

## ALLIANCE MEETING SUMMARY March 3, 2021

Lori Vinikoor, Executive Vice President of the Alliance, opened the Zoom meeting at 10:00 am. She referred to the letter from Bob Schulbaum, President, that was sent to the Palm Beach County Commissioners regarding the Alliance's concern for the Agricultural Reserve on several key issues. The application for a hospital on the Northeast corner of Smith Sundry Road and Atlantic Avenue was found to be unacceptable. The needs of the communities are already being well met. Application for the land on the Northwest corner of Atlantic Avenue and the Florida Turnpike was also deemed unacceptable. It plans to build a distribution center on the close to million square feet of space, which is not what the Ag Reserve was intended for. In addition, there is an application for high-density housing for the Southeast corner of Half Mile Road and Atlantic Avenue which the Alliance also opposes.

Captain Rob Sandt of the PBC Sheriff's Office warned of a new fraud scam in which a phone call is made informing the intended victim that he/she is an executive with Amazon Prime, and the victim is due for a refund. But first the 'exec' needs "Team Viewer Tech Support" to be downloaded. Do NOT do that! Captain Sandt again reminded his audience to always lock their car doors. Good news is that car crashes are down 41%.

Tony Tozzi, Chief of PBC Fire Rescue, reported receiving many calls.

Representative Emily Slosberg announced that the government has expanded Covid19 vaccine accessibility. There are 2 bills that are to be voted on: consumer protection regarding the vaccine, and a bill limiting Covid19 liability for businesses. Now there are only a few bills that are moving through the legislature.

Maria Sachs, PBC Commissioner, affirmed that the Commission has received the letter from the Alliance concerning the applications (see above). She also informed us that the ski lake has been denied.

Karen Brill, PBC Board of Education, announced that 50% of the school workers are eligible for the vaccine. There have been complaints about having the students participate in the standardized testing this year. Also, it was ruled that public schools must share money with charter schools, which effectively eliminates 'home rule'.

Mayor of PBC Dave Kerner showed a video that enumerated numerous aspects of services and offerings to residents of the county. He said that Covid19 affected PBC, but that generally we had a low positivity rate, ahead of all the other counties in Florida. The Commission took many measures to curb the transmission.

Next month the Alliance will welcome State Attorney Dave Aronberg who will discuss Covid19 scams. That meeting will be held on April 7, 2021. Lori adjourned the meeting at 11:05 am.

Submitted by Carol Klausner, Director, Alliance of Delray Residential Associations

