

ALLIANCE MEETING SUMMARY      March 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Bob Schulbaum. Following announcements Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Captain Rob Sandt again reminded the community delegates about the necessity of keeping their car doors locked. It is also important that in addition to locking the cars no valuables are in sight. Captain Sandt then spoke about the scams visited upon senior citizens. He emphasized that when visiting medical offices, one should leave all valuables at home. Incidents have been reported that indicate that not all staffs are honest. In addition, greater consideration to vetting home health care personnel and thus avoid problems.

Fire Rescue Chief Kim Hude detailed her department's efforts to rescue pets during a fire. She suggested that notice of a pet in the home should be posted in a prominent place.

Mention was made for the need for people to assist in the 2020 census count.

There were no additional candidates for the Alliance Board of Directors. Those elected by acclamation were Norma Arnold, Debbie Borenstein, Arnold Katz, Carol Klausner, Bob Schulbaum, and Evelyn Spielholtz.

Board member John Gentithes discussed the proposal of lowering the lake levels to 10.5'. Since this will negatively impact Alliance communities in Delray Beach and other southern Palm Beach County residents the Alliance is working to insure the levels will not be lowered to more than 12.5'. Levels lower than 12.5' would have a severe negative impact on the quality and supply of our water. Flora and fauna in the lake areas could become imbalanced as well. The Lake Worth Drainage District is in agreement with the Alliance.

Chairman of the Board of Old School Square in Delray Beach Felice Johnson introduced the Artistic Director Matthew Farmer. Matthew gave some of the history of the area. The Cornell Building was originally (in 1913) an elementary school and the Crest Theater was both an elementary and high school. It was named a historical site by the Historical Society, thus saving the property from destruction. The site now serves as a cultural arts center, providing art, music and entertainment events for the community. Matthew gave a sample of the offerings of Old School Square by showing film clips and then singing some selections.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am. The next meeting will be held on April 3, 2019 at the South County Civic Center. The topic will be "Atlantic Avenue Design & Timeline Updates" including Interchange/Widening & East/West Thoroughfare. The Florida Department of Transportation will be providing the presentation.

Submitted by Carol Klausner, Director