

ALLIANCE MEETING SUMMARY March 2, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Lori Vinikoor, who welcomed the group of delegates and alternates. She showed a video of the Boca Delray area around 441 that is a part of the Ag Reserve. GL Homes is proposing a land swap that would increase the density of the area with a 1250 unit development.

All of the Alliance Board members whose terms of office are about to expire were reelected to the Board. An additional member, York Freund, was appointed to the Board. Rob Cuskaden, Judy Goldberg, Lori Vinikoor, Norma Arnold, and Carol Klausner were all re-elected.

Captain Rob Sandt of the PBC Sheriff's Office told of the traffic problems in the area. Many citations have been written, trying to combat speeding, reckless driving and/or inattentive driving. He once again admonished drivers to always remove any valuables from their cars and to lock the doors when leaving the vehicle.

Chief Pete Hund of the PBC Fire Rescue informed the audience that Chief Duran will leave Fire Rescue to become Assistant to Verdenia Baker. The opening that he leaves will be filled by Patrick Kennedy.

PBC Commissioner Maria Sachs supplied the group with many interesting facts. The Department of Transportation reports that many people are moving to this area, bringing more and more vehicles with them. To help accommodate all these cars, work is scheduled to begin widening 441, Lyons Road, and W. Atlantic Avenue.

Eric Call, Director of Parks and Recreation of Palm Beach County, announced that there has been a 30 - 40% increase in attendance at county parks during the Covid pandemic. The first park in our county was built in the 1940's. The Parks and Recreation Department was formed in 1972. The Palm Beach County Park System is the 2nd largest in Florida and the 11th largest in the United States. It was noted that proximity to parks increases property values as well as producing environmental benefits and physical and mental well-being. Mr. Call presented a video that gave an overview of the PBC parks, beaches, pools, trails, golf courses, and more. All of these fall under the purview of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Bonnie LeMay, Administrator of the Morikami Museum and Gardens, related how the Morikami was donated to PBC in 1974. It is a part of the Parks and Recreation Department. A master plan for the area was created. The museum, the expanded gardens, the artisan village, and so many more additions and improvements attract many visitors all year round. Plans for the future envision controlled growth and a retreat style opportunity found in a Japanese Inn.

Submitted by
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