

Palm Beach National Civic Association
Annual Meeting
June 8, 2017

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The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Karen Petrella, presiding President of Palm Beach National Civic Association (PBNCA)

All new residents/members were welcomed to the meeting and neighborhood.
Area Reps were thanked for their efforts over the past year.

Voting was conducted for the new Executive Board. Karen P. reviewed the process that was outlined in several e-mails over the past 6 weeks prior to the meeting of requesting self-nominations or nominations of others to be submitted. A few people expressed interest but only two persons wanted to remain and or join the Executive Board. The two are Karen Petrella to return as President and Michele Cronin join as Treasurer. A second was offered to the unopposed slate and the two nominees were voted in by the members. Karen P. explained she is in the process of construction a Nominating Committee to seek out additional members to the Board(Area Reps) and Executive Board (2 V.P.'s and 2 Secretaries – Recording and Correspondence).

Further recognitions and thanks were given to the following persons:

Alice as the Welcome Wagon Chair – Alice also thanked Kathy

Current/out-going Executive Board Members Sally, Tammy and Kathleen

Cheryl for Easter event

Ray Griffith for the BBQ and presenting him with a gift card

Ed Whipple and Buck Smith for all their assistance at the BBQ

Brenda and Brett Parish and Ellie Aungst for the Halloween event and haunted house

Mary Kay McGuire-Wilson for coordinating the Halloween event along with Tammy Smith

Buddy Yarborough for the Christmas Event and donating the firetruck

Scholarship Committee was introduced – Michele Cronin, Ellie Aungst, Kathleen LaCosta, Terri May Hook and Craig Lessard

Mention that Julia Gomes' daughter would like to put together a Teen Committee

Discussion in regards to the No Trespassing signs as a continuation from the January meeting. Karen P. has spoken to PBSO. The signs are \$25-30. Each without hardware and must be installed by PBSO to

ensure proper placement. Trespassers can be immediately arrested upon calling PBSO. A member asked if this will actually stop solicitations. Feedback was not likely eliminate but reduce solicitations. A member voiced concern neighborhood kids would be targeted unnecessarily. Feedback was not likely. A member stated the signs are specifically for non-residents of the neighborhood.

*(It was mentioned that further investigation for additional clarification of the No Trespassing signs would be looked into with PBSO). (KP)

Karen P. recognized and thanked Steve Krupa for his past and continued presence and assistance. She also recognized Mandy Krupa for all her help especially with the house sheets.

Karen P. stated that the current membership level is at exactly 50%.

Karen P. stated that the association is not an enforcer of county code. Also she reminded members the information was in the fall news letter as how to contact the county if there is a violation you wish to report and that you can do so anonymously. This information will again be added to the next news letter.

Steve Krupa spoke to concerns that are arising in the neighboring communities also situated on golf courses. There has been dwindling interest and profits in golf courses. The courses are being sold and built up as new single family houses or condos. This has happened in Lantana, Lakes of Sherbrooke and the Fountains, among others. He also stated it is important for the association to stay viable by getting to 51% and more membership so that we have a voice if the same thing happens at Palm Beach National.

Karen P. briefly addressed plan to have Area Reps take a more active role as Board Members and plans will be discussed at future meetings.

Karen P. welcomed guest speaker and Mayor of the Palm Beach County Commissioners Paulette Burdick. Mayor Burdick spoke to some issues and concerns for our county: budget about to passed, need for "work force" and special needs housing due to the high cost of housing, on-going mosquito issue and eliminate standing water around your home, the need to reach out to the President, Speaker and Congressman to push for Alzheimer's research. The Mayor introduced her assistant Payton McCarthy and stated he can be reached with questions as well. She expressed concern with the Opioid/Heroin problem affecting the county and that it is not just an issue with younger people but also prevalent among the middle aged population. Mayor Burdick stated not to be afraid to call 911 even if you are unsure in any situation. She stated that 211 can also be utilized 24/7 for non-emergent concerns. She presented the County's Guide to Services and that it is extremely helpful.

Q&A with Mayor Burdick*:

Q: Are water lines still on schedule for install and is there a possibility of sewer?

A: Water lines on track for 2021. For sewer, 51% of neighbor must first vote in favor then request a study, then get cost of assessments.

Q: Can the speed limit be limited to 35mph for all of Pinehurst?

A: Not likely.

Q: Can there be “roundabouts” installed at the canals to slow traffic?

A: No as there is not adequate space, it has been looked at.

Q: Why do the bike trails in Okeeheelee South have chains blocking them in some areas?

A: 4 Projects have just been approved including the parking lot and boat ramp among others. (unclear if that was specifically answered)

Q: Is there a plan to annex the PBN to Wellington or Green Acres?

A: Not that she is aware of and those towns have to approach the neighborhood directly.

Q: Can there be new crime watch signs?

A: She will check and let us know.

Q: Can there be street lights installed in the neighborhood?

A: Currently the county does not have a program to do so.

Q: Would she support the golf course being developed?

A: The owner of the golf course has the right to sell to a developer and the county cannot intervene. She recommends the community increase membership as much as possible to have a voice in any changes. She also recommended working with other communities that are also at risk.

Q: How will additional development of homes affect the already strained water supply?

A: Studies say the water is there although it is a concern.

Q: Who is responsible for the swales?

A: The county is responsible, however water issues are a result of driveways being built up and should not have been.

Note: Steve Krupa mentioned Mayor Burdick was responsible for sidewalk repairs the neighborhood has received.

Q: How many new people come into Palm Beach County to live each year?

A: 20,000, also there 7.5 million visitors per year

Q. Can the neighborhood have no trespassing sign?

A: Contact the Sheriff's office for assistance.

Mayor Burdick recommended contacting her office with questions or concerns:

561-355-6277 or pburdick@pbcgov.org

Or her Assistant Peyton McArthur
561-355-2202 or pmcarthur@pbcgov.org

**Q&A answers were to the best of ability to record at the time.*

The winner of the 50/50 raffle: Kathleen LaCosta

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Cronin
Treasurer and interim Secretary, V.P.