

## **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 26, 2020  
4:39 PM

#### **Board Members Present:**

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

#### **Also Present:**

Karin Diaz, Project Director  
Janette M. Smith City Attorney

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The virtual statement was read into the record.

### **1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – June 17, 2020**

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

**MOTION:** SO MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 17 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 147:** A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT, APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Board member Schwartz asked if the reduction in performance measures is due to the current situation with COVID-19 and asked if the Center is continuing to provide doctor taxi service. Ms. Diaz, Project Director of the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center District (NWFPSCD) stated that the Center's services are normally person to person and due to the current situation, we are providing our services virtually. The Center is continuing to provide doctor taxi services to Margate residents.

**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 148:** A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT JCA20-08-2021 BETWEEN THE AREAWIDE COUNCIL ON AGING OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC, AND THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER; TO ACCEPT FUNDING FOR SERVICES OFFERED BY THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER; PROVIDING FOR CARES ACT FUNDING AND RETROACTIVE PAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR INITIAL TERM; PROVIDING FOR RENEWAL PERIOD; AUTHORIZING THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND PROJECT DIRECTOR RENEW THIS 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 Simone 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.

**C. RESOLUTION 149:** A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDED 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 ADDITIONAL 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.

The following motion was made by Board Member Simone 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 agreements. Our plan is to open the Adult Day Care in October. Ms. Diaz will provide the City Manager with the schedule and exact dates. A re-opening manual will also be provided. Our frail seniors really need to come back to the Adult Day Care to improve their quality of life and cognitive functioning. This will also be beneficial for the caregivers. The Department of Elder Affairs has started a pilot program and has chosen NWFPSCD Center to participate. They will be giving Seniors free iPads with pre-recorded activities (ours and theirs). The seniors will also be able to use the iPads to communicate with their relatives. There are 100 seniors for the pilot program and 20 of them will be our members. Our Activities Coordinator has been giving our members homework. She has been asking them to write down how they feel about the Center using the letters in the words Senior Center. I will leave some of the ones that we have received so far in your mailboxes for you to enjoy.

#### 4. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Arlene Schwartz said thank you to Karin and the staff at the Center. And also a big thank you to the Chabad of Coral Springs for providing fresh meal boxes that the Center has been distributing to its members. Thank you to the Center drivers for delivering these boxes. The Commission has received many nice letters from participants that have enjoyed receiving these boxes, let's forward them to the Chabad.

Joanne Simone said thank you to Ms. Diaz and the staff and that she appreciates the fact that Ms. Diaz has kept the staff employed and the Center afloat during this time.

Antonio Arserio said thank you to you and your staff for continuing to do everything that you do.

Anthony Caggiano said that the idea of iPads for seniors is phenomenal. His mom has just turned 90 and is able to see her grandson and great grand-daughter using an iPad and this is wonderful for her. He said thank you to Ms. Diaz and that she does a fantastic job.

Tommy Ruzzano said thank you to Karin and to Terry. Things seem to be looking better today than at the last meeting. The commissioners are here to help you. I was able to speak with one of your members, Mona Singh. She was very pleased to hear that the Center is working on a phased roll out to reopen the Center. Thank you very much for everything that you do.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Terry Lieberman

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Tommy Ruzzano, Chair