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COBWRA DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • THE GROVE • AUGUST 21, 2019

WELCOME

THE GROVE DELEGATE ROBERTA CAROL welcomed the COBWRA guests to their community.

BREAKFAST SPONSOR: CSI CAREGIVER SERVICES

A representative discussed their educational programs designed for 55+ communities.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

COBWRA PRESIDENT BETH RAPPAPORT provided an impressive list of recent accomplishments and projects, including the implementation of a Host Community Greeter Team, the newest Fundraising Committee initiative – Breakfast Sponsors, Growth Management's list of 20 projects in the "pipeline," the Strategic Plan, multiple community educational programs, and our Ag Reserve preservation initiative to name just a few.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

STATE SENATOR LORI BERMAN expressed concern about the recent El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH tragedies. Senator Berman reported that she and some of her colleagues are requesting that a special session on Gun Control be called by the Governor. She also reported that an advocacy group is pushing for a Constitutional Amendment to Ban Assault Weapons.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH CASELLO explained that he welcomes and encourages ideas from constituents. He noted that bills often start as a grassroots suggestion. He also reported that he is filing a bill that would unify the emergency codes at all hospitals throughout the state.

STATE ATTORNEY DAVE ARONBERG announced that in 2018 there was a 40% decrease in opioid deaths in Palm Beach County and that in 2019 (to date) there has been an additional 20% decrease. He also discussed several programs that offer alternatives to incarceration.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MARY LOU BERGER AND ROBERT WEINROTH explained that the County Commission is back in session after a brief summer break.

SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTATIVE KAREN BRILL reported that the Canyons Middle School, which was originally scheduled to open in 2023 has been moved up on the calendar and is now scheduled for "immediate build." Input from the community will be solicited as the project moved forward and a representative from COBWRA will be on the Principal selection committee.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

MAJOR CHRISTOPHER KEANE acknowledged Lt. Beth Krivda for stepping in to run Substation 6 in the absence of Captain Eastman. He also recognized Abby Bernstein for heading up the "Backpack for Children" and "Supplies for Soldiers"

Highlights by Sharon Reuben

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS, continued

campaigns. Major Keane was pleased to report that crime stats are down. However, officers continue to respond to incidents where a vehicle has been left unlocked and/or key fobs have been left in the car. He also reported that crime is down almost 50% since the late 80's and early 90's in spite of the enormous growth in the west Boynton area.

RICHARD CHRISTMAS from **PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE** told the Delegates that his Department is always available should their communities require assistance or information.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

GMC CHAIR STEVE OSEROFF and **VICE CHAIR BARBARA ROTH** presented two projects to the Delegates:

PRESENTATION #1: Barkley Place, Military TrL., North of Flavor Pict Rd.. **PROPOSAL:** Commercial Development Medical Office, Restaurant & Retail. Recommended for approval by the Growth Management Committee and the COBWRA Board. *Recommended for Denial* by a vote of the Delegates by a one vote majority.

PRESENTATION #2: Main Street at Boynton, NE Corner Boynton Beach Blvd. & Jog Rd. **PROPOSAL:** Commercial Shopping plaza and Congregate Living Facility (CLF) Prior approved plaza was 160,000 ft commercial on 24 acres. Current proposal is 68,000 ft commercial plus CLF on 16 acres, with commitments from Sprouts, Wawa, CA Ventures - Anthology Senior Living. Recommended for approval WITH CONDITIONS by the Growth Management Committee and the COBWRA Board. *Recommended for Approval WITH CONDITIONS* by a vote of the Delegates.

AG RESERVE REPORT

PAST PRESIDENT MYRNA ROSOFF explained that the Ag Reserve is again under attack, this time by developers who are seeking approval to bypass the 60/40 rule that requires 60% of the land within any Ag Reserve project to be placed in preserve. According to Rosoff, we will fight any attempt to alter the 60/40 rule, as doing so will permanently alter the unique character of the Ag Reserve.

STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE CHAIR STAN SHERMAN presented a comprehensive update on progress made since August of 2017 when the Plan was first presented to the Delegates: To preview the entire Strategic Plan Progress Report, go to the COBWRA Website home page at www.COBWRA.org and click on the Strategic Plan image.

**COBWRA STRATEGIC PLAN
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