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Frequently Asked Questions about a new Reston Community Center Indoor Recreation Facility at Baron Cameron Park

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The Board of Governors of Reston Community Center is exploring public interest in a partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority that would bring a new indoor recreation facility to Baron Cameron Park. It is important to note, as a foundation to the community's conversation, that how Baron Cameron Park serves Reston and Fairfax County is ultimately the jurisdiction of Fairfax County Park Authority and subject to its master planning process. The RCC Board seeks input from citizens, partners and other stakeholders and will use this input – along with data – to decide how to proceed with this opportunity.

The Board of Governors of Reston Community Center will not act on a major capital project to realize an indoor recreation facility for Reston without determining that:

- The community supports such an endeavor and has had the opportunity to participate in discussions of what an indoor recreation facility should provide and how it should operate.
- The market, demographic and financial contexts of Reston today and in the future are well understood and considered.

In order to fully explore this project, RCC is committed to collecting key data sets including information on the market, financials, real estate projections and public input.

1. How did this come about?

In late 2011, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors transferred ownership of 68 acres of land at Baron Cameron Park to the Fairfax County Park Authority. As part of their master planning process, the Park Authority is exploring opportunities to enhance the park. Reston Community Center is very interested in addressing the continuing unmet needs for indoor aquatics and fitness facilities by exploring the potential for partnership with the Park Authority at Baron Cameron Park to build a facility that would include aquatics and fitness options.

2. What would be in this facility?

Reston Community Center is seeking input from the community about the programmatic features a new indoor recreation facility should include.

3. How would a new facility be funded?

As considered conceptually, the land for the a new indoor facility (anticipated to be not more than approximately 5 of the 68 acres of the park) would be provided by the Park Authority and funding for the capital and operating costs would come from Small District 5 (Reston) taxes and user fees from RCC users. The SD 5 tax rate is 4.7 cents per hundred dollars of assessed property value. To understand the impact, as an example, a property assessed at \$500,000 of value pays \$235.00 annually to fund Reston Community Center facilities, programs and services. Both residential and commercial properties are taxed at this rate to support RCC. People often confuse the Reston Community Center with Reston Association; there is no relationship between this project and Reston Association or by extension to the Reston Association member dues.

If RCC pursues this project, it will require a special bond referendum question on Reston Small District 5 ballots alone to consider the funding needed. Any new RCC facility will operate as current RCC facilities operate and there will be special pricing, enrollment access and other privileges reserved for Reston patrons. Non-Reston patrons, including Fairfax County patrons, will pay significantly more to use the facility and/or enroll in its programs. Currently, non-Reston fees are double the Reston fees for RCC. Finally, the RCC Board of Governors will aggressively pursue any other funding strategies such as developer contributions (proffers) to reduce the cost to Reston taxpayers.

4. What are other key issues RCC is examining?

RCC is committed to providing the best solution possible to our existing and future unmet demand for indoor aquatics and fitness amenities. The tables illustrate the growth in participation (overall) in each category that we continue to try to absorb and support.

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Aquatics

	2010	2011	2012
Classes offered	767	729	746
Enrolled	3,539	3,538	3,619
Waitlisted	2,222	2,035	2,011
Drop-in aerobics visits	6,573	6,702	7,120
Single (lap or open swim) visits	38,570	42,154	42,720

RCC Aquatics Rental groups: Reston Masters Swim Team, South Lakes High School Swim Team, and Reston Swim Team Association.

Total Aquatics rental group participants: These three swim teams generate approximately 15,000 visits per year (based on data they provide). RCC can't support the entire rosters of any of these three organizations for the purposes of their practices and none of their meet needs.

Fitness

	2010	2011	2012
Classes offered	156	168	182
Enrolled	2,392	2,227	2,228
Waitlisted	306	176	119
Drop-in participants	1,464	2,609	3,861

Other RCC priorities are to serve Reston patrons, to be environmentally friendly, to pursue the highest design quality possible, and to be sensitive to our community's concerns and needs both in planning facilities and operating them.

5. How will this affect the existing RCC facilities and Baron Cameron Park amenities?

A new indoor recreation facility is not intended to replace the existing RCC facilities, but rather to add to and complement them. The Park Authority will use the existing approved Master Plan as a starting point in the planning process and will examine the potential for increasing field capacity, enhancing/improving non-field facilities like the playground, dog park, garden plots, and improving the area's service delivery to meet community needs. Input gathered from the community and users of RCC and Park Authority facilities is a critical aspect of planning for the future.

6. What other options outside of Baron Cameron Park have been explored by the RCC Board of Governors?

Since 2008, RCC has explored finding locations and/or opportunities to partner to realize more indoor facility space to address Reston's growing needs. The RCC Lake Anne facility has been expanded significantly to add fitness and wellbeing studios at that location. The other options pursued included partnering with Reston Association, expansion of RCC Hunters Woods, looking at Tall Oaks Village Center and seeking a relationship with Lifetime Fitness. Reston Association members have opposed conversion of existing RA assets to bubbled swimming. Owners of the Hunters Woods Plaza are uninterested in discussing the possibility of RCC expansion there and thus revisiting the existing parking arrangement. Challenges associated with land at Tall Oaks Village Center include its egress/ingress difficulties, lack of appropriate zoning, unavailability/no interest in selling, and costs related to all of these issues. Lifetime Fitness never responded to inquiries.

Other options identified include obtaining a land contribution from a Silver Line corridor developer or using land owned by Fairfax County in North Town Center. These options have been discussed but there is no current interest on the part of either a private or government landowner in these locations in partnering to realize a new indoor recreation facility. Having a private sector landowner give up tens of thousands of square feet and accommodate added building HVAC implications required of aquatics environments is a challenge where landowners are already being expected to accomplish substantial infrastructure improvements related to traffic and other development concerns. Fairfax County priorities in the North Town Center already being considered include new library, human services, shelter and workforce housing considerations along with the existing public safety and government offices facilities planned in that area.

Contact Information:

For additional information on Reston Community Center, please email: RCCContact@fairfaxcounty.gov

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Reston residents and businesses are invited to share thoughts at any time via email to RCCContact@fairfaxcounty.gov; please include name and address information with the email. Additionally, public comment time is provided to all who wish to attend RCC Board of Governors meetings. In addition to RCC Board Meetings, RCC is accommodating requests to attend other community meetings to discuss this proposal. Since presenting this opportunity to the public on February 11, opportunities for public input have been publicized and held on March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25, March 27, April 1, April 3, April 4, April 8, April 15 and May 6. A schedule of upcoming RCC meetings is included below.

Reston Community Center Board Meetings

All Board Meetings occur at RCC Hunters Woods (2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston, Va.)
The below schedule is subject to change. For updated meeting information, please visit
www.restoncommunitycenter.com

May 13 at 6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting (Public comments at conclusion of meeting; normal business usually requires a half hour.)
June 3 at 6:30 p.m.	Long Range Planning Committee Meeting: Brailsford & Dunlavey report (Public comments at conclusion.)
June 3 at 8:00 p.m.	Monthly Board Meeting (Public comments at 8:10 p.m.)
June 17 at 6:30 p.m.	Annual Public Hearing for Programs and Budget (Public comments at conclusion.)

Fairfax County Park Authority Meetings

The Fairfax County Park Authority began its master planning process for Baron Cameron Park on May 7.

To learn more about this process - including opportunities for public input - please visit
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/baroncameron.htm

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