

COBWRA

COALITION OF BOYNTON WEST
RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATIONS

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • JANUARY 20, 2021 • VIA TELECONFERENCE CALL

MEETING DEDICATION – PRESIDENT BETH RAPPAPORT

- The meeting was dedicated to MEL MORRIS, a long-time Board member and dear friend, who passed away recently.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

STATE SENATOR LORI BERMAN

- The Department of Health PBC has discontinued the COVID related email address - chd50feedback@flhealth.gov. All who previously emailed that address will be contacted. Publix is starting to offer vaccines. The vaccine distribution is being controlled by the federal and state governments.
- The legislature is meeting, starting to file bills and facing a significant budget shortfall.

MAYOR DAVE KERNER

- 100,000 vaccines have been completed in the county. 67 Publix pharmacies in PBC will be receiving and distributing 100-125 doses/day. All officials share the mission of safety.

VICE-MAYOR ROBERT WEINROTH

- To request a vaccine appointment at Publix, go to <https://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida>. They are currently booked but will continue to take reservations each day. To date, over 700,000 seniors have been vaccinated in the state. Florida is receiving 265,000 vaccines a week.
- While commissioners cannot help with getting a vaccine, contact them for other assistance, or register for a vaccine with the FL Dept. of Health at: <https://z2-rpw.phreesia.net/ApptRequestForm.App/#/form/cd74a2a3-c64f-4140-a44b-eb29b354673a>

SCHOOL BOARD VICE-CHAIR KAREN BRILL

- The District will be voting today on a 3.5% pay raise to bargaining groups employees.
- She is not supporting the current recommendation that next year's academic calendar begin with staff arriving the 1st week of August and students on August 10, but rather will suggest an alternative.
- Many classrooms will be watching the inaugural event.

PROPERTY APPRAISER DOROTHY JACKS

- Pink postcards were mailed acknowledging the renewal of existing Homestead Exemptions.
- New permanent homeowners should be informed about Homestead Exemptions. The application is online at pbcgov.org/papa. The filing deadline is March 1.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO DISTRICT 6 CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN

- Due to COVID, the District 6 lobby remains closed to the public. If in need of reports, call the Central Records office.
- Overall crime in the area is down for the month and last year.
- The Pillowcase Burglar was arrested after a year long investigation of 100s of cases in PBC and across the state.
- Deputies are concentrating on speeding issues and are serving at South County Civic Center vaccination site.
- During the holidays, PBSO Community Policing was able to provide gifts and food for many area families.

FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT 4 BATTALION CHIEF TONY TOZZI

- There has been an increase in carbon monoxide calls. Install CO alarms; do not run machinery, cars or generators within the garage. If the alarms go off, exit the house and call 911.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - BETH RAPPAPORT ON BEHALF OF DONALD E. FENNOY II, ED.D

- The class of 2020 graduation rate was at an all-time high of 94.4%, up from 91.6% in 2019; the state average was 90%.
- A letter submitted to the Governor, FDOE Commissioner and Director of Emergency Management urged the state to prioritize school-based staff for COVID vaccinations.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT REPORT – DAGMAR BRAHS

- An Imaging Diagnostic Center presentation of the former PNC Bank building on Hypoluxo Rd. east of Jog Rd., was emailed prior to the meeting. The GM Comm. and Board recommended approval with a roof color change, which the developer agreed to. The Delegates voted in favor.
- The LWDD/GL Homes' easement proposal has been withdrawn for now. The issue is being monitored.
- The Ski Lake project will be heard by a Magistrate on Jan. 21.
- A strip shopping center, approved many years ago, is being developed on Rt. 441 at Melrose Park.
- Over 2200 emails against the Amazon Distribution Center were sent to the Village of Golf via the Call-To-Action effort. (Update: The vote scheduled for Jan. 21 has been postponed.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Joan Brunswick, Royal Lakes; Debbie Murphy, Pine Tree CC Estates; Sharon Reuben, Valencia Isles; Myrna Rosoff, Aberdeen; and Steve Wolfberg, Valenica Pointe were nominated to serve on the committee. No vote was required. Sharon Reuben agreed to serve as Chair.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – BETH RAPPAPORT

- Beth welcomed new COBWRA Board members; Neil Ambrosio, Treasurer and Linda Wilson, Director.
- The LWDD Election results - incumbents retained their seats.
- COVID vaccines are available now, or will soon be at CVS, Walgreens, local hospitals, Health Care District in John Prince Park, South County Civic Center and the SF Fairgrounds. COBWRA has provided info to the state to help get mobile units into our 55+ communities. If and when that is available, member communities will be notified.
- The Water and Wetlands Committee will hold a ZOOM Symposium on January 26 at 7 PM.
- The Education Committee will hold a ZOOM Forum with the PBC School District on February 23.
- The Government Affairs Committee will virtually participate in the PBC Days in Tallahassee.

FEATURED PRESENTATION - DELIVERING AMERICA'S BEST ENERGY VALUE, presented by Sophia Eccelston, Sr. External Affairs Manager, FPL and David Martelo, Area Manager

- FPL's ongoing innovations and efforts to lower electric costs and increase dependability have placed FPL as a leading energy provider in the country. Power improvements in the COBWRA area were discussed. [Click here](#) to view the presentation.

Next Meeting: February 17, 2021 • 9:30 AM • Via Teleconference
Highlights by Bruce Brodsky and Debbie Murphy