

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

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

May 16, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Karin Diaz, Project Director
James A. Cherof, City Attorney

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – March 7, 2018

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

MOTION: SO MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 7 MEETING.

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

2. RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION 116: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT, APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FAULK CENTER FOR COUNSELING TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPORT GROUP SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

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

B. RESOLUTION 117: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF A HEALTH CARE EXERCISE INSTRUCTOR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AYHEZA NEWELL EZRIN; PROVIDING FOR TERM; PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC RENEWAL; PROVIDING FOR TERMINATION; AUTHORIZING THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND PROJECT DIRECTOR TO RENEW THIS AGREEMENT UNDER THE SAME TERMS WITHOUT FURTHER BOARD ACTION, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

MOTION: SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

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

C. RESOLUTION 118: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE ASSIST AGENCY WORKING AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT AND THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT, FOR CUSTOMER ACCOUNT INFORMATION VERIFICATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENDING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND PROJECT DIRECTOR TO RENEW THIS AGREEMENT UNDER THE SAME TERMS WITHOUT FURTHER BOARD ACTION, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

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

D. RESOLUTION 119: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT JL118-08-2019 BETWEEN THE AREAWIDE COUNCIL ON AGING OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC, AND THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT TO ACCEPT LOCAL SERVICES PROGRAM FUNDING TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019 AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND PROJECT DIRECTOR TO RENEW THIS ANNUAL AGREEMENT UNDER THE SAME TERM WITHOUT FURTHER BOARD ACTION. PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION: SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

ROLL CALL: Board Member Peerman, Yes; Board Member Simone, Yes; Board Member Ruzzano, Yes; Board Member Caggiano, Yes; Board Member Schwartz, 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 contracts and agreements. These agreements are to enhance services at the NWFPSC through different partnerships at no cost to the center. Ms. Diaz shared with the Board that once again, the NWFPSCD has been awarded an additional \$10,414.88 for LSP transportation services through the ADRC. This is rare and has happened for the second year now. Upcoming events at the NWFPSC are: Crazy Hat Day and Action Bingo on Friday May 25, Annual Domino Tournament on Friday June 8, Fathers' Day BBQ Friday June 15, 2018 Summer Boom Health

Expo Wednesday June 20. Ms. Diaz stated that at the NWFPSC we provide a wide range of recreational and educational activities, but we also provide support services to the members and their families. We often receive requests for assistance from the Margate police department, from the fire department, from Margate residents or from other local organizations. Our staff is extraordinary; they all help in all ways possible and do it in a professional and caring way but often these cases need one on one assistance and need a person to follow up and dedicate lots of time and resources to find the proper service or assistance for them. Tonight I would like to plant a seed by saying that maybe the City of Margate should consider creating a Social Services Department or start with possibly funding a case manager position.

4. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Lesa Peerman asked what does a social service department entail? Would the person work out of the Senior Center?

Joanne Simone said thank you so much. Keep up the good job that you do for seniors and keep up the good job that you and your employees do.

Tommy Ruzzano said that he agrees with Ms. Diaz 100% for the Case Manager position. He stated that Ms. Diaz was the first person that he saw when the Margate resident recently had a house fire and that residents need somewhere to turn.

Anthony Caggiano said that he is going to echo what everyone else has said. What Ms. Diaz does is special and out of love will keep singing her praises.

Arlene Schwartz asked if there was a person at the Senior Center years ago that did counseling services. Ms. Diaz responded that the Center does offer counseling services but not case management. Board Member Schwartz asked Ms. Diaz to find out what other centers have in terms of case management.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Terry Lieberman

Arlene Schwartz, Chair

Date