



**Reston Community Center
Board of Governors Monthly Meeting
October 3, 2016
8:00 p.m.
Meeting Agenda**

8:00 – Call to Order	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:01 – Approval of Agenda	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:02 – Approval of Minutes and Board Actions	Beverly Cosham, Chair
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of September 12, 2016 Board Minutes (As Reviewed and Approved by the Board Secretary) • Approval of September 12, 2016 Board Actions (As Reviewed and Approved by the Board Secretary) 	
8:04 – Chair’s Remarks	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:06 – Introduction of Visitors	
Recognition of John Mendonça; presentation of the contribution check to Reston Soccer Association	
8:16 – Citizen Input	
8:20 – Board Member Input on Activities Attended	
8:35 – Executive Director’s Report	Leila Gordon, Executive Director
8:40 – Old Business	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:45 – New Business	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:50 – Adjournment	

Reminders:

Event	Date	Time.
November Monthly Meeting	November 7	8:00 p.m.
Annual Orientation Meeting with Supervisor Cathy Hudgins	November 19	9:00 a.m.
December Monthly Meeting	December 5	8:00 p.m.

Professional Touring Artist Series – reminder to release tickets if not using.



**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

Present were:

- Bev Cosham, Chair
- Bill Bouie
- Vicky Wingert
- Gerald Zavala
- John Mendonça
- Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
- Michelle Moyer
- Bill Keefe

Absent and excused:

- Bill Penniman

Attending from the RCC Staff:

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Cristin Bratt, Public Information Officer

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.

MOTION #1:

Approval of the September Agenda

Gerald moved that the agenda be approved. Bill B. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #2:

Approval of the July 11, 2016 Board Minutes

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the July 11, 2016 Board Minutes. Gerald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #3:

Approval of the July 11, 2016 Board Actions

Bill K. moved that the Board approve the July 11, 2016 Board Actions. Bill B. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

Bev said it was great to see photos of friends' children going off to school. She's currently taking care of her 8-month-old granddaughter during the day and said she has become very strong after lifting the baby all day.

Introduction of Visitors

None.

Citizen Input

None.

Committee Reports

July 18 Finance Committee Report – Gerald said the committee reviewed the upcoming year and closeout from the previous year. They looked at participation numbers and had a robust discussion on keeping expenses in check while pursuing program innovations. We're looking forward to another fiscal year in which we'll be net positive on operating budgets.

July 18 Preference Poll Committee Report – Gerald delivered the report in Bill P.'s absence. Gerald noted that the committee looked at last year's report and had no significant changes. They confirmed that

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voting should open as soon as ballots reach households. Leila noted this happened as expected; we opened voting at 1:00 p.m. on September 7, instead of 9:00 a.m. on September 9. Leila noted that we've been experimenting with new Facebook tools. In addition to Comcast recording the Candidates' Forum for broadcast, RCC is also going to do a Facebook Livestream of the event to give community members another way to view the forum.

September 12 Finance Committee Report – Gerald explained that the Finance Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss the FY2018 Budget Transmittal Memo. The memo and its accompanying materials include the revenue fund balance and the outline of capital expenses. The Finance Committee reviewed and approved the FY2018 Budget Transmittal Memo and supporting documents.

MOTION #4:

Approval of the FY2018 Budget Transmittal Memo

Gerald moved that the Board approve the FY2018 Budget Transmittal Memo and supporting documents and forward to Fairfax County as required. Bill B. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #5:

Approval of the Committee Reports

Bill B. moved that the board approve the committee reports. Gerald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Input on Activities Attended

Bill K. attended the Lake Anne Jazz & Blues Fest and summer concerts.

Bill B. attended ChalkFest at Reston Town Center, IPAR meetings and Park Authority meetings.

Gerald attended IPAR meetings, ChalkFest and YAT performances.

Michelle attended the Farmers Market and Jazz & Blues Fest at Lake Anne and also volunteered for the Reston Triathlon.

Lisa went to ChalkFest, attended concerts and finished third place in the Athena category for her 15th Reston triathlon.

Vicky said she enjoyed a lot of Lake Anne concerts from her deck, along with the Jazz & Blues Festival – which had fantastic attendance. She also attended Reston Historic Trust meetings. She provided an update on the *Another Way of Living* film. The film now has a distributor and its offering went out to 20,000 universities and libraries in the last month. Penn State and several other schools have picked it up as part of their curriculum. The film is also in film festivals in San Francisco and Columbia, MD. They are also talking to PBS about it.

John said the fall soccer season has started, though the extreme heat was a challenge for even his most dedicated players. He enjoyed a stunning vacation where he visited many places including Malaysia, Vietnam and China.

Bev said she took care of her granddaughter this summer and is looking forward to visiting the National Museum of African American History and Culture on Saturday, September 18.

Executive Director Report

Leila distributed the Executive Director report and passed around samples of the insulation and white roofing currently being installed. She noted that we are behind schedule, but not by too much. She also distributed pictures of progress on the roof. She said that a Charlottesville company that Bill P. recommended will be giving a presentation to staff on Friday and noted that we will be looking at solar panels not as much for cost savings but to reduce our carbon footprint. She also said we are nearing the end of the replacement of the Community Room chandelier lights. There is a small concern with the down-lighting for bridge and Reston Community Orchestra that staff is working through. She noted that the lighting panel for the Community Room will be relocated from the Box Office to the Community room. She also said that the theatre mechanical system was assessed regarding noise; there were effective modifications made.

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In addition to the Capital Improvements, Leila reviewed some program highlights. She said that we had a very successful summer of camps, events and concerts. The Back 2 School Bash at South Lakes High School increased from 500 participants the first year to more than 700 this year. She said the event added a school supply giveaway as well as kids' haircuts; both were very popular.

Leila also followed up on a conversation the Board had in mid-August surrounding the excitement of the Olympics and a more diverse American team; the Board hopes to build on this excitement by bringing swimming and sports opportunities to more youth in the community. She summarized the conversation and plans to work with other swimming and youth sports partners, as well as Cornerstones. This is a Board initiative that will be pursued through the Reston Opportunity Neighborhood framework. She noted that Opportunity Neighborhood in Reston will launch on October 26 at South Lakes High School (likely at 7:00 p.m.) by providing an introduction to the program as an initiative to connect families to the community and bridge gaps in services for young people and contributors to their success. Leila said Opportunity Neighborhood in Reston will build on the foundation of the Reston value system and existing partner and collaboration efforts to make a stronger and more powerful collective impact. Opportunity Neighborhood connects these existing layers of effort more robustly to the Fairfax County Public Schools system and other county agencies delivering support services to youth and families. The goal is to give every child a great start in life regardless of where they are.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Lisa said in the past month, two significant African-American Reston founders have passed away. What started as a wake for one of them turned into a sharing of testimonies from people who have stories to tell about Reston's early days. It was uplifting to see people still committed to sharing the legacy of Robert E. Simon Jr.

Lisa said she is also the RCC Board liaison to South Lakes High School. She asked the SLHS PTSA about their October 12 meeting on diversity and immigration. She's excited about hearing from the people who are living this reality and connecting her work to that of the PTSA.

MOTION #6:

To Adjourn the Meeting

Gerald moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt,
Board Secretary

____ September 30, 2016 _____
Date

BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

- 16-0912-1 Bd That the Board approve the Agenda**
- 16-0912-2 Bd That the Board approve the July 11, 2016 Board Minutes**
- 16-0912-3 Bd That the Board approve the July 11, 2016 Board Actions**
- 16-0912-4 Bd That the Board approve the FY2018 Budget Transmittal Memo and supporting documents and forward to Fairfax County as required**
- 16-0912-5 Bd That the Board approve the committee reports**
- 16-0912-6 Bd That the meeting be adjourned.**



Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt,
Board Secretary

____September 30, 2016____
Date



Executive Director Report September 2016

Administration

During September, RCC's capital projects planning team members (led by Deputy Director Tom Ward) met with the firm Secure Futures to discuss the potential for adding solar panels on our roof. Follow-up activities include exploring the warranty issue related to the new roof membrane, how this would intersect with county purchasing and legal issues and the logic to advance the effort. We will keep the Board posted on the progress.

The Preference Poll was conducted very successfully – we experienced a return of 21 commercial ballots this year! A full report will be circulated to the Preference Poll committee and presented at the November Board meeting prior to the convening of our “new” Board. In addition to the surge in commercial balloting that is notable, we also were successful in live streaming the Candidate Forum and that generated a certain audience of 869 people and was actually viewed 121 times.

The lighting conversion effort in the Community Room is nearly complete. The Phase I of our roof replacement project is continuing. We are concerned that the seal on the pool is once again failing. The process used this year involved a different sealing compound and we are exploring a remedy. We may well need to accelerate our timetable on significant repair/replacement issues involving the pool shell. As soon as possible, we will provide a complete breakdown of the recommended path forward to remedy this problem with the sealing.

Programs

Our Aquatics team will be exploring how we can provide ongoing introductory swimming lessons to populations unlikely to be able to otherwise access learn-to-swim offerings. We hope to have specific program strategies to recommend during the Board's annual strategic planning and community engagement periods in January through March.

Fall programming to date for Arts and Events has gotten off to a great start – the Reston Multicultural Festival was a resounding success with some 6,000 visitors enjoying the performances, arts activities, crafts, food and colorful diversity the day entailed. The opening CenterStage event – a presentation by poet Billy Collins – sold out the CenterStage and sold an additional 84 seats in the Community Room for the simulcast. Books were sold and he graciously agreed to stay and sign books for nearly 100 people.

Leisure and Learning was very busy last month: they participated in a “Community Day” event at the Harrison; Eileen visited a local employer who responded to our new “RCC businesses services” brochure (Make Offices in RTC West); and Eileen and BeBe represented us at the GRCC Employee Wellness Day event. In addition, our expanded free after school programming at Langston Hughes launched on September 19. We are anticipating serving nearly 100 kids a week there. And the showing of the documentary film *Screenagers* was so successful – 255 attendees – that we will show it again in March to satisfy the demand for a weekend viewing time. Finally, RCC Rides continues to serve the community – 100 rides in September. We still desperately need more drivers. In addition to those served, we turned away 42 requests due to lack of an available driver.

Executive Director

Meetings/activities: Initiative for Public Art – Reston; Human Services Leadership Team; Arts Council board meetings; Master Arts Plan Task Force; Reston Town Center North discussions; RestON (Opportunity Neighborhood) planning sessions; Pathways Out of Poverty presentation (Cornerstones); Reston Marketing Initiative; Preference Poll; Accreditation planning; Succession Planning/Workforce Planning; Tysons/Cap One Performing Arts Center discussions; Reston Chorale 50th Anniversary kick-off event; Senior Staff Meeting with County Exec Ed Long; funeral for longtime Reston Players volunteer Jim Girardi.