

President's Message

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The summer is largely behind us. I hope it has been as productive and enjoyable as possible. We have not been meeting through the summer but all of the issues that interest us were not forgotten or put on the back burner.

I have been attending the meetings of the Pension Board, when they have them. I am continuing to ask questions and there are still too few answers to those questions. We are still trying to find out why the audit was conducted in the first place.

I have requested minutes of meetings that might contain answers to some of my questions but the City has not replied to those requests as yet. I have also reviewed any of the minutes that are posted on the City web site but all of the minutes are not posted on that site.

Minutes that concern the audit are posted but the Pension Board acted in Executive Session each time the audit was discussed, minutes are not kept on meetings held in Executive Session so it is not possible to know what occurred in those sessions.

Our concern is only to make sure the future of our pension is protected and that another audit of this kind be avoided. The City has been less than transparent in dealing with this issue but we are not going to abandon our efforts. We have to be able to trust that our checks are correct and that the Pension Fund remains whole so that our benefits remain solid. More to come.

I understand that letters have been sent to anyone who might have been sent money by mistake. I don't know any of the retirees who are getting those letters. If you receive a letter I encourage you to act on it so that the City Attorney does not get involved. If you believe that the City has wrongly sent you a letter you need to contact human resources immediately upon receipt of the letter.

If you haven't been on the web site lately, I encourage you to take a look. We just added a link to a web site, Blue Lives Matter. This is an informative place for police officers and it is a place to go for a look at what is happening around the country. We are trying to stay up to date and have information that might be of interest.

We are getting ready for the Annual Picnic a week from Saturday. We will be at Prospect Park, 44th and Robb St. Aug 5 at 11:30 AM. Food by Famous Dave's BBQ and drinks provided by the board. This is always a good time and I hope to see you there.

I believe that the September dinner will be held at Cinzetti's. We have been discussing other dinner options for dinner so I am soliciting some suggestions. If you have an idea let us know and we will check it out.

As always if you need anything or need an explanation or have a question please give any of the board members a call.