

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

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

December 11, 2019 at 6:53 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Karin Diaz, Project Director
Janette M. Smith City Attorney

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – September 18, 2019

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

MOTION: SO MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18 MEETING.

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

2. RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION 141: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF MASTER AGREEMENT JM020-08-2022 BETWEEN THE AREAWIDE COUNCIL ON AGING OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC. AND THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AUTHORIZING BOARD PRESIDENT AND PROJECT DIRECTOR TO AMEND THIS AGREEMENT TO MEET STATE OR FEDERAL GUIDELINES WITHOUT FURTHER BOARD ACTION; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

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MOTION: SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

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

B. RESOLUTION 142: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT JA120-08-2020 BETWEEN THE AREAWIDE COUNCIL ON AGING OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC., AND THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT TO ACCEPT FUNDING FOR SUPPORT SERVICES OFFERED BY NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020; AUTHORIZING BOARD PRESIDENT AND PROJECT DIRECTOR RENEW THIS ANNUAL AGREEMENT UNDER THE SAME TERMS OR 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 Caggiano.

MOTION: SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

ROLL CALL: Board Member Caggiano, Yes; Board Member Simone, Yes; Board Member Arserio, 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 contracts. These contracts are very important since they increase funding for Senior Center services. Ms. Diaz thanked Board Member Simone for attending the Center's In house Holiday production. The domino tournament of the Florida Senior Games was held at the Senior Center over the weekend. Thank you to Board Members Schwartz and Caggiano for attending. There were 72 participants. Mayor Rogers from Lauderdale Lakes, Mayor Gomez from Tamarac, and the Florida Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Jamal Sowell were in attendance. The Senior Center had its Annual Turkey Basket Day with 14 donated turkeys. Thank you to the Margate Police Department for donating seven of these turkeys. The other seven were donated by a local business. As reported at the last meeting, Sunshine Health brought a vision van to the Center. It was a very successful event and 92 participants were able to receive a free eye exam and free eye glasses. Ms. Diaz asked the Board to support the Dignity in Aging Act which is a bipartisan update to the Older Americans Act that responds to the challenges facing a growing generation of aging Americans. Ms. Diaz also asked that the Board support the passage of the Senior Services Council bill in Tallahassee that would enable Broward County to place the senior services referendum on the November 2020 ballot.

Ms. Diaz asked for the Board's approval to attend the following advocacy events: Broward Days in Tallahassee on January 21 and 22, 2020. As a member of the Broward Senior Services Council committee, she has been asked to attend this event. Expenses will come out of the Senior Center budget. Also, Ms. Diaz has been invited to attend the National Energy and Affordability Coalition Action Day 2020 in Washington DC to advocate for EHEAP (Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program) that the Center provides to qualified applicants. Expenses are fully covered by FPL and the dates are February 25 and 26 2020.

The Board approved the above mentioned expenses by discussion.

On Thursday, December 12 the Center will be transporting members to Tradewinds Park to see the Fantasy of Lights and will also take a trip through the beautiful neighborhoods of Margate to see the holiday lights.

Ms. Diaz invited all Board members to the Center's annual holiday luncheon on December 20. The Hall of Fame Band under the direction of Ray Annati will be playing at the luncheon. Senator Perry Thurston will be the guest speaker at the luncheon.

The ADRC will hold its installation dinner on January 16, 2020. The City of Margate will purchase a table and attend this event.

4. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Anthony Caggiano said that he would like to support the Dignity in Aging Act. He said that the senior games were a great event. He said that Karin was awesome and that there were some serious domino players at the event.

Joanne Simone said the holiday show was awesome. Everyone had smiles. Thank you to you and your staff and keep up the good work.

Antonio Arserio said keep up the good work.

Arlene Schwartz said thank you for hosting the domino event. Happy Holidays

Tommy Ruzzano said thank you for everything that you do. Happy Holidays

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Terry Lieberman

Tommy Ruzzano, Chair