

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

Commission Chambers, 1st Floor
City Hall, 5790 Margate Boulevard
Margate, FL 33063
January 24, 2024
6:00 PM

Board Members Present:

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

Also Present:

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

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – September 20, 2023

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

MOTION: SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

ROLL CALL: Board Member Caggiano, Yes; Board Member Simone, Yes; Board Member Arserio, excused; Board Vice Chair Schwartz, Yes; Board Chair Ruzzano, Yes. The motion passed 4-0

2. RESOLUTIONS

- A. **ITEM 2023-431 RESOLUTION 191:** A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE AREAWIDE COUNCIL ON AGING AND THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR OLDER AMERICANS ACT FUNDING FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024; AUTHORIZING BOARD PRESIDENT AND PROJECT DIRECTOR RENEW THIS ANNUAL AGREEMENT UNDER THE SAME TERMS, TO 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 Caggiano, Yes; Board Member Simone, Yes; Board Member Arserio, excused; Board Vice Chair Schwartz, Yes; Board Chair Ruzzano, Yes. The motion passed 4-0

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! Ms. Lieberman reported that since our last meeting the end of the year activities kept us busy at the Senior Center. We had our Turkey basket giveaway day, our in-house production, big bingo, the holiday luncheon, our toast for the new year. We also had our Wii tournament in which Vice Mayor Schwartz was on the first-place team! To start the new year, we had MLK trivia which was enjoyed by the members. For upcoming events, we have our Chinese New Year Celebration taking place on February 9, our Valentines Day dance on February 14. In conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department, we will have the Senior games during the week of March 4 through 8 with the closing ceremony on March 11 at the Center. March 18 is our St. Patrick's Day celebration. Our farmers' market continues every Thursday, which has been a great success, as we are able to provide a lot of people with food. AARP tax aide will begin again on February 6 every Tuesday and Wednesday and The City of Margate Fire Department's therapy dog, Ember has been coming to the Center to greet our members and will continue to come over once a month.

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Caggiano - Stated that he is thrilled with the job that is being done at the Senior Center. When you go to the Senior Center and you see the programming, you feel that the Center will be an alright place for yourself. He thanked Ms. Lieberman for the job that is being done at the Senior Center and stated that what is being done there matters.

Board Member Simone- Said thank you to Ms. Lieberman and the staff for what they do at the Center and that the Commissioners look forward to coming to the Center and supporting the Center as much as possible.

Board Vice Chair Schwartz- Stated that she always enjoys coming to the Center and that the gentleman that did the violin performance was amazing, the singers that the Center have had were amazing, the people that have supported the Center by giving contributions have been amazing. Broward Meat and Fish who donated chickens for Thanksgiving. People do not realize that you do not go to Northwest Focal Point Senior Center to grow old, you go to Northwest Focal Point Senior Center to make the rest of us feel old! Thank you for everything that you do.

Board Chair Ruzzano – Said keep up the good work!

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Terry Lieberman

Terry Lieberman, Project Director