



Reston Community Center
Board of Governors Monthly Meeting
March 1, 2021
8:00 p.m.
Meeting Agenda

8:00 – Call to Order	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:02 – Approval of Agenda	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:03 – Approval of Minutes and Board Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of February 8, 2021 Board Minutes (as reviewed and approved by the Board Secretary) • Approval of February 8, 2021 Board Actions (as reviewed and approved by the Board Secretary) 	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:05 – Chair’s Remarks	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:08 – Introduction of Visitors	
8:10 – Citizen Input	
8:12 – Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:13 – Board Member Input on Activities Attended	
8:25 – Executive Director Report	Leila Gordon, Executive Director
8:30 – Old Business New Business	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:40 – Adjournment	

Reminders:

Event	Date	Time
Equity Matters: <i>Dark Girls</i>	March 20	3:00 p.m.



**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
February 8, 2021
8:00 p.m.**

Present:

- Bev Cosham, Chair
- Bill Bouie
- Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
- Dick Stillson
- Paul Thomas
- Vicky Wingert

Absent and Excused:

- Laurie Dodd
- Bill Keefe
- Bill Penniman

Attending from RCC Staff:

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- John Blevins, Deputy Director
- Karen Goff, Public Information Officer

Bev called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION #1:

Approval of the Agenda

Bill B. moved that the agenda be approved as written. Dick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #2:

Approval of the December 7, 2020 Board Minutes

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the December 7, 2020 Board Minutes. Bev pointed out a correction to college affiliation of the professor who will help her with Spanish. The record will be corrected. Paul seconded the motion as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #3:

Approval of the December 7, 2020 Board Actions

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the December 7, 2020 Board Actions. Dick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

Bev said it is great to see people in person and not on Zoom. She noted it is Black History Month. She asked if everyone saw poet Amanda Gorman's inspirational reading before the Super Bowl and noted she is an amazing young woman. She also noted that Ibram X. Kendi has a new book. She read a poem:

I, Too
by Langston Hughes

I, too, sing America.

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I am the darker brother.
They send me to eat in the kitchen.
When company comes,
But I laugh,
And eat well,
And grow strong.

Tomorrow,
I'll be at the table
When company comes.
Nobody'll dare Say to me, "Eat in the kitchen,"
Then.

Besides, They'll see how beautiful I am
And be ashamed --

I, too, am America.

Introduction of Visitors

None

Citizen Input

None

Committee Reports

December 7, 2020 Long-Range Planning Committee meeting – Bill B. recapped that the committee met on December 7, a delayed annual session with Hunter Mill Supervisor Walter Alcorn. He gave the Board lots of updates, including on Lake Anne Plaza, the Comprehensive Plan, RTC North and transportation improvement. Walter congratulated RCC on its CAPRA accreditation and he said he looks forward to RCC playing an important role in human services in this part of the county.

MOTION #4:

Approval of the Long Range Planning Committee Report

Dick moved to approve the Long Range Planning Committee report. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Input on Activities Attended

Vicky attended nothing. She would like to give a shoutout to Claudia Thompson-Deahl, who recently retired from Reston Association after four decades of being "Reston's Lorax." Paul asked about her replacement as Environmental Resources Manager. Vicky does not know. There was discussion that Katie Shaw is now assuming responsibilities associated with Claudia's position and that Kia Cole-Hines has been appointed to be the executive director for Friends of Reston.

Dick has been living the COVID-19 life. He and his wife have received their first round of vaccines and will get the second in a few weeks. He can't wait to go to a restaurant.

Lisa attended board meetings for Southgate Community Center. She says they are doing amazing work, even in COVID-19 times. She has been out in the county and has noticed that RCC does a great job of engaging people.

Bill B. has been to lots of meetings. He took part in the RCC Equity Matters post-film discussions. He attended Regina Carter's performance at the CenterStage on Saturday – his first time at the CenterStage in a year. He gave kudos to Kirk Kincannon, who will retire as Fairfax County Park Authority Executive Director this week. There is a national search for new leadership. Bill will complete his vaccines this week.

Paul also wants to go to a restaurant. In addition to someone cooking, they will also be cleaning up after him. He has been to PTSA meetings at South Lakes High School. They will plan for an All-Night Grad Party. Paul attended (online) a Human Services Council Meeting. His daughter now works at RCC

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Hunters Woods as an RSTA swim coach. Dick asked about the plan to bring back FCPS students. Paul said the school system is pursuing a phased-in approach from February 23 to March 16. Paul is skeptical of the plan preventing the need to rapidly shift if COVID-19 outbreaks occur. Discussion ensued on teachers' unions, Virginia as a right-to-work state and teacher vaccine schedules.

Bev said her daughter is continuing to teach at Common Ground Child Care Center. They keep the windows open all day and get the kids outside as much as possible. They have had no virus issues. Bev has been doing a "Me and White Supremacy" Zoom class through her church. She noted that it has been interesting as she is one of only two Black participants, and that it is compelling to watch people realize what white privilege is.

Executive Director's Report

Leila reminded the Board there are four more Equity Matters panels. She will send dates. She said they should look at the Facebook Live streaming stats in the long version of the Strategic Plan Update. The equity panel livestreams earned an impressive number of views. They remain on Facebook if anyone wants to refer others to them.

Leila said a series of motions must be made tonight because of the suspended Strategic Plan session (February 5 and 6) and the Third-Quarter Review process the Board would have discussed at the meetings.

Leila suggested April 23-24 as new dates for Strategic Planning meetings. Dick said he may have a conflict. Leila will circulate some possibilities.

Paul read the motions:

Motion #5

To approve the memorandum of transmittal for the agency Third Quarter report to the Department of Management and Budget.

Bill B. so moved. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #6

To accept the recommendation of the Department of Management and Budget to increase the Reston Community Center submitted target for revenue from real estate taxes as presented in the agency's draft FY22 budget from \$8,505,019 to \$8,930,260.

Bill B. so moved. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #7

To extend the applicability of established Reston Community Center planning documents to compensate for the impact of COVID-19 on processes required to permit public engagement with the broadest cross-section of the community feasible. This will extend the applicable period of the following:

- **Agency Goals and Objectives: Review in April 2021; Approve in May 2021**
- **RCC Vision – Mission – Values: Review in April 2021; Approve in May 2021**
- **2016 – 2021 Strategic Plan (2020 Update): Review in April 2021; Approve in May 2021**

Paul so moved. Bill B. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #8

To extend the period established previously (January – June) for Board, staff and community engagement on strategic plan development to an equal period (April – October) following restoration of safer in-person meetings for the purposes of discussion, engagement with stakeholders and the larger community, and subsequent drafting of a new RCC 2022-2027 Strategic Plan.

Paul so moved. Bill B. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Leila said there has been a shift in revenue projection that shows a 5 percent increase in tax revenue. It may grow even more in 2021 if all taxpayers are able to make tax payments. If we need to revise our programs and services plan by the time we reach the carryover part of budget process, we could allocate more to some of the spending categories. We will know more in April and May.

RCC hired a new maintenance worker. The RFP draft for the new website been returned to us. Our colleagues at the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) submitted RCC's aquatics project for an American Public Works Association (APWA) Mid-Atlantic Chapter award, and we won (for structures \$5-25 million). It will be forwarded for national consideration. Dick asked if the pool renovation punch list was finally done. Leila said it is very close, and we should be getting about \$800,000 back, which will largely go to our reserves. She had asked DPWES to send the award package to see what they thought were important factors. The report touted the building constraints, salvaged and recycled materials, LEED standards (even though we did not seek LEED certification), two years of engagement with the community and the component of public art. There are great before and after pictures. Leila said we can be very pleased, especially since we received some criticism on the budget and management of the project.

With respect to programming, we are continuing to do what we can during COVID-19. Swim team rentals are bringing in revenue. All participants are highly monitored for health. We had to redesign the Reston Summer Camp Expo. We turned it into a swag bag distribution to more than 40 participants. We are seeing summer camp enrollment and designing monthly family fun kits. One fitness instructor has an ill family member; she has been off, and that has caused a considerable dent in participation for that cost center.

Leila reminded the Board to look at the materials that were sent last week. Dick asked about summer camps. Leila recapped RCC's brief scare last week that year-round school would go into effect. It will not, so we will move ahead with camps.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

MOTION #9

To adjourn the meeting

Paul moved to adjourn the meeting. Vicky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.



Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
Board Secretary

2-11-21

Date

BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8, 2021

- 21-0208 -1 Bd That the Board approve the Agenda.
- 21-0208-2 Bd That the Board approve the December 7, 2020 Board Minutes.
- 21-0208-3 Bd That the Board approve the December 7, 2020 Board Actions.
- 21-0208-4 Bd That the Board approve the December 7, 2020 Long Range Planning Committee Report.
- 21-0208-5 Bd That the Board approve the memorandum of transmittal for the agency Third Quarter report to the Department of Management and Budget.
- 21-0208-6 Bd That the Board accept the recommendation of the Department of Management and Budget to increase the Reston Community Center submitted target for revenue from real estate taxes as presented in the agency's draft FY22 budget from \$8,505,019 to \$8,930,260.
- 21-0208-7 Bd That the Board extend the applicability of established Reston Community Center planning documents to compensate for the impact of COVID-19 on processes required to permit public engagement with the broadest cross-section of the community feasible. This will extend the applicable period of the following:
- Agency Goals and Objectives: Review in April 2021; Approve in May 2021
 - RCC Vision – Mission – Values: Review in April 2021; Approve in May 2021
 - 2016 – 2021 Strategic Plan (2020 Update): Review in April 2021; Approve in May 2021.
- 21-0208-8 Bd That the Board extend the period established previously (January – June) for Board, staff and community engagement on strategic plan development to an equal period (April – October) following restoration of safer in-person meetings for the purposes of discussion, engagement with stakeholders and the larger community, and subsequent drafting of a new RCC 2022-2027 Strategic Plan.
- 21-0208-9 Bd That the meeting be adjourned.



Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
Board Secretary

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RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER



Executive Director Report February 2021

Administration

<i>Planning</i>	The Annual Strategic Planning Sessions will be held on April 23, 24 at Reston Association's Conference Center.
<i>Administration</i>	The Virginia Occupational Safety and Health/Department of Labor and Industry (VOSH/DOLI) pandemic public health protocols have been finalized. RCC benefits-earning (merit) staff have completed the related first round of trainings, and all staff must now complete outstanding training assignments (non-merit, part-time employees) and review the updated mask language in the final regulation.
<i>Communications</i>	The RCC website redesign Request for Proposal (RFP) document has been finalized and was emailed to existing County vendors and other vendors we know may be qualified to provide a proposal. The period for potential vendors to craft their proposals is March 1 to 22.
<i>Capital Projects</i>	The Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center Renovation Project is almost completed. A pump was replaced, and the final reviews of documentation requirements are nearly finished. We anticipate the project will officially close in March. The new floor project for the Wellness Studio has been completed. The RCC Lake Anne restroom project is still under review; we may take a different approach than we originally planned following a comprehensive review by the Fairfax County Facilities Management Department.

Programs

<i>Aquatics</i>	We continue to see robust utilization of the lane and warm water pool reservation systems. Learn-to-swim classes are seeing increasing enrollment numbers.
<i>Arts and Events</i>	We continue to program cautiously. In February we presented Regina Carter and Michael Twitty in the CenterStage to appreciative (albeit small) audiences. Arts Education classes continue to enroll participants. Planning for a safe Founder's Day lineup of both virtual and limited in-person activities is continuing. Summer offsite event planning is also proceeding, and we anticipate a robust schedule for June through August.
<i>Leisure and Learning</i>	Fitness continues to be a popular reservation option for patrons. We tried out the TEAMS platform for a small Lifelong Learning presentation in February. The AARP Tax Aide program is in full swing with significant interest and participation for all the available timeslots. Planning is continuing for the annual Bike to Work event and new Tour de Hunter Mill. Monday Fundays have achieved small but consistent participation of between five and seven attendees each week.

Executive Director Activity

Although in-person meetings have been suspended, I have attended ArtsFairfax and Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce board meetings. I made a presentation to the SLHS seniors during their Ethics Day Job Fair. Health, Housing and Human Services Leadership Team meetings are occurring monthly. There is a Senior Management Team meeting with the County Executive every month. I participated in discussions with Larry Butler (Reston Association) and FCPA's Anna Bentley regarding the Reston Master Plan revisions to the Park, Recreation and Cultural Amenities section. The Master Arts Plan Task Force work is moving swiftly toward engagement with County staff on the particulars of the Plan language for arts facilities.