

Northwest Focal Point Senior Center District Board

Special Meeting

Commission Chambers, 1st Floor
City Hall, 5790 Margate Boulevard
Margate, FL 33063

September 27, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Tommy Ruzzano, Chair
Arlene Schwartz, Vice Chair
Anthony Caggiano
Lesa Peerman
Joanne Simone

Also Present:

Karin Diaz, Project Director
Douglas Gonzales, City Attorney

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – June 21, 2017

The following motion was made by Board Member Peerman, seconded by Board Member Schwartz.

MOTION: SO MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 21 MEETING.

ROLL CALL: Board Member Caggiano, Yes; Board Member Simone, Yes; Board Member Peerman, Yes;
Board Member Schwartz, Yes; Board Member Ruzzano, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

2. RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION 110: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT, APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENTS.

The following motion was made by Board Member Peerman, seconded by Board Member Schwartz.

MOTION: SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

ROLL CALL: Board Member Caggiano, Yes; Board Member Simone, Yes; Board Member Peerman, Yes;
Board Member Schwartz, Yes; Board Member Ruzzano, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

B. PROPOSAL: PROPOSAL TO NAME THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM AT THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT AFTER PAUL "PAULY" COHEN, BIG BAND LEADER AND FAMOUS TRUMPET PLAYER.

Board Member Ruzzano asked why the Center is proposing to name the room after Paul Cohen. Karin Diaz, Project Director for the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center stated that Mr. Cohen is from Brooklyn and started playing the trumpet at age 8. He came to Florida in 1998 and performs every Thursday at the Center with other musicians. His band, The Big Band, rehearsal is a small fundraiser for the Center.

An employee for the Margate Public Works department and Project Director discussed naming the room after him, as he will be turning 95 years in October and he is very much appreciated. Law enforcement has actually had to be called to control the crowds for his rehearsals.

The following motion was made by Board Member Peerman, seconded by Board Member Schwartz.

MOTION: SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

ROLL CALL: Board Member Caggiano, Yes; Board Member Simone, Yes; Board Member Peerman, Yes; Board Member Schwartz, Yes; Board Member Ruzzano, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

3. PROJECT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Karin Diaz, Project Director of the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center District (NWFPSCD), thanked the Board for approving the budget. 10/15 through 12/7 is Open Enrollment Period for Medicare. The Center's International Folk Festival is on 10/27 and Grammy award winning singer Willy Chirinos will be at the Center sponsored by Humana. Ms. Diaz invited all to attend the 40th Anniversary Celebration at the Senior Center. The Center is in the process of hiring a caterer for the event. The Hall of Fame Band will be playing that night. Ms. Diaz stated that she wanted to ask the Board a question and asked if it would be OK to serve alcoholic beverages during the event. It would be a cash bar for wine and beer at the event.

Board Member Peerman said that she felt it would be OK but it would be up to the City Manager and made a motion pending legalities. Sam May says that proper insurance is needed and will look into the legalities. Board Member Ruzzano seconded the motion pending the legalities and asked how many people are expected. Ms. Diaz stated that she expected 120 people. Board Chair Ruzzano stated that he would like to bring up at the next meeting a vote to have the City donate \$2,000.00 towards this matter, alcoholic beverages for the 40th Anniversary Celebration.

The following motion was made by Board Member Peerman, seconded by Board Member Ruzzano.

MOTION: SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

ROLL CALL: Board Member Caggiano, Yes; Board Member Simone, Yes; Board Member Peerman, Yes; Board Member Schwartz, Yes; Board Member Ruzzano, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

4. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Anthony Caggiano said that he is looking forward to the 40th Anniversary party. He also said that every time he visits the Center everyone is having a magical time and there are smiles everywhere.

Joanne Simone said that she has nothing at this time.

Lesa Peerman said good job.

Arlene Schwartz said as always – good job.

Tommy Ruzzano asked how things are coming along for the party.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Terry Lieberman

Tommy Ruzzano, Chair

Date