

Alliance of Delray Residential Associations October 2, 2019 Meeting Summary

The October 2, 2019 meeting of the Alliance of Delray was called to order at 9:29 AM by President Bob Schulbaum who led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief Doug McGlynn of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue (PBCFR) announced the 35 th Anniversary event for PBCFR which would take place on Saturday October 5, 2019 at the Pike Road headquarters in West Palm Beach. He then introduced the new County Fire Chief Reginald Duren who also addressed the audience along with Chief Tozzi. PBSO District 4 Captain Rob Sandt provided an update on the Commercial Vehicle (CMV) unit for commercial vehicle enforcement. He also spoke on volunteerism in PBSO with the scams unit assisting the public at the District 4 office and the Marketplace satellite office. The Captain also reminded everyone to keep their vehicles locked and keep valuables out of sight. Steen Erickson of PBCFR asked for the public to take a few hurricane shutters down. In case of fire the shutters make it difficult to enter the residence.

Commissioners Mary Lou Berger and Robert Weinroth provided some updates. Comm. Weinroth explained the new law for hands-free cell phones in school zones and construction zones. Also, he announced that there are no more library fines because the Commissioners want the public to use the services of the library. School Board Comm. Karen Brill provided the e mail address for the School Board which is boardoffice@palmbeachschools.org so that the public can contact the School Board with any thoughts. Senator Lori Berman spoke on a few new bills that she has filed referring to gun control, day care, and more available health care diagnostics for women. The Breakfast Sponsor this month was CSI. Website: www.csicaregiver.com Senator Rader's office was present offering hurricane preparation kits.

Executive Vice President Lori Vinikoor introduced Mayor Mack Bernard who led the program on "Adapting to a Changing Climate." Jake Leech, Ph.D. in Earth and Atmospheric Studies and Katelyn Cucinotta, M.A. in Marine and Coastal Studies from Palm Beach County's Office of Resilience provided a program explaining the scientific case for sea level rise. The PowerPoint presentation can be viewed on the Alliance website at www.allianceofdelray.com as part of the meeting video. With data Dr. Leech explained the Greenhouse Effect and carbon dioxide increases in the atmosphere. Sea level rise at this time is a result of the oceans temperatures increasing, this "thermal expansion" increases the volume of the oceans causing the rise. Glacial melting may be the main cause in the future but right now it ranks number two in causing sea level rise. Ms. Cucinotta then spoke explaining what the County's Office of Resilience is doing to mitigate climate change which included preparing for increased storm water drainage, creating more green infrastructure and promoting environmental stewardship by increasing the tree canopy and collaborating with the public. Cross-departmental teams in the County work together to find ways to adapt to a changing environment. The public is encouraged to stay informed and empowered with storm preparedness.

John Archambo, Public Information Director and Phil Mugavero, Esq. from the Solid Waste Authority explained the new yard waste ordinance where the maximum amount of yard waste is six cubic yards. They also answered questions on the new trash carts being used and how residents can exchange the carts for different sizes. For information go to www.swa.org

Ramsay Bulkeley, Esq., Director of Planning Zoning and Building explained how the County is handling the ordinance along with the SWA to attempt to have residents comply with the new rules. He also told of several national awards the Building Department has received for resiliency and how the County has saved the homeowners 5-7 million dollars in flood insurance based upon the locally adopted codes.

The next meeting of the Alliance of Delray will be held on November 6, 2019. The subjects to be discussed: Planning for Election 2020 *Volunteer Opportunities & Voter Registration* with speaker Wendy Sartory Link, PBC Supervisor of Elections and The 2020 Census: *How Being Counted Benefits You & Your Community* speaker: Lisa DeLaRionda, PBC Director of Public Affairs
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