

**Northwest Focal Point Senior Center District Board  
Special Meeting**

Commission Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
City Hall, 5790 Margate Boulevard  
Margate, FL 33063  
August 23, 2023  
6:15 PM

**Board Members Present:**

Antonio Arserio  
Anthony Caggiano, Chair  
Tommy Ruzzano, Vice Chair  
Arlene Schwartz  
Joanne Simone

**Also Present:**

Terry Lieberman, Project Director  
David N. Tolces, Interim City Attorney  
Cale Curtis, City Manager

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**1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – July 5, 2023**

The following motion was made by Board Member Schwartz, seconded by Board Member Simone

**MOTION:** SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

**ROLL CALL:** Board Member Arserio, Yes; Vice Chair Ruzzano, Yes; Board Member Caggiano, Yes; Board Member Schwartz, Yes; Board Member Simone, Yes. The motion passed 5-0

**2. RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **ITEM 2023-235 RESOLUTION 188:** A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT, APPROVING AGREEMENT JP023-08-2024 BETWEEN THE AREAWIDE COUNCIL ON AGING OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC. AND THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT FOR EMERGENCY HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE; AUTHORIZING THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND PROJECT DIRECTOR TO RENEW THIS AGREEMENT UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THIS AGREEMENT, AND RENEWALS, WHICH PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN FUNDING OR TO MEET STATE OR FEDERAL GUIDELINES, WITHOUT FURTHER BOARD ACTION; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**MOTION:** SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

**ROLL CALL:** Board Member Arserio, Yes; Vice Chair Ruzzano, Yes; Board Chair Caggiano, Yes; Board Member Schwartz, Yes; Board Member Simone, Yes. The motion passed 5-0

- B. **ITEM 2023-237 RESOLUTION 189:** A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT, APPROVING THE TITLE VI PROGRAM FOR THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER; PROVIDING FOR THE TITLE VI/NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT AND MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT TO THE TITLE VI PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**MOTION:** SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

**ROLL CALL:** Board Member Arserio, Yes; Vice Chair Ruzzano, Yes; Board Chair Caggiano, Yes; Board Member Schwartz, Yes; Board Member Simone, Yes. The motion passed 5-0

#### 4. PROJECT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Terry Lieberman, Project Director of the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center District (NWFPSCD), thanked the Board for approving our agreements as always and thanked the Board for always supporting the Senior Center! The Project Director stated that she is humbled and honored in accepting the generous donations from the State Representatives. The Project Director stated that the Captel/Center for hearing and communication has been out to the center twice during this month to distribute captioned phones to our clients. The clients love their captioned phones and there were over 10 people to receive the phones from this service. Ms. Lieberman stated that the Crazy Hat Day and ice cream social was amazing. There were three winners from this event. Ms. Lieberman stated that the weekly farmers markets continue in conjunction with Chabad of Coral Springs. This event is going well. The seniors love the fresh fruits and vegetables. Last Friday, the Center had it's Hawaiian Day Celebration and everyone loved the live presentations and performers. We continue to have weekly health talks which are fantastic. We had two student volunteers helping us out during the summer. The students did an excellent job and we would love to have them come back next year. We have a new Intake Specialist that just started on August 21. Please say hello when you stop by the center. Our upcoming event for the month of September is our Grandparents talent show. The seniors will get the opportunity to showcase their talents with other seniors. Project Director stated that we are having a difficult time finding a driver for the Senior Center. Every time we have someone they either do not pass the background test or do not want the job because of the low wages we offer at the Center. We currently have four drivers at the center and sometimes it can get a little hectic if a driver goes on vacation or calls out sick. Overall, the Senior Center is as busy as ever and continues to do good work in the community. And I could not do this alone without my wonderful staff members at the Senior Center. Project Director of the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center District (NWFPSCD), thanked the Board for their time.

## 5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Arserio- Nothing at this time.

Board Vice Chair Ruzzano- Keep up the good work. Thank you

Board Chair Caggiano- The smiles on the seniors faces says it all. Board Member Caggiano stated that he enjoyed the food and activities at the Hawaiian Day event. Keep up the phenomenal work at the Senior Center.

Board Member Schwartz- I enjoyed the Hawaiian Day event. The event was incredible. Board Member Schwartz explained that she had a chance to talk to the performers and they expressed that they have friends and relatives in Maui who lost everything. Board Member Schwartz stated that she was thankful that the performers stood there after the show to take pictures with the spectators. Board Member Schwartz stated that the show was a lot of fun. Board Member Schwartz stated we may grow up, but getting up and getting help is the key to a great life. Thank you Terry.

Board Member Simone – Thank you Terry to you and your staff and thanks to our wonderful sponsors.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Chenita Mosley

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Chenita Mosley, Operations Manager