



**Reston Community Center
Board of Governors Monthly Meeting
December 4, 2017
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	Beverly Cosham, Chair
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of November 6, 2017 Board Minutes (As Reviewed and Approved by the Board Secretary) • Approval of November 6, 2017 Board Actions (As Reviewed and Approved by the Board Secretary) • Approval of the November 4 Orientation (LRP) report (As Reviewed and approved by the Committee Chair) 	
8:05 – Chair’s Remarks	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:08 – Introduction of Visitors	
8:10 – Citizen Input	
8:15 – Committee Reports	Michelle Moyer, LRP Committee Chair
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 6 Long Range Planning Committee Report 	
8:30 – Approval of Committee Reports	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:32 – Board Member Input on Activities Attended	
8:40 – Executive Director’s Report	Leila Gordon, Executive Director
8:45 – Old Business	Beverly Cosham, Chair
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017-2018 Board Committee Assignments 	
8:50 – New Business	Beverly Cosham, Chair
9:00 – Adjournment	

Reminders:

Event	Date	Time
Annual Strategic Planning Session (New location: North County Government Center)	January 5,6	2-4 p.m., 10-2 p.m.



**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
November 6, 2017**

Present:

- Beverly Cosham, Chair
- Bill Bouie
- Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
- Michelle Moyer
- Bill Keefe
- Vicky Wingert
- Paul D. Thomas

Absent and Excused:

- Gerald Zavala

Attending from the RCC Staff:

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Karen Goff, Public Information Officer
- BeBe Nguyen, Communications Director

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

MOTION #1:

Approval of the Agenda

Bill Bouie moved that the agenda be approved as written. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #2:

Approval of the October 2, 2017 Board Minutes

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the October 2, 2017 Board minutes. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #3:

Approval of the October 2, 2017 Board Actions

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the October 2, 2017 Board Actions. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

Bev welcomed new RCC Public Information Officer Karen Goff. Bev said it has been a very trying and upsetting time lately, with the shooting in Texas yesterday. She said she played the John Lennon song *Imagine* in her class Monday morning. It was a really, really emotional rendition by Cynthia Erivo, who was in *The Color Purple*. She recorded it in tribute to those killed in the Pulse Club shooting.

She said that while most in the class were moved, one person said she didn't like the lyrics. Bev explained to her that these things (religion, country, etc.) are what divide us.

Introduction of Visitors

None

Citizen Input

None

Committee Reports

October 2 Finance Committee report

Vice Chair Bill Bouie reported the committee met on October 2 and an informal report was read into the minutes of the last Board meeting. He said the biggest thing to come from the meeting was our recommendation to the full Board that staff be authorized to send the FY19 budget submission to the county Department of Management and Budget on October 3.

November 6 Long Range Planning Committee.

Chair Michelle Moyer said that Keith Leonard and Jeff Nodorft gave a very thorough presentation on the pool project's progress to date, existing conditions and improvement options. She said the status was as expected, that the pool and deck need replacing. She was quite relieved to hear other support areas (locker rooms, guard office, etc.) were in good condition and the occupancy numbers meet code requirements with respect to the plumbing fixtures. We know there are questions on the soil and some other areas that will require further work as we get farther into the project.

Jeff presented some options which advanced the Hughes Group final concept plan. We learned about the depth of the new therapy pool. There was good community input and board questions. We will get to programming down the road. Keith did a good job explaining what comes next. As a committee, we chose Option 2 (with a 6-foot maximum depth in therapy pool).

MOTION #4:

Board Action to Select Option 2 for the Pool Design

Michelle moved to adopt Option 2 to push forward into the next design phase. Bill B. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Input on Activities Attended

Lisa went to the Arts Council of Fairfax County 2017 Awards luncheon and a Reston Historic Trust meeting. She is looking forward to some of RCC's upcoming events.

Vicky said one of the greatest things about being a grandmother is going to kids' stuff at Halloween. She went to RA's Nature Center Halloween trail and to Lake Anne to see the dogs in costume. She said that was much more fun than going to meetings; she thoroughly enjoyed October.

Bill B. attended a presentation last Saturday by Anthem to county Park Authority programs. Anthem gave \$15,000 to support SNAP benefits at the Lake Anne Farmers Market. He said Virginia First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe was at the Farmers Market at Lake Anne again on Saturday. The Park Authority held GLOW at Lake Fairfax Park. Bill said it was fantastic, and it was the first time the Park Authority tried it. Visitors walked or drove through a series of 5,000 carved pumpkins. The Park Authority sold 46,000 tickets at a price of \$22 for adults and \$16 for kids. Needless to say this will be part of the Park Authority's annual events calendar.

Bill B. also attended the grand opening of the new stream valley restoration. He presided over the kick-off of the Master Plan process for Lake Fairfax Park last Wednesday. There were about 80 people in attendance. Public comment is open through December 1. The plan is to update the Master Plan by the end of spring. Bill has been participating in the County's sports tourism task force, which is looking at a number of items. Reston is at the top of list for just about every amenity needed. Bill thinks development and implementation of the master plan for Baron Cameron Park is going to move more quickly than anticipated. There is a lot of excitement also building about the new facility that will be constructed in Reston Town Center North.

Paul has been involved in all things South Lakes High School marching band. He also went to the Patrick Dougherty art installation decommissioning. He said it was great seeing the breadth of folks there. The dance performance was terrific; he noted that Gerald Zavala was also there. Paul also attended Mucca Pazza and the Washington West Film Festival event featuring Clive Davis. Both were really good.

Michelle went to the Arts Council of Fairfax County's 2017 Awards. She said it was phenomenal to step back and appreciate the art endeavors being awarded. She went to the RCC Kids Flea Market and was impressed with the young entrepreneurs. She also went to the Reston Historic Trust's Home Tour, which was a lot of fun. Michelle served on the selection committee for RCC's new aquatics director and said it

was fascinating to see the whole process. She is really excited about Matt McCall coming on board in November.

Bill K. attended Mucca Pazza. He said it was fun, but he was surprised at the limited number of people there. He watched a lot of Red Sox games in October.

Bill P. saw The Reston Players' *Aida* and was reminded why he likes Elton John. He also went to the Reston Planning and Zoning Committee meeting (he serves on that committee) and reports Comstock now controls the entire corner of Wiehle Avenue at Reston Metro Plaza and will have one coherent development plan. He also went to NextStop Theatre in Herndon to see *Assassins*, which is by Stephen Sondheim, and it was terrific. He attended Saturday's RCC Board Orientation with Cathy Hudgins, along with the rest of the board.

Bev performed at her Meet the Artist concert – her granddaughter came to the show as well. She also attended the Reston Multicultural Festival debriefing to talk about things that worked and things that could be changed next year. Overall, the event was very successful, just in need of a little tweaking. Bev went to the Arts Council of Fairfax County awards. She took her granddaughter to the RCC Halloween kids party – Esme liked the puppet show very much. Monday was the last of Bev's series of eight classes for OLLI. There was a going away party in the afternoon for Gloria Sussman, who is 93 and finishing 18 years with OLLI. She is moving to Ashby Ponds, or as Bev calls it, Reston West. Bev went to Mucca Pazza and Saturday's orientation with Cathy. It was Bev's birthday on Halloween.

She also attended the GRACE Board Dinner last Friday. Board Chair Robert Goudie was very complimentary to RCC. GRACE has exciting news: The Virginia Commission on the Arts selected them as one of the "50 by 50" awardees. GRACE is getting new exhibit space in the Signature buildings - curator Lily Siegel showed those in attendance many upcoming plans, and the room was electric with excitement. Every other sentence thanked us for our support and Leila's name was mentioned a lot.

Old Business: 2017 Preference Poll Report

Gerald was absent, so Leila gave the report. She said we have really refined the process and everything worked the way we anticipated. She said RCC will have to reissue an RFP for a counting agent for 2019. She said we are going to have to scrub and rethink the commercial business list because our previous source will not be able to provide it in the future.

Leila said RCC has a very solid spreadsheet of existing businesses, but as development increases, more businesses will be coming in and we will need to do more outreach in that community. She predicts a little more involvement for next year's Preference Poll committee for how we can connect to the commercial layer of our community.

Bill P. asked if the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce has a system or a business list. Leila said she does not know if they do but she will reach out to them; it is important to reach out to businesses in this community, but there may be a different approach or structure we can use. The list keeps growing, but the return on the printing/postage cost is not where we want it to be. For the amount of paper and first class postage, Leila thinks we need to devise a savvier approach.

Bill K. asked if we could amend the Memorandum of Understanding so if three people are running unopposed, can we declare victory and not spend all this money? Leila said the short answer is you can always amend the MOU, but whether it is a good thing she does not know. The last time the issue was explored with the Office of the County Attorney, we were discouraged from doing so because elections occur regardless of whether or not there is competition.

Leila said we can view it as an opportunity to put before the community the whole governing structure of RCC. Whether people read it or pay attention is debatable. Maybe this is a vehicle to communicate more, or it may be an opportunity to send out the documentary some year to that list. She thinks it is worth having a conversation on how we do outreach to businesses in the community that generates a little more context and interest, and maybe in the discussion we might come up with other ideas. The poll itself is not prescribed in terms of its structure and content.

Leila added the last time we had a very contested election we had to use a pretty fine point font on the letter. Given that we have to get a new counting agent and we have this issue with the business list, we should meet a couple of times next year and really anticipate 2019 as an opportunity to do some mechanical changes that make sense.

Bill P. said the voting numbers are the same as in contested elections. It may be more expensive than we want, but it is not a bad thing. And there is some publicity and interaction value to it.

Leila said we should all look at it as a very positive endorsement of the center's direction and its leadership and this is an accessible body and the Board members are doing a great job.

Adjournment of the 2016-17 Board

Bev convened the new Board. She asked Bill B. and Vicky to report on the Nominations Committee recommendations for the new officers.

Bill B. said he and Vicky canvassed the board and the unanimous consent was to continue with the 2016-2017 officers as officers for 2017-2018:

- Beverly Cosham, Chair
- Michelle Moyer, Vice-Chair
- Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt, Secretary
- Gerald Zavala, Treasurer

MOTION #5:

Motion to approve the presented slate of officers for 2017-2018

Bill B. moved that the Board accept the proposed Officer slate. Bill P. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Chair's Remarks

Bev said the GRACE dinner was part of the reason why she is so happy to be on this board. Listening to Cathy's speech at the orientation session, or anywhere she speaks, you can count the many times she says "community." The most important thing we do at RCC is build community.

Reflecting on the GRACE dinner she attended, she described their efforts going into schools and doing so much with RCC as a partner. It is wonderful to be with people who do know RCC's role and value and share it with others who do not – it is wonderful to hear that our partnership is so appreciated. We always worry if are we reaching everybody. We are reaching people who can take the message to their audiences because we can't do it all. BeBe has mined every form of communication possible, but there are loads of people who are talking about us in very glowing tones around town above and beyond our own marketing. Our word is getting out. People know who we are and why we exist. Bev expressed that this is why she is so happy to be here.

Executive Director's Report

Leila told the board they heard where we are on the aquatics renovation. We are on time and that is exciting. She thinks the next phase of design work will conclude in December or January. RCC is continuing to work on the solar panels effort. There are some administrative challenges with the Albemarle County contract. We are discussing how we can move this forward as quickly as possible. The carpet has been replaced at both facilities. People love it. There is an issue with the transition edge of the tile area near the kitchen, which has too much of a bump for people with mobility issues. We are exploring a flatter transition element.

The hiring process for the aquatics director has been completed. The Washington West film Festival was last week, and RCC had its most involved relationship with Washington West this year. We screened *Nosferatu* here on Monday October 30. There were 48 people in attendance, and two of them were in costume.

Leila wanted to remind the Board that Tuesday night (November 7) RCC is screening the movie *13th* at 7:30 p.m. free of charge. The film will show and then Kevin Gannon, who is a talking head in the movie, will be here to lead a conversation with the audience. She encouraged everyone to come and bring others with them. The movie is about the prison industrial complex and what the through-line is from slavery. We are going to film the audience Q-and-A and some of that footage will be used in the pilot video project focusing on the question of whether Reston is still an open community.

Leisure and Learning in October had the Children's Fall Flea Market and a successful Halloween Family Fun Day, where more than 300 people attended. Learn to Bike, especially for kids, is going very well. We have a partnership with Comstock to use the parking lot of their building. Instructor Kelley Westenhoff got bikes and helmets contributed. The kids all left knowing how to ride a bike.

Lifelong Learning evening and weekend classes are continuing to generate participation. Social Security and Medicare class participants are really eager, so we are adding and expanding those. It was a great month for RCC Rides – we added some new volunteer drivers. RCC Rides gave 152 rides in October, the busiest month so far.

The Collaboration & Outreach program is doing very well. We are doing a lot of work with the Opportunity Neighborhood effort in Reston. LaTanja has been at several housing complexes that are a focal point for that effort. We partnered with the Southgate Community Center's Fall Fear Fest. It had more than 100 kids participating in that over the weekend. The event's admission was the donation of food for the South Lakes High School (SLHS) food pantry.

Leila gave a tour of RCC Hunters Woods to a group of French students who were here in Fairfax County. It was quite sweet - they were very taken with this community center. A consulting team is working with the Town of Herndon on their performing and visual arts center, part of a public-private partnership that Comstock is developing with the town. They came and toured the facility, and we had a long conversation about how RCC provides support for arts activities.

New Business

None

Reminders

Leila reminded everyone to go to the Public Art Reston party Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Aperture. The YMCA Gala is November 18. The Leadership Fairfax Luncheon is on November 9. Bev, Bill B., Lisa, Leila and BeBe will attend. The Reston Holiday parade will be on November 24. Four board members are attending, and Bev is grand marshal.

Bev reminded the board that the Reston Community Orchestra is performing on Saturday, November 11 at 4:00 p.m. The concert is *All American All the Way*: music by American composers in tribute to veterans.

Paul pointed out that SLHS is the in football playoffs against Yorktown Friday at 7 p.m.

MOTION #6

Motion to Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt,
Board Secretary

11-21-17

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BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 6, 2017

- 17-1106-1 Bd That the Board approve the Agenda**
- 17-1106-2 Bd That the Board approve the October 2, 2017 Board Minutes**
- 17-1106-3 Bd That the Board approve the October 2, 2017 Board Actions**
- 17-1106-4 Bd That the Board approve the Long Range Planning Committee's recommendation of pool design Option 2**
- 17-1106-5 Bd That the Board approve the officers for 2017-18**
- 17-1106-6 Bd That the meeting be adjourned**



Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt,
Board Secretary

11-21-17

Date



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RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER
BOARD OF GOVERNORS LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING
November 6, 2017**

Present:

- Beverly Cosham, Chair
- Bill Bouie
- Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
- Michelle Moyer
- Bill Keefe
- Vicky Wingert
- Paul D. Thomas

Absent and Excused:

- Gerald Zavala

Attending from the RCC Staff:

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Karen Goff, Public Information Officer
- BeBe Nguyen, Communications Director
- Paul Chapman, Assistant Technical Theatre Director
- Scott Sorenson, Aquatics Program Manager
- Brian Gannon, Facility Booking Manager

Attending from Project Team:

Keith Leonard, RRMM/Lukmire Architects
Jeff Nodorft, Counsilman Hunsaker (Aquatics Consultant)
Martha Sansaver, Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES), Project Manager
Ipek Aktuglu, DPWES, Fairfax County

Michelle Moyer called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Leila introduced Karen Goff, RCC's new public information director, as well as Paul Chapman, BeBe Nguyen and Scott Sorenson from RCC's staff. She introduced Keith Leonard of RRMM/Lukmire Architects and Jeff Nodorft of Counsilman Hunsaker, an aquatics design firm based in St. Louis. Keith and Jeff have been working on the aquatics existing conditions report and pool design options to be presented this evening.

Leila said RCC has hired a new aquatics director, Matt McCall from St. Louis, MO. Matt swam on South Lakes High School's swim team and has been an aquatics professional since he graduated from college. He begins his tenure with RCC the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Pool presentations

Keith Leonard introduced himself. He is from RRMM/Lukmire Architects, a local firm with offices in Arlington that has been doing work for 40 years. He also introduced Jeff Nodorft from Counsilman Hunsaker, who has designed hundreds of pools. Keith said they also have a team of engineers in place going forward.

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Keith presented the existing conditions report (included with this report). He went over the work done so far. In June of 2017, ECS, a geo-technical engineering firm, conducted a soil analysis. In July, an architect was selected and the soil analysis report was completed. In August, DPWES hired Martha Sansaver to be the project manager for the renovation. RRMM/Lukmire and their associated team members began the facility assessment. They used the previous Hughes Group Architects report and ECS soil conditions report as a starting point. He told the board and audience that tonight he will take them through the existing conditions report and the options they have developed.

Keith said the team reviewed existing drawings, toured the pool and mechanical systems areas, and reviewed reports, in addition to making their own measurements and drawings. He said the basic overall summary is that the pool deck, pool and associated systems need replacement. The other support areas are in pretty good condition. The locker rooms are in good condition. There is one ADA issue with the aquatics service desk.

He explained there are two lists at the end of the report. One is a “base bid” list of things that have to be done. The other list is a “nice to have” or “bid alternates” list. He said he is trying to maximize the RCC’s budget knowing RCC has to replace the pool, deck and mechanical systems; those are the areas reflected in the base bid list.

Key findings of the existing conditions report included:

The door to the family bathroom is not accessible and has to have more clearance. RCC will need a power door or other adaptation to satisfy the ADA requirements related to the doorway.

A detailed fixture analysis reviewed all the plumbing with respect to both the condition of it and the capacity to fulfill occupancy requirements for it. Keith said the short story is the number of occupants in the pool is controlled by the surface area of water, and the report found there are more than enough plumbing fixtures for occupancy capacities of the new pools. He said that is great because it means RCC will not have to tear apart the locker rooms.

The family restroom and locker rooms are all in good condition. The RRMM team examined the potential for adding a second family restroom, which would be added to the “nice to have” list. They are not recommending any changes to the men’s locker room.

The primary changes to the spa area will be to replace the filter and pump systems. They recommend addressing the lighting to enhance the area, perhaps putting different lighting behind the glass. There is the potential also of adding a lift to increase accessibility.

One of the technical issues is how the pool drains. Typically, you want to drain pool water into a sanitary system, Keith said, as that prevents chemicals in pool water from doing damage downstream if it were to be drained into the storm water system. The current pool discharges to a storm line, which is the perfect size. Going from the existing approach to a sanitary line for pool drainage would add significant cost and disruption to the project given where the existing sanitary line is located and its size (it’s too small in diameter to accommodate the flow that would come from draining the pools). Keith said the challenge will be resolved satisfactorily by adding a de-chlorination system and treating the water as it leaves the pool to remove all the chemicals prior to it entering the storm water drainage area. He said the relevant county departments have reviewed the proposed solution and provided conceptual approval of this approach so RCC can discharge to the storm system. That means the floor will not have to be dug up, which would be very expensive and create added time requirements in the project. He pointed out that doing so would not add any enhancement to the public experience desired after the renovation.

Regarding structural integrity, Keith said the soil underneath the pool is less than optimal. RCC has had helical piers installed in 2008 to support the deck because it was sagging in several areas creating ponding. They are working at this time. The soil analysis confirms that the soil under the existing structure ranges in quality and is not optimal. RCC will need to replace the soil with something and figure out an approach to assure structural integrity – it may be necessary to use a structural pile system to support the pool so when project is done the issue of settling will be prevented from reoccurring at some distant point in the future. Keith said the construction for the project will probably end up removing two to five feet of soil. It is not possible right now to know the precise approach that will be the most efficacious; we will know more when we dig deeper.

Keith explained the goal of avoiding having to add extra shoring to assure the structural integrity of the building foundation; the angles used in both pool options make added shoring unnecessary.

Keith showed a list of systems that need to be replaced, which includes HVAC and plumbing. The exhaust system is in good condition. He recommends acoustically treating the pool area, which will help resolve echo and noise issues.

Pool options

Jeff Nodorft said he looked at the information from the Hughes report. He said this has been a community effort to come to an agreement about desired outcomes while preserving the overall budget for the project. While the Hughes concept describes a 10-foot maximum pool depth, Jeff said he recommends less depth to address the structural shoring issue with respect to the building foundation. He explored the reasons for the 10-foot depth with staff and learned of RCC's desire to preserve the ability to offer lifeguard training as a program element. The American Red Cross (ARC) only requires a depth of seven feet minimum to offer those classes.

He noted that over the course of his near 20 years of experience, the trend for ARC requirements is to go deeper. He therefore recommends a maximum depth of eight feet, which will give RCC what it needs and will work if Red Cross changes its requirements.

Other pool plan specifics, for both Options 1 and 2:

- A 6-lane lap pool with depths of four to eight feet. It will be connected to a smaller channel pool with zero-depth entry.
- Jeff said it was critical to have a full ADA ramp entry in the pool which would still leave a good amount of deck space and the peninsula. They will then minimize the dimension between pools to seven feet. There will be a second therapy pool with warmer water and ramp entry with depths of three and a half to five feet or six feet. Either configuration will work well for programs.
- Total square footage is about 4,000 square feet for the lap pool and 1,808 for the therapy pool.
- The second pool option is really the same except for depth; in that option the therapy pool is six feet deep at its deepest point.
- Jeff said deep foundations already exist for the diving pool, and that the new design is really the same configuration as the concept plan in the Hughes Group report with slight modifications.

Board Questions and Discussion

Bill P. asked about deck space. Jeff said the design they propose has a little less deck space than the Hughes approach to maximize the therapy pool size.

Paul asked about Option 1 vs. 2: what is the capacity of the therapy pool for shallow water and deeper-water therapeutic uses. Jeff said the five-foot depth line is in the same position in Options 1 and 2, with the same amount of square footage in either plan. If you go beyond five feet deep, you have to have a safety rope. There will be a slope between five and six feet in Option 2.

Bill K. asked about the soil issue and said he is vague on whether we need additional piers. Keith said that will be addressed in the next phase. After the completion of the existing conditions report and when they find out what is wrong and how to fix it, they will move into schematic design. That is when the engineers and geo-technical engineers will run through scenarios (i.e., replacing piers) and will cost them out. Keith's team will evaluate on cost and constructability, and other factors. With the development of the schematic design, we will have those answers, have a design and then a cost estimate. It will take a couple months.

Bill K. wondered if the architect thinks that further investigation might reveal having to go back to the drawing board to re-do the whole pool project conceptually because this concept would be too expensive.

Leila said the concept the board chooses won't have an impact on whether more piers are needed in the final analysis or some other type of foundational structures. Bill said he was concerned the potential helical piers cost could affect the financial feasibility of the project. Keith said there will be a significant cost, and that he has worked with four different support types, usually because they are dealing with ground water in other projects. He noted that bad soil is not as tricky as dealing with ground water, and that the team will look at the most cost-effective solution. He is fairly optimistic that we will be within our resources with the proposed concepts.

Vicky asked about the deck space between pools and what Jeff's recommendation is regarding the minimum width needed. Jeff said seven feet is good; Fairfax County code requires five to six feet of width; a six foot width will allow people to pass in opposite directions.

Vicky also asked about the teaching area and whether it seems adequate for teaching small children. Jeff said teaching will happen in multiple areas based on age groups. Leila said classes are small for the youngest participants, and that Scott had recommended the therapy pool design that gives the most wall space for working with little ones. The steps in the therapy pool will also be wider than standard which will be useful during lessons.

Michelle asked about the warmer area just north of the lap lanes in the lap pool. She asked about how many people could fit there. Jeff said that area will be about 750 square feet.

Bill P. asked about the width of the beach entry teaching area. Jeff described the area as about 45 feet across and is approximately 16 feet wide at its widest.

Lisa commented that the design is significantly better than we have now.

Leila said the idea is to make the play features (in the teaching/warmer end) function to inject warm water in there. She said the barrier assures that warmer water won't have a significant impact on the lap pool temperature. She said the plan is to pump warm water into the "beach area" on Saturday and Sunday mornings during lesson times of maximum participation by babies and very young children.

Michelle asked about the bid alternative item list in the report, specifically the first item, which recommends "Replace the sanitary sewer structure at the south of the building. Requires

additional investigation.” She asked if that was addressed by the de-chlorination system. Keith said it is and that item should be crossed out.

Another question inquired about the bid alternate item related to the exit doors from the pool. Keith said the egress doors to the outside are going to have to be removed for construction and that bid alternate item recommends revising the existing egress doors to include more attractive features but also address security and access control issues. Keith said in order to get excavating equipment inside, the door opening will have to be widened to 10 feet. Leila added that there had been discussion on this with the design team. The staff position is that we have spent a lot of time teaching people not to use those doors; those are emergency exits and not our legal entry points. Any approach taken to restoring the doors will be done with that in mind.

Paul asked for some clarification on the depth of the main pool. He also asked about the de-chlorinating system and wanted to know if that was a new requirement and whether we were already doing that. Jeff said we don't want to put chlorinated water down the storm drain. Scott Sorenson added that RCC spends all day neutralizing the chemicals before they go down the storm water drain line, but it is not efficient. Jeff said a new system will alleviate the need to do that. Martha added that the County's storm water management guidelines have gotten very strict since 2014.

Bill P. asked whether the exact HVAC system recommendations would come at another meeting. Keith said yes they would.

Bill P. also asked whether anyone has figured out what is causing the pool to leak. Leila said we won't know for sure until we dig it all up. There is water leaking, she said, but we don't know how much or where it is going. She said water leaves the pool constantly and the gutters are not working properly.

Bill K. pointed out the pool options mean a loss of a lot of deck space and asked about the criticality of the wall between the spa and the larger deck area. Leila said the community engagement process said people preferred the wall and a more private experience in the spa. There are load-bearing aspects of the wall as well.

Bill K. also asked about observation areas and whether there will be swim meets here. Jeff said parents could watch from the beach entry end of the pool and there are no plans for swim meets. Leila said there will be a pretty healthy population of people in our overlook area as people don't like being on the deck if they don't have to be. She noted that our funds aren't unlimited and the immediate goals relate to the pool environments for swimmers as opposed to observers.

Citizen Input

Clark Rumrill, Reston Resident, said the teams have made a lot of progress. He said his primary worry is the cost. He said he is a tax-and-spend liberal, but he just wants to double check some things. He said he has a problem with the two-temperature system. The two temperatures are close – 81 degrees for lap swimmers and 86 degrees in the smaller pool. He said that will add costs as there will be double the number of lifeguards. He said his math shows about a \$1 million expense over 10 years. He said the five foot depth of the smaller pool is not enough for anyone over 5' 10" and that the American Society of Pool Standards recommends six and a half feet for a deep water pool. He also said the plans get rid of the diving board, which is very popular with minority kids in the summertime. He also said the slide is very popular with kids.

Lisa Groves, Reston Resident, introduced herself as the new South Lakes High School varsity swim coach. She is also an avid Reston Masters swimmer and has been involved with Reston

Swim Team Association. She said when she looks at the design she is thrilled that we are building a new pool that will work for all age levels. She said it is important to her to have good water, good air and appropriate swimming temperatures, but she realizes this isn't the forum to discuss all of these.

Lisa said she has concerns with the lap lane that has the cut-through to the teaching end. Jeff assured her that lane will be a full-width lap lane and that all lanes will be at the appropriate depth for starting blocks. Lisa said she is interested in the cleanest and best way of getting rid of chloramines and asked if the new system will work towards that. Leila said it would. Lisa said she thinks the plan looks excellent.

Gloria Michau, Reston resident, said she appreciates very much the work RCC staff and the design team has put into this. She agrees the refined design is an improvement over what we have seen before. She said she liked "Option 2" as she works out in the deep area and a lot of her friends hang out in the deep area. She said extra depth makes a difference. She asked if there is extra cost involved in extra depth. Jeff said it is not significant. She congratulates RCC staff and board for a job well done and making sure everyone had a voice.

C. Denver Lovett, Reston Resident, asked what RCC has done to make the pool design suitable for senior citizens. Leila said the report tonight just addresses the facility itself. She noted however that RCC serves all ages, and one of the main features that will help advance our capability to do so is the separation of the water. She said having two temperatures is expensive, but well worth the cost. She observed that the current water temperature satisfies no one. Separating the bodies of water will provide a much happier experience for older adults and very young people who want warm water. Many seniors who participated in community engagement sessions said they wanted deep, warmer water. Leila also said the zero-depth entry points in the new pools will be friendlier to anyone with a mobility challenge. She added that RCC will have a year to focus on how we can program this new water and maximize service to all ages.

Mike Foxworth, Reston Resident, asked for clarification on the entry into the pools. Is it ramps or steps? Jeff said the therapy pool ramp is smooth all the way to the bottom. Then there are two steps. There are no steps in the lap pool. Mike said that could be difficult for someone like him who has difficulty seeing steps and asked if there is some way to mediate that. Leila said the depth is sufficient so a person is floating by the time they reach the bottom and their feet will not be touching at that point.

Mike also commented about the social aspect of the program for people who go to water aerobics. He said there is a lot of moving around in the current classes and certain amount of movement from deeper to less-deep height difference in where people want to stand. He said his impression of the smaller pool is it will be quite shallow where the ramp ends, and he is fearful it will be so shallow that it will be inaccessible by someone more than 5' 5". He asked if RCC/Jeff would perhaps get current instructors to think about how they would conduct a class and deal with the more aggressive slope. Jeff said at the bottom of the ramp, depth will be three and a half feet to the first line. It will then go to four feet, then four and half to five (or six, in Option 2).

Mike said before we put money down, we need to think about implications for classes. Leila said we have had discussions on how to do new programming. Leila said this is twice as much water surface than what exists now. Yes, it is a different shape and will feel different, but there will be as much, if not more space, to conduct classes.

Clark Rumrill asked about how people would exit the pool. Jeff showed the various ways.

Gloria Michau asked about the current chair lift – will there be one in both pools? Jeff said there will not, as there will be ramps in both pools. Gloria said she has a friend with MS who needs the lift and will be devastated without a lift. She strongly encourages RCC to put in a lift, preferably in the warm pool, for people with limited mobility. She said that just a ramp is not going to cut it.

Michelle Moyer asked Scott Sorenson if we have wheelchairs that go in the water; is that a viable workaround? Scott said we do have an aquatic wheelchair. Gloria said her friend has had that in the past. It seems less wieldy for everyone to get her onto the lift and lower her in. She said her friend has had the chair before, and getting in the pool is easy; getting out is hard as it is like going uphill in water. The ramp will also have to be wide enough for a water wheelchair. She said she thinks a lift should be a strong component so people like her friend can have dignity and easy access to these fine facilities you have designed.

Gloria also asked how long the RCC pool will be closed. Leila said the plan is still to close in December of 2018 or January of 2019 and be closed nine months. Leila said RCC has had preliminary conversations with Reston Association and the Reston YMCA about how we can make arrangements for users to use other water space during that time. She said there is a whole lot of planning to do, to consider staffing and patrons, how to retain core staffing and how to restore staffing after construction. She is glad in one sense that the process is taking long as it is because there are a lot of jigsaw puzzle pieces to put together. She said RCC is looking at a variety of options. She said she knows this project will be a hardship, we don't do this without being cognizant about how many patrons this affects, and staff will do everything it can to minimize it the distress.

C. Denver Lovett asked for more information on soil and its variability's impact on cost and time. Keith said the reports and borings so far show that we sort of know we are going to be okay. He said cost and design estimates will come in the next phase, when structural and geo-technical engineers are involved. He said they will go through a number of cost options to find the best cost-effective solution. Denver asked if there were other variabilities. Keith said not really - there will be a cost for everything on base bid and bid alternate items, then the team will start making decisions.

Lynn McPherson, Reston Resident, asked why there was a bump/curve around the end of the therapy pool. Jeff said that was to provide excess room for an access point to the other pool. She also said there was talk about a seven foot depth rather than six feet. Leila said only the public talked about that depth. The six feet deep level is as deep as we can go without having to have a bigger pool to manage the transitions.

Mike Foxworth said he had concerns about lack of deck space. In the existing pool, there is a social area of the pool where patrons talk to one another while they wait for the next class. He said the new design seems to have very little room for chairs and places to put their stuff. Leila explained that there will still be deck furniture, and staff will take into consideration how people use the pool in terms of fixtures and amenities that surround the pool. We know there is a lot of stuff going on in this environment.

Mike also said he had concerns about patrons with mobility issues, and how to accommodate an electric wheelchair.

Tara McCarthy, Reston Resident, asked if a general contractor has been engaged. Keith said no, that an estimator is part of the design team that is separate from a general contractor bid. He said an estimator will give an estimate for each phase, and then RCC will bid it to a general contractor.

Committee Actions

Leila reminded the Long Range Planning Committee that they have to choose Option 1 or 2 to recommend to the full board.

She asked for a show of hands by the people attending in the meeting; hands showed all in favor of option 2.

Bill B. moved that the Long Range Planning Committee recommend the selection of Option 2 by the Board of Governors. Bill P. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



**RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT – BOARD ORIENTATION
NOVEMBER 4, 2017**

Present:

- Beverly Cosham, Chair
- Bill Bouie
- Michelle Moyer, committee Chair
- Bill Keefe
- Vicky Wingert
- Bill Penniman
- Gerald Zavala

Absent and Excused:

- Paul D. Thomas
- Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt

Attending from the RCC Staff:

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Barbara Wilmer, Executive Assistant

Guest

- Catherine M. Hudgins, Hunter Mill District Supervisor

Leila let the group know that Paul and Lisa are out of town and so will not be attending. Bev welcomed the group at 9:10 a.m.

Leila updated Cathy with current RCC strategic initiatives, beginning with the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center renovation. The project is on schedule; the support from the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) has been very good. RRMM/Lukmire's Existing Conditions Report will be discussed Monday night by the Long Range Planning committee and that body will choose which of two concepts for the therapy pool to recommend to the Board. The Board will meet immediately following the committee meeting and consider advancing the LRP committee's recommendation. RCC will ensure that Supervisor Hudgins is aware of upcoming permitting requirements; RCC would greatly appreciate her support in requesting associated fees be waived.

RCC's long-range facility priorities still include a second performing arts venue and RCC is hoping it is included in the North Reston Town Center development or other development as expeditiously as possible. Leila chairs the Master Arts Plan Task Force (MAP TF), which over the past several years has collected as much data as possible that will inform the overall county vision for future arts venues. A consultant has been selected through the county's Request for Proposals (RFP) process to perform a market study and needs analysis and the Board of Supervisors (BOS) will presumably accept that choice at their November 21 meeting. The results of the lengthy process bode well for a thorough undertaking, giving us confidence about where new venues may be most successful. The MAP TF expects the data gathering and analysis to take place from January to June of 2018.

The third area of high priority effort in our strategic initiatives revolves around new programs. RCC will hold a "studio pilot" next summer – Rebekah Wingert-Jabi will teach 12-16 teens about videography and documentary filmmaking. Their prompt will be "Is Reston still an open community?" RCC hopes this early exploration into digital media will lead to a new RCC cost center that combines curricula, production and outreach to the community. Refraction at Reston Town Center has indicated an interest in connecting with RCC in this effort.

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Our second program initiative is a full-on embrace of outreach for the purpose of establishing off-site programming. This will be one key to success with newcomers: reaching out to them and inviting them to participate in experiences provided by RCC. Leila thanked Supervisor Hudgins for her support of so much of RCC programming and mission-related undertakings like public art projects, community discussions of equity and diversity, and her positive advocacy for RCC in county processes.

Cathy spoke of how the scenery of Reston is changing on several levels. Our digital initiative reminds her of the constant question of how to describe Reston, how to help folks understand our unique community values. She hopes that Reston's challenge with our homeless population will be addressed by facilities at Reston Town Center North and that homelessness will itself become temporary. She described a solution to providing effective support that the San Francisco library provided, encouraging homeless patrons to come in, not get out, by building an extension to provide services there. The opportunity at the Reston Town Center North property should help us to look more broadly and intentionally at the county's needs: What do we need so that the whole community is served?

The Fairfax County pre-K program was endorsed – but it is a multi-use program, more like Head Start in that it is more a family program than a pre-K program. We are slowly understanding just how important it is to nurture children's capacities from the very beginning. We need to be certain we get the highest and best use from the coming development public/private undertakings feasible there. She is also concerned that people need more in-depth knowledge about how the Planned Residential Community zoning works in Reston. Economic cycles and market forces often play roles that are more powerful than we may wish in determining the life cycle of achieving our goals for development.

The Board further discussed development issues. The County Comprehensive Plan and Reston Master Plan are not as well understood as they could be. We should be doing a better job educating residents. Bill K. suggested resurrecting the Land Use College. Bill B. noted that our own circles of influence and tableside seminars can go a long way to informing people. Bill P. suggested the potential for taking longer to help address the community's concerns regarding infrastructure.

Bill P. also mentioned that there is the issue of preserving the original concepts of Reston in developments – that the village centers should be allowed to be village centers; that everyone needs neighbors who do not look alike; that diversity of pricing in different housing options should be preserved. He is concerned that Reston actually could lose diversity because of the development of exclusively high-priced housing. Vicky mentioned that visuals are important and that people need images of what may be the future outcomes. An example is the initiative for reinvestment at Lake Anne – people wanted it when they saw it, but then got discouraged by what it takes to get it done comprehensively. She also noted that people don't always want to embrace the entire Master Plan – just the parts that feel good from their perspective.

The potential lack of affordable housing, and the lack of support for it, is a great concern of Cathy's and the RCC Board. Discussion turned to how we can get information about the community's founding values more broadly circulated and appreciated. The "Story of Reston" film on DVD would be useful for real estate packages or some other dissemination approach – the RCC BOG will explore approaches so it would go straight to people and not necessarily through a real estate agent. Gerald described how his family was given a book about Reston when they arrived that conveyed that they were welcome and could learn about the community. Discussion also ensued about the general feelings of unrest and anxiety that are part of the way people experience civic engagement presently.

Leila offered RCC Hunters Woods as a facility for land use education should Cathy want to explore that. She pledged RCC's continuing support for partnering and collaborating with Reston's civic and non-profit organizations to improve community life. Our support for the Reston Chamber is significant. The community film, public art, Opportunity Neighborhood – the more we can bring the Reston mission to the front of people's minds the better, in particular in new settings. Cathy also remarked on how the One Fairfax initiative could help people feel better connected and served. She thanked RCC for all it does to knit the community together and support Reston values. Cathy left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Leila reminded everyone about the BOG LRP meeting Monday at 6:30. The decision to make is on which of two concepts to select for the design. The depths will likely be a point of interest; sticking to eight feet

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of depth in the lap pool avoids prohibitively expensive shoring to adequately preserve the building foundation. Following the meeting on Monday evening, the team will undertake actual designs. An artist has been hired to consult with the architect team to incorporate significant public art features in the project and to do so from the outset – this will assure the maximum results from that perspective at the most efficient cost.

Gerald will not be at the Monday meetings. Michelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Bill K. seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.



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Administration

Staff work continues to prepare for the Annual Strategic Planning session on January 5, 6. This year we will focus on our participation metrics and programming initiatives. Progress is continuing in the capital project arena with complete design deliverables on the Aquatics Project due to the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services by the Christmas holiday. The Department of Procurement and Materials Management continues to work with us on finding an avenue to achieve the solar panels project.

We are working feverishly to prepare for the departure due to Tom Ward's retirement. His will be very big shoes to fill. Given his departure date moved up roughly a month, we will be without a Deputy Director for a short period of time. His many duties and responsibilities will be distributed to his team directors. We will try to have a new deputy in place in early February.

John Scurto, one of RCC's long-serving maintenance team members, retired this past month.

Programs

Aquatics team members are immersed in getting to know their new director, Matt McCall. He has energetically and enthusiastically embraced his new role and everyone is pleased to have him with us. Patrons have been joining the welcome wagon as well which is lovely to see.

Arts and Events experienced a very busy month. A highlight was the accumulation and packing of roughly six tons of food and dry goods for the Thanksgiving Food Drive – that will feed about 800 families served by Cornerstones for two to three months. The Professional Touring Artist Series continues with strong audience appreciation; DakhaBrakha had an enthusiastic crowd in the CenterStage over the Thanksgiving weekend. In Arts Education, programming is outperforming our targets for participation.

Leisure and Learning units are core participants in Reston Opportunity Neighborhood. In addition to providing programming, Eileen Boone has been chairing one of the key working groups and has led compilation of a robust spreadsheet that details the many "out of school" options available in Reston. This tool will be used to begin connecting children served by RestON to those services. November is a very busy month for excursions – our trips and tours, meetups and casual social events are very popular. We held a Collaboration and Outreach "Creative Connections" program at Kendra Scott this past month that was very successful.

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November: Arts Fairfax meetings; Public Art Reston 10th Anniversary Party; Reston Opportunity Neighborhood meetings; Leadership Fairfax Leadership Awards luncheon; Fairfax-Reston YMCA Gala; Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce meetings/discussions.