

REMARKS

Welcome to our 15th Anniversary Celebration.

Thanks to our committee that put this together and a special thanks to Brunswick Plantation for donating the use of this facility

My name is Bill Bittenbender, President of the Alliance

Want to celebrate our success and recognize the many members who have helped over the years as well as to thank our individual POAs for their support.

The Alliance started with just 4 members:

Ocean Ridge

Brunswick Planation

Sea Trails

St James

Pleased to have three of the four founding members here with us tonight:

Lee Weddig

Gary Tagtmeyer

Gary Halberstadt

Bob Bobinski

As well as two special guests who's husbands have passed on but contributed much to the success of the ABCPOA

Grace Loyack

Diane Sloat

Ackley

What started off as a relatively small organization, grown to 22 communities with over 17,000 property owners.

Goals:

Promote organized growth

Protect property values

Enhance the quality of life for members and all Brunasco residents.

Ensure that the voices of newer residents heard

Bit unusual for an organization such as ours to be around after 15 years but a credit to our volunteers

Have had a number of successes as well as some issues where we were not successful:

The good:

Workmen's Comp Issue

Back Flow devices inspection fees

Grinder pump maintenance fee

Opposed the new dump in the Green Swamp

Significant input into UDO

Bi-annual Candidates Night debates

Oversight & Comments on Commission Budget process

Forums for HOA members

Lockwood Folly River environmental study

Initiative to encourage low impact development in communities

Discussion forum on financial procedures

Discussion forum on ACC issues

Interface with our Commissioners and Legislators

The bad:

Could not convince Commissioners to do multi- year budgeting however they are starting to look at year over year costs

Unable to slow down weakening of our County UDO

Ocean Isle Beach Park, did not get everything but it was reduced to original size. Most of effort was on the part of OR residents, did a great job against some big odds

The Future:

Candidates Night Oct 25, 2016, Jon Evans, WETC Moderator

Serve as a conduit to put forth names for county board positions

Recruit additional people from existing member base to staff working groups

Encourage our residents to become more involved with the political process, local government has a major impact on our quality of life.

To continue our success we need to have you our members let us know where we can help, what do you think we should focus of for the next couple of years?

Let your representative know your priorities and we will do our best to respond

Pleased to have you here and please continue the conversations, an opportunity to meet with other board members who share your same issues and problems.

Would like to thank the Committee who put this together, Linda McKeegan, Vince Juric, Betsy Duarte, Shelia Lurix and Gary Tagtmeyer

But before I close I would like to open the floor to anyone who has comments they would like to make to the group.

We have a small celebration as we thought a Birthday cake would be in order, Gary.