

Synopsis of Mims Community Group Meeting on February 19, 2019

There were two parts to this presentation: 1) the Florida legislature and 2) developments in North Brevard.

The speaker provided an overview of the two houses of the legislature. Next, he provided contact information for our local Senator and local Representative and showed the web page for each. He showed the district boundaries for the two local legislators, as well as the committees on which each legislator is a member. Then, he discussed committees and their importance to the legislative process. He showed the path of a bill through the legislative process. He discussed methods to evaluate the effectiveness of a legislator. Next, he showed the bills filed and co-sponsored by the two local legislators. He briefly discussed a few bills that other legislators have filed. Finally, he showed the links to the Senate and House web pages and demonstrated how to find legislators and how to find bills with a particular topic.

He also showed two web sites that might be of use to Mims Community Group members: 1) the property appraiser's website and 2) the planning & zoning website.

The second part of this speaker's presentation gave a brief description of three developments happening in North Brevard: 1) a real estate office on SR46, 2) a truck stop on SR46, and 3) rezoning of 20 acres north of Scottsmeer.

Below is a copy of the handout that the speaker provided to all attendees.

Contact information for local legislators:

Brevard County – Florida Senate District 14

District includes: Parts of Brevard, Volusia counties

Senator – Tom A. Wright Party: **Republican**

Legislative Assistants: Edith Little and Lindsey Swindle

Secretary: Elisha Converse

Link to his webpage: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Senators/S14>

District Office

4606 Clyde Morris Boulevard, Suite 2-J
Port Orange, FL 32129
Phone: (386) 304-7630

Tallahassee Office

312 Senate Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100
Phone: (850) 487-5014

Brevard County – Florida House District 50

District includes: Parts of Brevard, Orange counties

Representative – Rene “Coach P” Plasencia Party: **Republican**

Legislative Assistant: Nitin Aggarwal

Secretary: Michael Scimeca and Steven Thompson

Link to his webpage: <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/details.aspx?MemberId=4607>

District Office:

North 400 South Street, Suite 1C
Titusville, FL 32780-7610
Phone: (321) 383-5151

Tallahassee Office:

317 House Office Building
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300
Phone: (850) 717-5050

Useful websites

Website navigation for Legislature

Senate - <https://www.flsenate.gov/>

House - <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/>

Website navigation for property maps

Property Appraiser map website

<https://www.bcpao.us/Home.aspx>

Planning & Zoning map website

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/PlanningDev>

then click on “GIS Zoning & FLU”

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Regards,
Ron Bartcher
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