

Alliance Meeting Summary Dec. 4, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Bob Schulbaum. At this time, he introduced Lisa Lee, principal of Orchard View School in Delray Beach. Under Ms. Lee's guidance the school went from a poorly performing to school to a B rated school. The Alliance awarded Orchard View, via Ms. Lee, a monetary contribution to further the accomplishments that the school is making.

Captain Rob Sandt of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office told the assemblage that the holiday season brings many scammers. One of the latest scams is called Fix-A-Dent. Trucks ride around and offer to fix dings and dents on cars for a small cost. It is a scam and strongly advised against. Captain Sandt cautioned all shoppers, especially in malls, to walk to and from their cars with other people. Sgt. Yoder reported that dumping is a problem. Deputies are checking vehicles they suspect are guilty of this.

Palm Beach Commission Vice Mayor Robert Weinroth explained a new traffic procedure in Palm Beach County. Flashing yellow arrows are being installed at selected intersections. The arrow indicates an "unprotected left turn". That is, a left turn is permissible if there is no traffic. Proceed with caution. He also decried the number of deaths attributable to people trying to cross train tracks when the gates are down. When the gates are down no one should presume that they are safe.

Commissioner Mary Lou Berger announced that the Green Cay Nature Preserve is closed for renovations.

Board of Education member Karen Brill explained that threats to schools are criminal. "It was a joke" is not enough to prevent charges from being filed and prosecution from being instituted. Expulsion policies will be explained to families.

Fire Rescue Chief Reggie Duren explained the need for improving response time. Three ways of improving that time are 1) Traffic light control by the department, 2) More fire stations, and 3) Additional personnel. The goal is to add 120 more fire fighters.

Asst. Fire Marshall Dave DeRita explained the need for fire prevention. He also urged CO detectors.

Emergency Medical Services Chief Charlie Coyle spoke about new procedures for dealing with stroke patients. If remedial services are provided quickly, the occlusion can be opened and the clot can be removed. Time is of the essence for both strokes and cardiac arrest. Successful results soared when help was immediate.

Delray Medical Center Cardiologist Eric Lieberman, MD reiterated that with cardiac problems minutes matter. The symptoms of cardiac incidents can be greatly varied and are often different with women. Prevention is controllable if one controls blood pressure and cholesterol and exercises. He introduced his patient who is a cardiac survivor. He gave a first hand account of his experience.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40. Next meeting is on January 8, 2020 with association attorney Joshua Gerstin providing updates to COA and HOA law and answering questions.

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