ALLIANCE OF DELRAY RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATIONS
Meeting Summary for November 5, 2025 By Judy Goldberg, Director

Dr Lori Vinikoor, President of the Alliance, called our meeting to order at 9:30AM. Arnie Katz welcomed all of our guests. Lori spoke about our "Get to Know PBC Expo" on 1/7/2026. This is always a very special event and a chance to meet and ask questions of our many departments of PBC. There will be photo booths, snacks and many giveaways.

Development updates included widening of roads at Atlantic Ave west of Lyons is in full swing; Eternal Light Cemetery withdrew its application for expansion at this time; Public Storage is under construction at the corner of Atlantic Ave. & the Turnpike; The American Heritage Academy Expansion Application has been postponed; Delray Golf Course is closed for refurbishing. The contract is worth $28.5 million and was awarded to NMP Golf Construction Corp.; Sundy House restaurant/parking/residences phase 1 is complete which includes Over 100,000 sq. feet of office space.

Lieutenant John Wink of PBC Sheriff's Office, spoke about his project, STOP AND THINK! See something suspicious, contact the police. Also, scams are over the top. 96% of our community has had some sort of spam attempt. Over $66 million has been lost to scams. Over $1 million in the toll scams(Sunpass/Easy-pass) have been lost. In west Delray alone, 30% of all scams have been fraud related. While out shopping, PLEASE, keep your bags zipped up and do cross body if possible. Distractions are the main focus during this time in public places. Going to your car? Look around. If a person or large van is near your car and you feel uncomfortable, go back to the mall or store and ask someone to watch you or go with you to your car. Stay safe and don't be embarrassed to ask for help, It's your life. Texting was outlawed while driving in 2019 but the police say that this is a massive contributor to accidents and deaths. Every 44 sec. there is an accident through this distraction!!!

Our next guest was Chief Bill Stansbury, PBC Fire Rescue. Station 49 on Lyons Road, is almost completed. Ready to go by January. In season, the Fire Rescue receives over 4000 calls a month.

Karen Brill, Chair of our School Board, was our next guest.. This is Holocaust Remembrance Month and anti-Semitism is growing. PBC schools will continue to teach about this horrific time in history. These are important platforms for our school district. She stated "we are the only school board that is strong regarding vaccines." It is important for the children, teachers and all employees to be vaccinated. Regarding students with disabilities, if a student is in marching band for 2 years, that should satisfy for Physical Ed. The same for Special Olympics; 2 yrs. should cover the P.E. requirement.

Our main speaker was Valerie Neilson, Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization. They organize and distribute State and local funds to authorized projects. This group prioritizes Palm Beach County funds for State System projects. This includes state and county roads. There are 25 yr plans with 5 yr, updates. Funding is committed to 2050. Eligible areas are urbanized areas, state and county roads. Street signals are a part of this program also. Florida ranks #2 in most dangerous states for people walking. Speeding is major factor in deaths. Florida roadways are very important to plan for and improve to save lives. To see who owns each roadway, check out the interactive map at PalmBeachMPO.org/MAP. Interesting and so much to learn about our area transportation system. By 2050, Palm Beach Countywide will grow by 230,000 people, reaching 1.8 million residents. Keeping our roads safe and up to date is a major priority. Housing and Transportation is evolving, as we become even more suburban, the number of cars will jump and this will be another major hurdle to deal with. Right now about 9 people die each day through accidents, while 42 people a day are seriously injured. Our roadways are designed for speed and people drive very fast! At 40mph and deaths rise dramatically. Part of the problem, is we can widen roads just so much. Buses, Brightline, Bicycles must be utilized more to help with congestion. Trying to create an urban community feel will benefit the elderly. More like a small town feel. Shops, entertainment, dining all in a small, walkable area. Also, using premium transit, Golf Carts, E-bikes, Scooters to get around.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 9:30AM. Our program speaker will be our own legal expert, Joshua Gerstin, Esq., speaking about Legislative Changes in our community. Questions and Answers of course.

The meeting will be held in the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Rd, across from Morikami Gardens. Doors open at 9AM when refreshments are served. The meeting starts at 9:30AM and always concludes by 11AM. All invited to attend. See you there!