

ALLIANCE MEETING SUMMARY Oct. 6, 2021

Lori Vinikoor, Executive Vice President, opened the webinar meeting at 10:00 am. She announced that two storage facilities have been proposed for possible uses on west Atlantic Avenue. One at the southeast corner of the Florida Turnpike and Atlantic Avenue and the other near the northwest corner of Military Trail and Atlantic Avenue. The Alliance will consider their feasibility and the impact they might have on the area.

PBC Sheriff's Office Captain Rob Sandt noted that the crime statistics show that crime was down, although some storage sheds have been broken into. The suspect was caught and charged. The latest scam is from Apple and/or Yahoo; it advises payment to 'Zell'. Don't do it! It is a scam.

Pete Hund, Fire Rescue Chief, said there has been an increase in vehicle accidents in the county. However, there was a noted decrease in accidents in the Kings Point area. Fire Safety Week begins on October 9th.

State Senator Lori Berman announced that the Covid statistics are better in Palm Beach County than in many other Florida counties. Mandated redistricting is now in progress in Tallahassee. Also, the consideration of legislation to prevent another 'Surfside' tragedy is being studied. A bill effectively banning abortion is looming in the Florida legislature.

Emily Slosberg, State Representative, supported the Emergency First Responder Protection Act. She has sponsored a bill mandating cameras being placed on the long arm of school buses to help protect children from drivers who attempt to pass the buses while stopped.

PBC Commissioner Mack Bernard urged that although the numbers are decreasing it is important to receive your Covid19 shot.

Keynote speaker Michael Burke, the new superintendent of the Palm Beach County School system, addressed the Zoom audience. He discussed and explained the penny tax, which will be used for much-needed expansion, remodeling, construction, and modernization of schools. Although the pandemic has reduced the earnings of the sales tax, it has been recovering. The students can look forward to expedited classroom technology with an interactive flat panel in every classroom. He then took questions from the Zoom audience. (Note: Mr. Burke was confirmed Superintendent at the subsequent meeting of the PBC Board of Education.)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am. The next meeting will be held in person on Wednesday, November 3rd at the South County Civic Center.

Submitted by
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