

RECOSA (Retired Employees of the City of San Antonio)
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
July 11, 2017
Location: Lions Field Adult and Senior Center
2809 Broadway San Antonio, Texas 78209

Board Members present: Liz Garcia, Charles Pruski, Rose Rangel, Marianne Greene, William Telford, Michael Trainer, Paulette McClure, and Rebecca Waldman. Board Members absent: Kevin Burton. Also in attendance were Founding Board member Rolando Bono, and new member David Lopez.

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m. by Liz Garcia, Chair.

Board Minutes

The minutes for the June 13, 2017 board meeting were approved as submitted.

Consent Agenda

The Treasurer and Correspondence Reports were approved.

Air Methods

Michael Trainer reported that Air Methods was now considering RECOSA enrollees along with those from the San Antonio Fire and Police Pension Association. This has been done to develop a membership pool sufficient to minimize the costs for renewals and new enrollments. Nevertheless, the cost is expected to increase to \$30/per year.

Legislative/TMRS

Board Member Trainer indicated that Governor Greg Abbott has called for a Special Session of the Texas Legislature and a total of 83 bills and resolutions were filed. None of these bills or resolutions are expected to negatively impact TMRS or pensions in general. Mr. Trainer uploaded a copy of his legislative report into Drop Box.

Report of Officers

Chair, Liz Garcia

Chair Garcia reported that she was working with Human Resources on the TMRS July 26 “Lunch and Learn Session” for COSA retirees and stated that additional details would be included in the upcoming *Retiree Matters* newsletter.

An overview of the FY 2018 Proposed City Budget will be presented by the Management and Budget Department staff at the next Brown Bag session scheduled for August 18 at the Central Library. Chair Garcia expects Human Resources to reveal to RECOSA any proposed changes to the retiree health insurance plans prior to the formal proposed budget presentation to City Council scheduled for August 17. This will allow RECOSA Board Members the opportunity to

address any concerns with the appropriate individuals prior to final Council approval in September. She also suggested that the Board should consider creating a section on the RECOSA website dedicated to a “Q & A” for members needing information on their health insurance.

Following the budget presentation, City staff will provide City retirees the opportunity to participate in the COSA Charitable campaign as was done last year.

RECOSA sent a letter to Mayor Nirenberg and each City Council member congratulating them on their success in the recent elections and requesting that they remember COSA retirees during the budget process. Chair Garcia may also contact Trey Jacobson to schedule individual meetings with the Mayor and Council members to apprise them of RECOSA and its role in working with COSA retirees.

Vice Chair, Charles Pruski

Vice Chair Charles Pruski circulated a handout indicating information requested from COSA Human Resources prior to the Board’s meeting with Ben Gorzell scheduled on August 7. These data will be needed to analyze proposed changes to health insurance premiums and provide information about COSA retirees to the Mayor and City Council. A copy of Mr. Pruski’s report has been uploaded into DropBox for future reference.

Mr. Pruski also indicated that he updated the retiree Access database with the new members that joined last month.

Other Reports

- a. Benefits Analysis Committee Report – The Committee met on June 9th to discuss data needed for analysis of anticipated changes to health benefits. As indicated in the Vice Chair’s report above, a list of these data was developed and provided to the Board. It will be submitted to Human Resources and will form the basis for the Board’s meeting with HR on July 26.
- b. Technology Committee Report – No Report

Unfinished Business

- a. Discussion of vendor participation for the TMRS July 26 event led to the Board decision to exclude outside vendors that were not current retiree health providers.
- b. The Board did not approve a request from Dental Care Genie to link with the RECOSA website. Dental Care Genie is a start-up company providing dental services referrals.

New Business

- a. TMRS Lunch & Learn Meeting- July 26th at the Main Library.
- b. HR Meeting has been scheduled directly after the TMRS Lunch & Learn Session.
- c. A meeting with Ben Gorzell and Human Resources is scheduled for August 7.

d. The next Brown Bag Meeting will be held August 18.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Rose Rangel, Secretary

Liz Garcia, Chair

Date: _____