

## **RECOSA (Retired Employees of the City of San Antonio)**

### **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

July 2, 2019

Location: City of San Antonio, Solid Waste Management Department  
4410 W. Piedras San Antonio, Texas 78228

Board Members Present: David Lopez, Liz Garcia, Rose Rangel, Rebecca Waldman, John German, Lolly Byington.

Chairman David Lopez opened the meeting at 11:35 AM.

In the absence of Nancy Dean, Lolly Byington will take the meeting minutes.

Mr. Lopez noted that Ms. Dean will submit her formal report in August. He also stated that a point of clarification on the June 4 Minutes will be submitted by Ms. Dean.

Ms. Rangel reported that she sent out letters for the June 2018 retirees. Ms. Garcia requested a copy of the letters that are being sent to new retirees, and to those retirees that have recently joined RECOSA. Mr. Lopez will also review the content of the letters to insure that new retirees are receiving a RECOSA notebook and flyer.

### **Board Minutes**

Ms. Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 4 Board Minutes. The Minutes were approved.

### **Report of Officers**

#### **Treasurer, John German**

Mr. German reported that he ran the list of transactions on the savings account dating from January 2019 to date in order to reflect account activity. After two recent deposits, there is a total balance of \$11,347.93 in the RECOSA savings account. A copy of the report was distributed to attendees. Mr. German also recommended that the Board consider using the funds in future RECOSA events.

Regarding the funds with Claim ID 18223532, Ms. Garcia stated that she called Ms. Marge Jordan who expressed satisfaction in that the issue was resolved. Ms. Garcia stated she will send out an acknowledgement letter to Ms. Jordan,

Mr. Lopez noted that no Technology Report was submitted by Mr. Kevin Burton for the meeting. Ms. Garcia requested that the RECOSA website be updated to reflect RECOSA's Board Meetings be prioritized by listing it higher than other items on the website.

## **Old Business**

Mr. Frank Villani will report next month on those companies that are offering discounts to RECOSA members.

Ms. Garcia commented on the excellent presentation by San Antonio Oasis at the June RECOSA Brown Bag event. Mr. Lopez expressed disappointment with the low attendance at the event, given that there are approximately 4,000 City retirees. Discussion continued as it was noted that the Central Library is not the best location given the limited parking. Presentation topics were suggested by Ms. Waldman, i.e., the SAFD contract, CPS revenue and the upcoming City budget with respect to retiree benefits. Other topics were discussed to include legislation that may impact our quality of life; CPS Energy and SAWS for water conservation, as well as having the Bexar County Elections office to solicit volunteers to work the polls.

Ms. Garcia noted the importance of announcing the Brown Bag event in ample time for planning purposes and possibly a higher attendance rate. The next Brown Bag will be held on August 24.

Discussion continued on possible sites for the Brown Bag meetings. Mr. Lopez added his commitment to continue the Brown Bag events and to work harder towards improving attendance. He added that he will review the various locations for future Brown Bag events.

## **New Business**

Ms. Waldman noted that the meeting with the Human Resources staff is scheduled for August 7. City Council will have their Budget presentation on August 8. Ms. Waldman suggested that the meeting with HR be held at least 2 weeks before August 8 in order to review any changes that may affect retiree benefits.

Mr. Lopez stated he will contact Ms. Wanda Heard, Human Resources Department Assistant Director, to request a date change for the meeting.

In discussing possible speakers, Mr. German suggested asking City Manager, Erik Walsh, to speak at the upcoming RECOSA Annual Meeting on November 19. He will make contact with Mr. Walsh's office to make the request. He will also contact Maria Villagomez, Finance Department Assistant Director, with regards to a presentation on the budget.

Ms. Rangel will contact Mr. Kevin Burton regarding an early announcement on *Retiree Matters* for the Brown Bag events and annual meetings.

Mr. Lopez will contact Mr. Xavier Urrutia, Director of City Parks & Recreation Department, to inquire about possible meeting sites for the RECOSA Brown Bag and annual meeting events. He will also seek new members for the RECOSA Board.

Ms. Garcia suggested that Texas Municipal Retirement System conduct a presentation to the RECOSA Board at a future HR meeting.

Chairman Lopez will be sending congratulatory letters to Mayor Nirenberg and to the new and returning Councilmembers. .

A question was raised concerning the cost of transportation for retirees to get to their medical appointments. It was suggested that the Board ask the Human Resources Department to include these costs in the in the new RFP for the new retiree health benefit contract for both the pre-65 and post-65 contracts.

At 12:55 Ms. Rangel left the meeting.

Mr. Lopez will request Mr. Burton to update addresses for RECOSA Board members.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Waldman made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Ms. Garcia. Motion passed to adjourn at 1:05 p.m.

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Lolly Byington, Corresponding Secretary

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David Lopez, Chairman

Date: July 7, 2019