

PALM BEACH NATIONAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2017

Meeting began at 6:30pm. Held at the Palm Beach National Clubhouse

Guest Speakers:

Vitorria Williams, CPM – Metropolitan planning Organization Liaison
Martin Horwitz – Environmental Administrator & Permit Coordinator
Alison Stettner, AICP, Turnpike Planning Manager
Craig Bostic, PE – Turnpike (Atkins) Project Manager
Juliette Valencia – Public Information – WSP/Parsons Brinkerhoff

Major Ron Mattino, PBSO

Invited Guests:

Willow Bend Presidents

Beverly Grossman/President- WillowBend Master
Bill Pomerantz/President – Gardens I Condo's
Juan Mejia/ President – Gardens II Condo's
Len Richards/President - Villa's
Bobbie Martz Goldman/President – Mead Village

Karen Petrella, President, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance. Karen introduced each of the board members. She also asked all the area reps to stand up and thanked them for their help and all that they do for the association.

Karen introduced the first Guest speaker, Victoria Williams.

Ms. Williams, began by thanking everyone who came to hear about the Turnpike expansion and that there would be a question and answer period at the end of the presentations. A handout was provided regarding the projects and timeline. The handout can be viewed on www.Fdot.gov, search District Four Project Overview, Turnpike projects.

Ms. Williams gave a power point presentation explaining the history of the turnpike. A map showed turnpike, past, present and future. She also explained the different areas of the turnpike which will be expanded. Some areas from 4 to 8 lanes. There will be express lanes added to help with mobility on the roads especially during Peak times. The construction will include taking away the toll booths in 6 counties. Tolls will be all electronic. There will no longer be tickets or cash payments it will only be Toll by plate or Sunpass. Express lane fees were not given. Construction on the Turnpike is scheduled to begin January of 2018 and will take about 5 years.

Martin Horwitz talked about the Noise Wall Barriers. He explained how noise is measured and how they determine if it is needed. The last study was done in 2008. An amendment is being done to revise the 2008 version. There may only be shoulder barriers placed on the turnpike in certain areas. Studies and cost analysis are currently being conducted to determine what type of barrier is needed. No timeline was given for a completion of the addendum.

A question and answer period followed the presentations.

To view the videos shown at the meeting and for further information about the Turnpike expansion express lanes, and noise wall barriers, people can go to the following websites.

Floridasturnpike.com

Floridaexpresslanes.com

Karen Petrella thanked the speakers for coming to speak to the association.

Karen invited Steve and Mandy Krupa to the front of the room for an announcement. Mandy was not present. She thanked Steve for all he and Mandy had done over the last 6 years as President and Vice President. She stated how appreciative everyone is for all their hard work over the years. Stating how hard she realizes that they worked to keep the association going. She presented them with a gift from the association.

Major Ron Mattino spoke to the group about the crime in our neighborhood and answered many questions and concerns from the residents. It was asked if the officers that live in the neighborhood could drive through the neighborhood to show police presence. Major Mattino stated police officers that live in the neighborhood cannot take any action because it is a conflict of interest. The Police for our area must be called to come out if there is a crime or suspicious activity. He said to be wary of people knocking on doors. They may be scoping out to see if you have an alarm or key hidden.

Karen told everyone she heard of cars in wellington being broken into and the remotes stolen, making the home accessible to the thieves. She stated that we should take the remote out of our vehicle, if possible, so this doesn't happen. Major Mattino agreed said that it is a good idea to do that.

Major Mattino listened to the residents and said he will work on getting 4 items taken care of as soon as possible.

1. Decoy Car to sit on Pinehurst as a deterrent to slow down drivers
2. More police presence in the neighborhood
3. Replace the Crime Watch signs on St. Andrews
4. Digital Speed signs on Pinehurst

The speeding on Pinehurst was discussed and a question asked if speed bumps could be placed on Pinehurst to help slow down traffic. A concern was also brought up asking if the passing lane on Pinehurst North could be changed to a no passing lane. He said he could not address these issues and to call the County Traffic Division.

Major Mattino said we should report any suspicious activity no matter how insignificant you think it might be. The number to call for non-emergencies is: 561-688-3000

Our Police contact for our neighborhood is: Captain Patrick Johnson, 561-688-3641

To contact Major Mattino: 561-688-3628

Meeting was concluded at 8:48pm

Respectively submitted by Sally Postmus, secretary.