

City of Venice Police Officers' Pension Fund
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kevin McGrath called a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the City of Venice Police Pension Fund to order at 11:30 AM. Those persons present included:

Kevin McGrath, Chairman	Tim Nash, AndCo. Consulting
Robert Palmieri	Lee Dehner, Christiansen & Dehner
Andy Leisenring	Linda Senne, City Finance Director
Ernie Skinner	Robert Kovacs, Pension Resource Center
Andy DeVries	Richard Manzo, Pension Resource Center

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ernie Skinner made a motion to approve the minutes of the quarterly meeting held on November 9, 2016. The motion was seconded by Andy Leisenring, approved by the Trustees, 5-0.

Ernie Skinner made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on November 9, 2016. The motion was seconded by Andy Leisenring, approved by the Trustees 5-0.

KEVIN MCGRATH, CITY OF VENICE POLICE

Kevin McGrath reviewed the current status of the Retiree COLA to the board. Kevin McGrath advised that he had met with the City Mayor, who reiterated his interest in a possible COLA increase. Mr. McGrath explained that he intended to schedule a tele-conference between himself, the Mayor, Doug Lozen, and the city Finance department. Mr. McGrath reported that Fire and Police insurance premiums should increase due to the addition of many properties to the tax rolls. Mr. McGrath advised that these properties had not been properly reported in the past. Mr. Leisenring explained that the Board had raised this issue previously, when it became apparent that premium revenues were remaining flat, despite new residential construction.

TIM NASH, ANDCO. CONSULTING

Tim Nash appeared before the Board on behalf of AndCo Consulting. Mr. Nash explained that The Bogdahn Group had changed its name to AndCo Consulting, effective January 1, 2017. Mr. Nash reported that the S&P 500 had gone up 6% from Election Day through the end of 2016. Mr. Nash advised that the Plan's asset allocations were in line with its Investment Policy. Mr. Nash reported that Brandywine earned 5.5% and Alger lost 1.5% in 4Q2016. Mr. Nash explained that Alger was heavily weighted in the biotech area, which hindered 4th quarter performance. Mr. Nash advised that ASB Real Estate's earnings were adversely affected by the purchase of 5 properties during recent months. Mr. Nash explained that IRS regulations prohibited showing the appreciation in property values until 1 year after the purchase date for each property. Mr. Nash reported that the 4 year average return for the Plan as a whole was 7.54%. Mr. Nash provided the Board with a proposed schedule of managerial presentations for 2017-2018. **Ernie Skinner made a motion to approve the schedule. The motion was seconded by Andy Leisenring, approved by the Trustees 5-0.** Mr. Nash presented an Investment Policy Statement revision as well as individual addenda for Alger, Brandywine, and Garcia-Hamilton. Pages 4-5 of the IPS revision create restraints on real estate investing. Mr. Nash explained that a new fiduciary rule, effective April 10, 2017, will change the standard for broker representation from "suitable" for a client, to "in the best interests of" a client. **Ernie Skinner made a motion to approve the IPS revisions and the addenda for new managers. The motion was seconded by Andy Leisenring, approved by the Trustees, 5-0.**

LEE DEHNER, CHRISTIANSEN & DEHNER, P.A.

Lee Dehner appeared before the Board. Mr. Dehner informed the Board that the new legislative session would start March 7, 2017, and continue for 60 days. Mr. Dehner advised that the only pertinent legislation thus far introduced, would modify the current provisions for a Trustee abstaining from voting. Andy Leisenring informed the Board that the City and Bargaining Units would likely reach consent on the allocation of state insurance premiums, obviating the need for establishing a Share Plan. Lee Dehner advised that he would prepare amendments to the Ordinance to comply with IRS provisions and provide for establishment of a Share Plan, should the City and Bargaining Units fail to reach consent in the future. Andy Leisenring agreed to send Mr. Dehner a copy of the contract between the City and the Officers' Bargaining Unit. Mr. Dehner informed the Board that the contract with Brandywine would need to be modified due to a fee decrease generated by a "most favorable Nations" clause in the contract. **Andy Leisenring made a motion to modify the Brandywine contract. The motion was seconded by Ernie Sinner, approved by the Trustees, 5-0.** As part of his provider review, Mr. Dehner provided a brief description of his duties. Tim Nash expressed admiration for Mr. Dehner's performance, and explained that Mr. Dehner's foresight in using a "most favored nations" clause in the contract with Brandywine would save the Plan \$18,000.00 annually.

ROBERT KOVACS AND RICHARD MANZO, PENSION RESOURCE CENTER

The Trustees reviewed the disbursements and benefit approvals provided by Robert Kovacs. Ernie Skinner made a motion to approve the disbursements as submitted. The motion was seconded by Andy Leisenring and approved by the Trustees, 5-0. Ernie Skinner made a motion to approve the Benefit Approvals. The motion was seconded by Andy Leisenring, approved by the Trustees, 5-0. Mr. Kovacs provided the Board with an itemized list of actual Plan expenditures for FY 2016. Ernie Skinner made a motion to approve the FY 2016 expenditures, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Andy Leisenring, approved by the Trustees, 5-0. Andy Leisenring agreed to provide the Annual Report to the City Council. The Board requested the Administrator to be the provider reviewed at the next quarterly meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and the next regular meeting of the Board having been previously scheduled to occur on May 10, 2017 at 11:30 AM, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 PM.

Approved: _____

