

ALLIANCE OF DELRAY MEETING SUMMARY JAN. 8, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Lori Vinikoor, Executive Vice President.

Captain Rob Sandt of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office was pleased to announce that the recent holidays were uneventful. Crime was on the decline, and there were NO violent crimes! Warning the assembly about the latest scams, Captain Sandt warned that the latest scam is when your phone rings once and then hangs up. These are robo calls. Attempting to call back may well cost you a lot of money. Ignore these calls. Another scam is a "bank" coming to your home to let you know that your bank card has been "compromised." Please remember, banks do not come to your home. He also advised that everyone write out 2020 on all checks and other financial statements. It is too easy to change the year unless the entire year is written.

Karen Brill, Palm Beach County Board of Education member, explained that the political situation may impact upon education. Many teachers and staff are in the Army Reserves. If tensions escalate and the Army Reserves get deployed, many of those will have to be replaced in the schools. Many students are frightened by the situation.

Joshua Gerstin presented reviewed the past year of legislative and case law regarding homeowner and condo associations. Among some of the new provisions:

- Local governments are forbidden from requiring removed trees or vegetation to be replanted.

- Allow condo associations to waive fire sprinkler system retrofitting requirements until January, 2024.

- Tighten sober home standards and expand background checks for sober home personnel.

- Permit the use of smokable medical marijuana.

- Have Florida lead the country in autonomous vehicle technology. Also establish 'drop zones' for drones to be able to deliver packages.

- Establish approval process for individual condo units to be eligible for FHA financing.

- Association websites must be auditory as well as visual to accommodate the needs of the blind.

- Insurance policies should be reviewed and updated for discrimination cyber, and other pertinent coverage.

- Permits are not required to kill iguanas, but firing guns is not permitted. However, associations should consider hiring a licensed professional for that purpose.

A copy of Mr. Gerstin's presentation is available on the Alliance website. The link will be sent out via e mail. It is also available at www.Gerstin.com . For additional information concerning homeowner and condominium law, it is advised that communities consult with their attorneys.

After thanking Mr. Gerstin, who took individual questions, meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Submitted by
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