

ALLIANCE OF DELRAY MEETING SUMMARY January 2, 2019

Bob Schulbaum, President of the Alliance of Delray called together the meeting of the delegates at 9:30 am. Executive Vice President Lori Vinikoor announced several upcoming events. She then informed the group of the positive impacts that the Alliance has recently made upon the area. Although only in the planning stages, after serious discussions with a developer he has declined to build a gas station and convenience store at the corner of W. Atlantic Avenue and the Turnpike. (In front of Waterways). Also, although long in the planning stage, the Alliance was able to reduce the size of a mixed use (commercial and residential) project at the corner of W. Atlantic Avenue and Hagen Ranch Road.

Our State Representative, Emily Slosberg, informed the assemblage that she is sponsoring two bills in the Florida Legislature: 1) A bill to restrict target practice in residential areas and 2) A bill to prohibit texting and using a hand-held cell phone while driving.

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office William Parks discussed the benefits of having a COPs program in individual communities. The Sheriff's office oversees over 80 communities and provides knowledge and assistance. The COPs in Palm Beach County boasts over 1500 volunteers and as a paramilitary organization is a proven crime deterrent.

PBSO Sergeant David Conklin's topic was graffiti eradication. Creating graffiti is a misdemeanor, unless it espouses racism, antisemitism or similar hate sentiments or glorifies anti police, pro ISIS, jihad sentiments. It is then a felony.

Detective Jeff Friedman spoke about environmental crimes. His department investigates illegal dumping. Examples include yard trash, construction debris, hazardous materials and tires. He provided information about how many of these offenders were caught.

Mariana Feldpausch from the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) explained that Palm Beach County SWA will be automated. Customers will be provided with a 48, 65, or 95 gallon garbage container (cart). The size of the container will be determined by the individual association communities. All garbage must be placed inside the container to be collected twice weekly. Since the collection will be automated, no plastic bags that are not in the container will be collected. Bulk service will be provided one day per week, 3 item maximum. Construction debris limited to 2 cubic yards per week will be collected on the bulk collection day. Tree branches and palm fronds should be neatly stacked in a pile not to exceed 6 cubic yards. Other vegetation such as leaves, tree and hedge trimmings and small dead plants should be contained in a garbage can, paper lawn or plastic bag, not to exceed 50 pounds. Use of the new, automated collection system will begin on October 1, 2019. More information can be obtained at the website www.swa.org or contact Customer Service at (561) 697-2700.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am. The next meeting of the Alliance will take place on February 6, 2019. Dorothy Jacks, Palm Beach County Property Appraiser and Anne Gannon, Constitutional Tax Collector will be speaking providing updates on office services and exemption and assessment trends.

Respectfully submitted,

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