

RECOSA (Retired Employees of the City of San Antonio)

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

May 9, 2017

Location: Lions Field Adult and Senior Center

2809 Broadway San Antonio, Texas 78209

Members present: Liz Garcia, Rose Rangel, Charles Pruski, Marianne Greene, William Telford, Kevin Burton, Michael Trainer, and Ex-Officio Gene Camargo. Rebecca Waldman, Paulette McClure and Nancy B. Dean were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m. by Liz Garcia, Chair.

Board Minutes

The minutes for the May 9, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.

A correction was made to the May 9, 2017 Board Agenda under New Business to reflect the HR Meeting date on May 30, 2017.

Consent Agenda

The Treasurer and Data Management Reports were approved.

Board Chair Liz Garcia moved 2 agenda items reference Air Methods and Legislative/TMRS issues up on the agenda so Board Member Michael Trainer could provide his reports on these items before he left for another meeting.

AirLife (Air Methods)

Michael Trainer reported that Air Methods has completely reorganized to accommodate recent mergers with smaller companies. According to what he was told by a member of another organization, fees for both renewals and new enrollees has been increased to \$70.00 per person with no discount for enrolling the entire household. Board member Trainer will attempt to verify this information. The Board has not decided whether it will continue to endorse this program under this new rate structure.

Legislative/TMRS

Board Member Trainer indicated that so far the State Legislature has no bills pending this year that will negatively impact TMRS benefits.

Report of Officers

Chair, Liz Garcia

Chair Garcia asked the Board for questions that they want presented to City Human Resources Department. She mentioned that they did follow-up with an article in *Retiree Matters* regarding

the difference in cost and services between emergency room and urgent care services as previously requested.

Gene Camargo requested that we verify with HR that *Retiree Matters* is mailed to all COSA retirees and that the Brown Bag postcard announcement is mailed to only retirees enrolled in a City retiree insurance plan.

The Chair will contact newly retired Martha Sepeda, formerly of the City Attorney's Office, to see if she is willing to assist with review of a volunteer program introduced by Board member Bill Telford.

Vice Chair, Charles Pruski –

Vice-Chair Pruski reported that he has continued to input new members into the Access database. He also updated the Board calendar and placed the information in Dropbox. He and Marianne Green will attend the upcoming Pathways to Retirement meeting on May 20, 2017. This is an informational meeting and breakfast held twice a year for COSA employees planning to retirement. He and Marianne will distribute RECOSA flyers at one of the booths in the auditorium foyer and make a brief presentation on RECOSA during the one of the sessions.

The TMRS Workshop is scheduled for July 26, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Main Library auditorium. David Whitt of HR is coordinating the meeting.

The RECOSA article deadline dates for *Retirees Matters* are June 30, 2017 and September 8, 2017.

Other Reports

- a. Benefits Analysis Committee Report – The committee met on May 5, 2017 to discuss which data should be requested from HR. Members agreed that the Board should at least request updates on salient information provided in the past. Specifically, the committee agreed that the scattergram of RECOSA members mapped on City Council Districts had been useful. Moreover, information on total COSA retirees receiving TMRS benefits and average TMRS benefit were worthwhile. This information will be requested at the next HR meeting. Data related to claims costs and proposed insurance premiums will be requested as soon as they are available.
- b. Technology Committee Report – The committee met on May 5. 2017. Kevin Burton reported the following progress:
 1. A new Twitter account was set up.
 2. He continued to work on a mock RECOSA Web Site through GoDaddy.com. The committee still needs to find someone with more expertise on Word Press software to go beyond what he has developed. A paid consultant on Web Design may be necessary.

3. Minor modifications of the logo were discussed to facilitate reproduction on business cards, etc.
- c. Dropbox Update- The Board briefly discussed using Dropbox as the central depository for REcosa business, but some members are still receiving messages that they had reached their archiving capacity.

Unfinished Business

Dental Proposal Evaluation – Two vendors have submitted proposals. Review and evaluation by the City's Committee is pending distribution which is expected in two weeks.

New Business

May HR Meeting – Chair Garcia asked Board members to submit any additional questions for HR as soon as possible.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10p.m.

Rose Rangel, Secretary

Liz Garcia, Chair

Date: _____