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COBWRA DELEGATES MEETING AT BELLAGGIO –MAY 17, 2017 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME

BELLAGGIO DELEGATE BARBARA ROTH and **HOA PRESIDENT NEUMAN POLLACK** welcomed the Delegates to their community and offered a tribute in memory of **GERRY MORRISON**, long-time Bellaggio Delegate and former Chairman of the COBWRA Growth Management Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President **MYRNA ROSOFF** reported that:

- A Technology Committee has been formed chaired by **MEL MORRIS** of Villaggio.
- COBWRA will be conducting a survey to identify the types of restaurants area residents would like developers to attract to the recently approved shopping plazas on Boynton Beach Boulevard.
- **ELLEN GABLER** of Coral Lakes has been named Chair of the Membership Committee.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Delegates voted to approve the membership application for Willowood, a community comprised of 51 single family homes located on Lantana Road east of Military Trail.

BUDGET APPROVED

The Delegates voted to approve the budget as presented by the Treasurer.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

- **COUNTY COMMISSIONER MARY LOU BERGER** complimented COBWRA on the *Updated Ag Reserve Strategic Plan*. Berger reiterated her commitment to oppose residential and/or commercial expansion west of Route 441.
- **SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTATIVE KAREN BRILL** reported that this year more children returned to public schools from private and charter schools than ever before. Unfortunately, these students have fallen behind and need to be brought up to grade-appropriate standards.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

- **LIEUTENANT BETH KRIVDA** from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department Substation#6 reported that there has been a 65% increase in vehicle burglaries, a 34% increase in stolen vehicles and a 24% decrease in residential burglaries. She reminded the Delegates to lock their cars and to always remove the key from the ignition.
- **CHIEF DOUG MCGLYNN AND TONY KEELER** from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue reported that 75-100 new firefighters were recently hired with four of the new hires being assigned to battalion 4. Also, Thermal imaging cameras have been installed Battalion 4 which services the COBWRA area. He also noted that Thermal Imaging cameras have been installed on every rescue truck in the county on every rescue truck in the county.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COBWRA-AREA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, including Joseph Abruzzo (House District 81), Lori Berman (House District 90), Jeff Clemens (Senate District 31), Kevin Rader (Senate District 29) and Emily Slosberg (House District 91) discussed the 2017 legislative session. Among the issues addressed were:

- In spite of an \$82.5 billion budget, funding for education remains flat. Florida is # 43 out of 50 states in education funding/pupil.
- Education Bill: There was unanimity among the members of the Delegation that this was a seriously flawed Bill. Nonetheless, the Bright Futures Scholarship Program was fully funded.
- A Bill approving a Constitutional Amendment to be voted on in 2018 which would, if passed, increase the Homestead Exemption by \$25K. The Delegation was split 3-2 on the merits of this Bill. Those opposed voiced concern about the services that would have to be cut to offset the decrease in revenue resulting from the increased exemption.
- The budget does not include any funding for "Forever Florida," the vehicle used for purchasing conservation land for the State.
- The Sober Home Bill, supported by COBWRA, enables the State to go after unethical marketers who bring people to Florida under false pretense.
- A bill was passed requiring physicians to report opioid prescriptions within 24 hours. Nonetheless, there are no dollars in the budget for treatment for the opioid epidemic in the State. Florida is 49 out of 50 in allocating dollars for treating addiction, mental health and substance abuse.
- Veterans Legislation was passed which enables veterans to use their Health I.D. at a V.A. facility.
- A Bill was passed to encourage Data Centers to come to Palm Beach County.
- The Condo Bill requires Condominiums with over 150 units to post their documents on their website.

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NEXT MEETING JUNE 21, 2017 at CORAL LAKES

Guest Speaker: WPBF-25 Severe Weather Expert Mike Lyons

NO DELEGATES MEETING IN JULY