goals.
- The former Odyssey Middle School opened in August 2020 as the new home of the South Tech Center.
- The Board of Education is beginning to develop the newest Strategic Plan.

Next Meeting:

January 20, 2021 • 9:30 AM • Via Teleconference