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September 2022 issue of The Alliance Connection

Next Meeting *In-Person*

Wednesday September 7, 2022

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Go to page 6 and view the photograph.

Write your name on a piece of paper and identify everyone in the photograph.

Bring it to the September meeting.

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Registration information inside this Newsletter Page 7.

Upcoming issues of the Alliance Connection will report on the following which are still pending:

- Density for Agricultural Reserve
- Completion of Lyons Road construction
- Commercial node of the Terra Nova Development
- Proposed storage/car wash/restaurant on Big Apple Bazaar site

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Traffic

Traffic has exploded in recent years on the north-south road serving Palm Beach County communities west of the turnpike. County commissioners approved a \$9.9 million two year contract to convert the one-lane highway into two lanes in each direction. Once the project is finished, the Lyons Road section from Clint Moore Road to West Atlantic will be a four-lane highway, relieving some of the traffic congestion that has developed as a result of residential and commercial construction along the Lyons Road-Atlantic Avenue corridor.

The project consists of replacing the two-lane Brant Drive Bridge (Bridge No. 935501) over the C-15 Canal with a new bridge consisting of two travel lanes and 10-foot shared-use paths in each direction. Improvements also include constructing 10-foot shared-use paths in each direction north of the bridge, reconstructing sidewalks south of the bridge, adding decorative lighting and drainage, upgrading signage and pavement markings reconstructing roadway approaches and milling and resurfacing.

Originally scheduled for completion in third quarter 2022, the project has been delayed due to a unexpected problems, including: the contractor encountered utility conflicts with proposed drainage which brought operations to a halt (the utilities that are in conflict were not shown in the construction plans necessitating drainage system redesign around the existing utilities; AT&T and Comcast delayed the proposed road widening north and west of Atlantic Ave.; there were some permitting issues that inhibited the contractor from working within the FDOT right of way along Atlantic Ave and ongoing problems of obtaining concrete and steel materials necessary to complete the Bridge. A revised completion date is likely to be in the first quarter of 2023.

BIG NEWS! PUBLIC MEETING

September 7, 2022
Hagen Ranch Road Library
6:30 PM

*Review of Plans for Atlantic Ave.
Expansion from west of State Rd.
7/441 to East of Jog Rd.*

Also “virtual” meeting at 5:30 PM.
Flyer in Alliance e mail.

Project Website:
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August 15, 2022

**Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
301 North Olive Avenue
West Pam Beach, Florida 33401**

Re: Indian Trails Grove - Agricultural Reserve Exchange (LGA 2022-021)

Dear Commissioners:

On August 12, 2022, the Palm Beach County (PBC) Planning Commission denied the application for the Indian Trails Grove (ITG) - Agricultural Reserve (AGR) Exchange (LGA 2022-021). As for the Staff's report, *res ipsa loquitur*, recommending denial citing a litany of flaws in the justification for such an exchange.

The Alliance agrees with the Planning Commission and County Staff. 7 years ago, the AGR Roundtable discussions took place. As a result, changes were made to accommodate the farmers and to correct some perceived inequities involving landowners in the AGR, keeping in mind the intent of the Master Plan and always considering parcels west of State Road 7/441 to be of maximum importance for conservation and water preservation. The current proposal would severely impact the goal of protecting these precious lands.

Further, the deviations from the intent of the plan for the AGR Tier are great with this application to wit, decreasing the proportional requirement of preservation/development from 80/20 to 60/40 west of State Road 7/441. This further emphasizes the Applicant's digression from the intent and understanding of the specialists who designed the Master Plan to cause the least amount of impact on water resources, considering that the Everglades and South Florida Water Management District lands are steps away from the proposed severely increased density of development.

Recently, Staff recommended, and the Planning Commission advised, to provide for an Essential Housing Element to be instituted along Atlantic Avenue and Boynton Beach Boulevard. This would allow for multifamily housing and workforce housing units to be built within the AGR. Staff and the Planning Commission *did not* recommend the land west of State Road 7/441 for use to create essential, multifamily, or workforce housing.

The AGR boundaries were established considering climate/weather elements. Exchanging preserve lands from outside of the Tier in northern PBC where the climate is colder than the AGR in certain growing seasons is not an equitable exchange. Some tropical fruits that are grown in the AGR cannot be grown above the Tier. Chinese vegetables are grown in the Rural Tier but keep in mind that it snows in China.

The inequities resulting from this project are clear. The residents of the AGR and south PBC already pay taxes for flood protection and water supply. By relinquishing preserve lands within the AGR, the south County taxpayers would essentially be paying the bill for services that benefit others and this is clearly a non-equitable arrangement. Further, other landowners west of State Road 7/441 would request similar overlays leading to greater stress on environmentally sensitive lands and water resources.

The PBC Board of County Commissioners voted to retain an expert to examine the impact the increased density of development would have west of State Road 7/441 prior to the approval of any further development. It is the Alliance's position that this is a wise decision. The Alliance requests the time to evaluate and comment on the expert's report prior to action on any application considered by the Board of County Commissioners.

Thank you for your attention to this most serious matter.

Sincerely,

Lori Vinikoor

Dr. Lori Vinikoor, President

The August 3, 2022 meeting of the Alliance of Delray was called to order on Zoom at 10 am by President Lori Vinikoor. She first alerted everyone that the next edition of the Alliance newsletter will contain information on Agricultural Reserve issues that will be discussed at the August 31, 2022 Board of County Commissioners meeting. PBC Sheriff's office Captain Rob Sandt then presented several programs sponsored by the Sheriff's Office. A suicide crisis lifeline has been established and can be immediately reached by dialing 988. Operation 'Hot Wheels' is functioning to catch speeders. He noted that automobile crashes have increased by 13%. Following a rash of stolen cars and the valuables inside the perpetrators seem to move on to Broward County. He reminded everyone to remove valuables and lock their cars.

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Chief William Standsbury from Battalion 4 of PBC Fire Rescue noted that the call volume is up, especially noting the increases in traffic crashes. A particularly busy area is at Linton Blvd. and Jog Road.

County Commissioner Maria Sachs urged the Zoom audience to appear at the Commission meeting regarding the proposed building of several thousand new homes. She is urging smart development - not over development.

Karen Brill, Vice Chair of the PBC School Board, announced that Palm Beach County Schools achieved an 'A' rating!

Valerie Neilson, Executive Director of the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency, discussed the Agency's comprehensive plan to prioritize regional traffic flow in the Broward, Miami, and Palm Beach Counties. This includes providing safe access to public transportation and encouraging walking, bicycling, and using mass transit to reduce the number of automobiles on the roads. In Delray Beach, some of the planned improvements include expanding Atlantic Avenue and Lyons Road from 2 to 4 lanes and providing an extension of Flavor Pict Road. Timelines for these projects extend

several years into the future.

Motasem Al-Turk, Director of the PBC Engineering & Public Works Traffic Division told the assemblage (via Zoom) that a coordinated system of traffic lights is being planned between Lyons Road and I-95. He welcomed questions by the audience and provided website information for additional clarification.

The meeting video is available on YouTube and can be accessed by visiting the Alliance's home page. The next meeting of the Alliance will be held on September 7, 2022 at the South County Civic Center. Wendy Sartori-Link, PBC Election Supervisor, will be the featured speaker. Doors open at 9 am. Meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

PLEASE NOTE FALL ALLIANCE MEETING DATES
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2022
THURSDAY OCTOBER 6, 2022 (due to Oct. 5 th being Yom Kippur)
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2022 (due to Civic Center being used for early voting & Election day)

Let's Have Fun! September Alliance Contest

Identify all 9 famous movie stars in this photo. Bring the names to the September 7 th meeting. If you provide all 9 names, you will receive a special "Alliance Signature Latte Mug" and be featured in the October Alliance Connection Newsletter.

Hint for this photo: All of these actors appear on the same date in 1969 so they will appear at different times of their acting careers.



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2022 General Election:

Deadline: register: 10/11/22

Early Voting 10/24/22-11/6/22

Deadline: request vote-by-mail ballot 10/29/22

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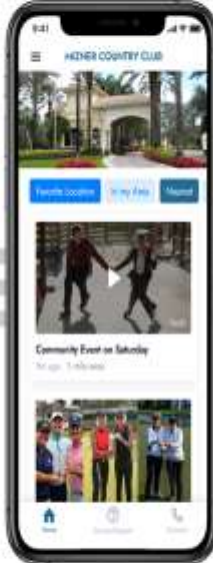



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