



## NORTH COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

# Minutes

---

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024 / 4:00PM / NCNC*

*Meeting called to order by Sal Faso*

*Location: The Club at IBIS*

*9055 Ibis Blvd WPB, FL 33412*

---

### IN ATTENDANCE

---

- Member Community Delegates and Friends from Ancient Tree, Ballenises, Baywinds, Bent Tree, Caloosa, Carlton Oaks, IBIS, Ironhorse, Mirabella, Mirasol, Montecito, Osprey Isles, PGA National, Steeplechase, and The Preserve at Bayhill.
- Local Government Officials, Community Leaders, and Businesses from Palm Beach County, Palm Beach Gardens and West Palm Beach.
- Presenters including:
  - Wendy Sartory Link ~ Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections
  - Mary Blakeney ~ Palm Beach County Director of Emergency Management
  - Lauren Berkson ~ Board of Director President for Friends of the Fisher House

---

## NEW BUSINESS

---

The meeting was convened by Sal Faso at 4:00PM

- Opening Remarks from Sal included the following:
  - Introductions – Officials, Candidates, Fire Rescue, and Businesses
  - Received approval for April 2024 Meeting Minutes
  - Received approval for April - June 2024 Treasurer's Report
  - Officers & Directors approved on March 26th They are:
    - Matthew Kamula, President
    - David Dinin, Vice President
    - James Kraus, Secretary
    - Meg Shannon, Treasurer
    - Bob Jaeger, Director
    - Victor Martin, Director
  - Amended Bylaws approved on May 16th & distributed to all delegates
  - Sal Faso, Executive Director approved & effective June 20th
  - New NCNC Address
    - NCNC
    - C/O SAL FASO
    - 5500 MILITARY TRAIL
    - STE 22-140
    - JUPITER, FL 33458
  - Annual Meetings ~ 189 attendees, \$28k in sponsorship. Thank you for all your continued support
  - Meeting to be scheduled with David Ricks to discuss Northlake Blvd requested by Carlton Oaks
  - Shout to Laura Beebe, Director of Airports Palm Beach County Department of Airports for responsiveness on the North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport (F45) Runway Expansion Airport Update
  - Next meeting is July 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 3:30PM-6PM. Agenda is a Candidates Forum for Election Year 2024. 31 Candidates invited, 16 RSVP'd.

---

## GUEST SPEAKERS

---

### Wendy Sartory Link ~ Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

- Wendy discussed the Voter Registration Statistics, Three Ways to Vote which are Vote By Mail, Early Voting and Election Day, Programs to Assist Voters
- **Legislative Changes which are:**
  - Drop boxes now called “Secure Ballot Intake Station.” SB524
  - Possessing more than two mail ballots besides your own or an immediate family member’s is a third-degree felony. SB90 & SB524
  - Voters who wish to receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot are required to complete a new Vote-by-Mail ballot request each General Election cycle. SB90
  - Extends the deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot from 5:00 p.m. the 10th day before Election Day to 5:00 p.m. the 12th day before Election Day. SB7050
  - New verification requirements (FL Driver's License/FL ID, or last 4 of SSN) required to request a vote-by-mail ballot for yourself or a family member. SB90
- **2024 Election Dates & Important To – Do Information:**
  - PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS AUGUST 20, 2024
  - Deadline to Register or Change Party is July 22, 2024
  - Deadline to Request a Vote-by-Mail to Be Mailed is 5:00 p.m. August 8, 2024
  - GENERAL ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 5, 2024
  - Deadline to Register or Change Party is October 7, 2024
  - Deadline to Request a Vote-by-Mail to Be Mailed is 5:00 p.m. October 24, 2024
- Trusted Election Information ~ all email correspondence will always come from .gov
- Stay Connected and Stay Connected at [www.VotePalmBeach.gov](http://www.VotePalmBeach.gov)
- If anyone is interested in a presentation at you community, please contact Camille Palmero & she will coordinate with Wendy.

For more information this Presentation is posted on NCNC’s Website <https://ncncpb.org/our-meetings/>

## Mary Blakeney ~ Palm Beach County Director of Emergency Management

- Mary discussed the 2024 Atlantic Hurricane Season including 2024 is forecasted to be an average to above average year, 20 hurricanes have made landfall in the U.S. since 2017 (10 were major), Average time to become a hurricane is 50 hours before landfall.
- It is very important to understand Storm Surge. It is the height of the water on top of land.
- A new graphic Depicting Inland Watches/Warnings on Cone will be available beginning on or around August 15, 2024
  
- **WHAT CAN YOU DO! PLAN AHEAD!**
  - Follow the 4-step approach to preparedness
  - Know your zone, Build a Kit, Help your neighbors, Become CERT team for more information:
  - 561-712-6400
  - Must Pre-register for the Special Needs Shelter 561-712-6400
  - Must Pre-register for the Pet-Friendly Shelter Program 561-233-1200
  
- **BE INFORMED!**
  - Emergency Information Center (EIC): (561) 712-6400 [www.ReadyPBC.com](http://www.ReadyPBC.com)
  - Sign up for ALERTPBC at [www.readypbc.com](http://www.readypbc.com)
  - Download PBC DART App to your cell phone

For more information this Presentation is posted on NCNC's Website <https://ncncpbc.org/our-meetings/>

Hurricane Preparedness links for Palm Beach County, Palm Beach Gardens & West Palm Beach can be found here: <https://ncncpbc.org/topics-of-interest/>

Florida Tropical Training Week 2024 presented by National Weather Service is scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration is required. Information can also be found here <https://ncncpbc.org/topics-of-interest/>

## Lauren Berkson ~ Board of Director President for Friends of The Fisher House

- Lauren discussed Friends of Fisher House is the only nonprofit dedicated to solely supporting West Palm Beach House. It is 1 of 100 Fisher Houses around the world. There is no charge if you need to stay there.



# BUILD IT for the BRAVE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

### WHO We Are

Friends of Fisher House (FOFH) provides support to the West Palm Beach Fisher House, located on the West Palm Beach VA campus, to ensure visiting military personnel, veterans, and their families experience the comforts of home while receiving vital medical care at the VA or a nearby facility.

### THE Need

Established in 1995, our Fisher House currently has eight guest suites but lacks an elevator and full accessibility. These suites accommodate 2,920 nights of free lodging each year. The new Fisher House will expand to sixteen guest suites, offering 5,840 nights of complimentary lodging annually, and will be fully accessible to military, veterans, and their families. Families residing at the new Fisher House collectively save \$1.6 million on accommodation, fuel, and food costs.

### HOW You Can HELP

Friends of Fisher House has initiated the **Build it for the Brave Capital Campaign** to raise funds through local community support with a **goal of funding \$5 million** to enable the Fisher House Foundation to build the new Fisher House. With your generous donations, we will accomplish our objective of building a new, fully accessible Fisher House for all military, veterans and their families. Visit [www.fofhwpb.org](http://www.fofhwpb.org) for donor opportunities.



*Guests of West Palm Beach Fisher House*

**A family's love and support during medical treatment helps the patient and speeds their recovery.**

We raise funds through private donations to alleviate the cost of lodging, food and other amenities for Military, Veterans, and their families.

*Since 2013*

 <b>17,993</b> Families Accommodated	 <b>89,816</b> Nights of Lodging Provided	 <b>\$24 Million</b> in Savings to Families	 <b>2,020</b> Nights at Hotels
--	---	---	---

**DONATE TODAY ↓**



For more information: 561-422-5554 | [info@fofhwpb.org](mailto:info@fofhwpb.org) | [www.fofhwpb.org](http://www.fofhwpb.org)

- Ways to give
  - Make an on-time donation online or by mail
  - Setup a reoccurring donation to support us monthly
  - Create a personal fundraising campaign on our behalf
  - Cater a meal for our guests
  - Shop our Amazon wish list
  - Do a gift card drive in your community
  - Create an event to benefit Friends of The Fisher House

For more information this Presentation is posted on NCNC's Website <https://ncncpb.org/our-meetings/>

---

## ADJOURNMENT

---

### Closing Remarks included the following:

- Next meeting is July 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 3:30PM-6PM. Agenda is a Candidates Forum for Election Year 2024. 31 Candidates invited, 16 RSVP'd.
- Adjourned Meeting @ 5:00 pm and asked Delegates to remain
  
- Sal discussed What is Leadership.
  - Why are we here?
  - Knowledge is power, now the facts, with education you can make better decisions.
  - We have access, our access is a two-way street, credibility, Trust is our Brand.
  - We have intellectual capital, we listen, we get the facts, plan and engage in business propositions
  - What we need from each Delegate is for you spread the word, teach them what you learn at NCNC

**NCNC GOAL is to EDUCATE & ENCOURAGE ALL TO VOTE!!!!**

**Average Voting Participation over 10 years is 74%**

- Adjourned Meeting @ 5:12 pm

- PBG Councilmember Marcie Tinsley, Director of Friends of the Fisher House Lauren Berkson, Sal Faso, David Dinin, Director of PBC Emergency Management Mary Blakeney and PBG Councilmember Bert Premuroso



➤ Camille Palmero, Sal Faso, Supervisor of Elections Wendy Sartory Link, and David Dinin

