

## ALLIANCE MEETING Sept. 1, 2021

The Alliance meeting on Zoom was opened by Executive Vice President Lori Vinikoor at 10:00 am. Lori enumerated the many projects that the Alliance Board was involved with during the summer.

Captain Rob Sandt of the PBC Sheriff's Office was pleased to announce that the ringleader of a group perpetrating a huge credit card scam in the area was caught, tried, and sentenced to 12 years in prison. There has been an increase in thefts by moving companies. Again, Captain Sandt urged everyone to slow down on the road.

Pete Hund, Fire Rescue Chief for PBC, announced that an additional 9 new employees have been hired. Our area has been quite busy, and there have been several automobile fatalities. He too asked drivers to slow down.

PBC Commissioner Maria Sachs announced that there will be a workshop about many aspects of the Ag Reserve on October 26, 2021. Public input is requested, and you can contact the Commissioner's office to provide your comments.

PBC School Board Vice Chair Karen Brill is concerned that the right of Home Rule regarding the learning, health, and safety of the children is being brought into question. She is fighting to preserve the communities right to Home Rule.

Nicole Carson of the Board of Elections requested that any questions regarding voting information of the Board be directed to [votepalmbeach.gov](http://votepalmbeach.gov)

A panel discussion about the 2022 Legislative Session followed. State Senator Lori Berman had a number of bills presented, but because of the raging Covid numbers in her area she presented a bill to the Senate to allow for Home Rule to allow PBC to provide safety regulations. She is also attempting to undo the bill that prohibits masking and vaccination requirements for private enterprises. Sen. Berman is also working to strengthen the Hate Crime statute, curb human trafficking, and to create a statewide Department of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion office.

Representative Kelly Skidmore said that following census findings, new districts are being drawn. Some new bills are being discussed. They include waivers for

people in recovery being able to continue their education and establishing a Gift of Life registry for people willing to donate their bone marrow.

Victoria Nolan, Executive Director of the PBC Legislation Delegation announced the many dates that new legislation will be considered.

Ed Chase, PBC Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, discussed the need for affordable housing in the area. There is need to both create new housing and to be able to affordably repair existing housing. He spoke of the need for workforce training and beach funding. Also, there is Covid testing at many sites, but hospitals at the present time are over capacity. PBC Day is being planned. He ended his presentation with four words: Get Vaccinated – Wear Masks.

The next Alliance of Delray meeting will be on October 6 at 10 am on Zoom. The topic will be “The Other Half of the Penny Tax”.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:54.

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