

CITY OF SAN DIEGO RETIRED EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 10, 2007

Present: Nancy Acevedo, Ruth Ann Hageman, Ty Rogers, Terry Flynn, Joe Flynn, Carmen Lutes, John Casey, John Tsiknas, Ross McCollum, Bob West, Alan Hardtarfer, Maggie Smith, Lynn Swanson, Patricia Karnes. Guest: Dick Wilken.

Meeting called to order at 9:30a.m.

Minutes for CSDREA Board 3/13/07, Board Retreat 3/20/07, and Joint Meeting with RF&P 3/27/07 were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Nancy Acevedo

Letter to Jean Emmons explaining that dues are \$24 with retiree automatic deduction and because of extra time, stamps and envelopes, dues are \$30 if paid monthly.

Nancy sent letters to MEA and AFSCME 127 with our concern for the preservation of retiree health benefits, because retiree health care is based on what Unions negotiate for employees.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Terry Flynn reported for Sylvia Tatum
Insurance renewal noted.

Grand Total Reserve-Operating Balance on 3/01/07 \$28,881.88
Receipts \$2,081.32
Expenditures/Transfers \$2,851.66
Operating Fund Ending Balance 3/31/07 \$3,609.98
Grand Total Reserve-Operating fund 3/31/07 \$29,052.16
Legal Fund Money Market ending balance \$20,383.06
Money Market/Operating Fund \$3,041.43

ACTION ITEMS: Nancy Acevedo

SHOULD WEB SITE PASSWORD BE PROVIDED TO RETIRED FIRE AND POLICE?

Concerns included: avoiding public lawsuits by maintaining a members only section on our web site, web site is perk of membership, if retired fire and police were offering access to their membership only section, should the police and fire retirement association have an affiliate membership with CSDREA?

Ty's motion, to open the web site, passed with the provision that the password distribution will be handled by the Retired Fire and Police Association, Tsiknas abstained and McCollum voted no.

Related issue: Nancy requested the Advocacy Committee to discuss our "balanced" policy guiding news articles, opinion pieces selected for the members only section, etc.

DRAFT DEATH AND SURVIVOR BENEFITS INFORMATION PAPER-Ross McCollum

Ross presented a draft for another issue paper: Death and Survivor Benefits Information.

GOAL: Refer SDCERS members to SDCERS' for advice.

Ross' motion, to approve and forward to SDCERS, was unanimously approved.

Carmen will take it to SDCERS for review.

INFORMATION-DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM PROPOSAL-Ross McCollum/ John Casey

Ross presented "Membership Programs". Ruth Ann, as Program Vice President, is responsible

"Item A" under "Program Enhancements in Progress". This section includes future planning for

"Mix and Mingle with David Wescoe". Nancy suggested Alan Paton presenting "2 Young 2

Retire", for the Leisure Services/Activities" program planned for August 2007. Nancy has already invited the Retired Fire and Police Association to join our June health program.

DISCUSSION ON INDIVIDUAL AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP IN MEA-Lynn Swanson

Lynn presented a sample of the police and fire "associate membership" that might be used for our members. MEA is interested and Ann Smith can let us know if legal representation, etc. is possible. Ruth Ann was concerned about favoring one organization over another, such as Union 127. Ross suggested we write a proposal focusing on our members' interests and not copying the Fire/Police sample. Maggie wanted our own wording.

CITY ATTORNEY'S PROPOSED WATERFALL REVISION-Virginia Silverman

Wish of Board was for the motion to be continued. Virginia noted concerns about the lack of language authorizing payments of the 13th check, Corbett and the Supplemental COLA in the City Attorney's strike out of references to the waterfall and surplus earnings in the Municipal Code. She shared Chris Waddell's strong letter from SDCERS warning that SDCERS will not be able to pay these benefits if there are no instructions in the Municipal Code.

Nancy and Virginia moved and seconded that:

Patricia speak to the City Council this afternoon about need for instructions to pay benefits. She may add that this will impact the pre-2000 retirees the most. Add Joe's comment, that this will impact the 500 retirees receiving \$500 a month. Her parking will be reimbursed. She will send an email after the Council meeting. Passed unanimously.

RETIREE ISSUES TASK FORCE: Joe Flynn and Nancy Acevedo

Bob West resigned pending replacement for his position.

Joe Flynn reported-

- 1) A new wife/husband cannot receive the benefits of a dead spouse.
- 2) CSDREA and Retired Fire/Police association will alternate the Chair of the Retiree Issues Task Force.
- 3) Joe will transfer the emailing list to Carmen with recipients' permission.

Nancy, for CSDREA, and Ron Moskiwitz for Retired Fire/Police, met with Jay Goldstone, CFO and JoAnne SawyerKnoll on Monday, April 9th to discuss CSDREA Issue papers, changing Corbett to monthly payments, and elimination of paperwork for medical reimbursements for pre-80's retirees. Neither Goldstone, nor SawyerKnoll had seen Chris Waddell's letter yet, regarding the need for instructions when the "waterfall" and "surplus earnings" are eliminated from the Municipal Code.

RETIREMENT BOARD MEETINGS: Joe Flynn

Business & Governance, Thursday, April 19th at 8:30a.m.;

Investment, Thursday, April 19th at 1:30p.m.

Full Board, Friday, April 20th at 8:30a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advocacy Committee- Ty Rogers, Virginia Silverman, John Casey, Patti Karnes, Ruth Ann Hageman

Ty asked retirees to support Carmen's first day on the Board by being friendly faces in the audience. He also reported on concerns regarding Judge Barton's hearing on pension benefits on Thursday, April 12th in Department 69 and encouraged attendance.

Program Committee- Ruth Ann Hageman

Ruth Ann has added-

July 10 Invitation Extended to Ronne Froman, City CAO

August 14 Al Paton, 2young2retire Presentation

Newsletter Editor- Lynn Swanson

Patricia suggested an article in our newsletter so retirees may join together for group social/cultural activities: perhaps group sales on football, baseball, theater, music and/or opera events. An article will be put into our newsletter asking those interested to contact Nancy. Short-

term Volunteer Coordinators will be needed for outside events.

Membership Committee- John Casey/Ross McCollum

Announcement of Pre-retirement seminars for 4/12-13, 5/14-15, 6/7-8

See also the "Membership Program Proposal" listed under "Information-Discussion Items" above.

AUE- Dick Wilken (Association of Unrepresented Employees)

Dick reviewed the status of Judge Barton's pension benefits case up to April 10th. Phase 2 has to do with the statute of limitations. Phase 3 is everything else and the 1090 violation. Will the Judge allow Aguirre's approach?

SDCERS Fund Balance as of April 9, 2007 was \$4.823 Billion (+\$53 million since February).

Meeting adjourned at 10:58p.m.

Submitted by P.Karnes April 20, 2007