



**Reston Community Center  
Board of Governors Monthly Meeting  
October 2, 2023  
8:00 p.m.  
Meeting Agenda**

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| 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"> <li>• Approval of September 11, 2023 Board Minutes (as reviewed and approved by the Board Secretary)</li> <li>• Approval of September 11, 2023 Board Actions (as reviewed and approved by the Board Secretary)</li> </ul> |                                  |
| 8:05 – Chair’s Remarks   | Beverly Cosham, Chair            |
| 8:08 – Introduction of Visitors  |                                  |
| 8:10 – Citizen Input   |                                  |
| 8:12 – Committee Reports   | Beverly Cosham, Chair            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 2, Finance Committee Meeting</li> </ul>   | Paul Thomas, Chair               |
| 8:13 – Board Member Input on Activities Attended   |                                  |
| 8:25 – Executive Director Report   | Leila Gordon, Executive Director |
| 8:30 – Old Business  | Beverly Cosham, Chair            |
| New Business   |                                  |
| 8:40 – Adjournment   |                                  |

**Reminders:**

<b>Events</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Darden and Friends (Reston Town Center)	Fridays until 10/13	5:30 – 6:45 p.m.
Meet the Artists: Maya Loncar	Thursday, October 5	2:15 – 3:30 p.m.
artRESTON Painters Exhibit Reception (RCC Lake Anne)	Sunday, October 8	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
PTAS: “We Feed People”	Monday, October 16	7:30 p.m.
PTAS: Nefesh Mountain	Wednesday, October 18	8:00 p.m.
Meet the Artists: Rob Catinella	Thursday, October 19	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Halloween Family Fun Day	Saturday, October 21	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Meet the Artists: DC Strings	Thursday, October 26	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.



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**SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
September 11, 2023  
8:00 p.m.**

**Present:**

- Beverly Cosham, Chair
- Bill Bouie
- Bill Penniman
- Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
- Paul Thomas
- Shane Ziegler

**Absent and Excused:**

- Bill Keefe
- Dick Stillson
- Vicky Wingert

**Attending from RCC Staff:**

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Ozun Dalaran, Public Information Officer
- Rebekah Wingert, Videographer

Bev welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

**MOTION #1:**

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**MOTION #2:**

**Approval of the July 24, 2023 Board Minutes**

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the July 24, 2023 Board Minutes. Bill P. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION #3**

**Approval of the July 24, 2023 Board Actions**

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the July 24, 2023 Board actions. Bill P. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Chair's Remarks**

Bev said that although the Board only skipped one month's regular meeting, it felt like a long time had elapsed since being together. She was listening to a story on NPR about people displaced due to floods and not knowing what to do with their animals. It breaks her heart to hear such stories.

Then she shared a quote from Pope Francis:

"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you."

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No citizen input was provided.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **July 24 Preference Poll Committee**

Bill B. updated the Board. The agenda was to go over the candidate handbook. Since there were no recommendations to change the process, the handbook was approved with minimal changes to frequently asked questions and budget sections. In response to a question, it was noted the Candidate Forum would still occur. Paul thanked him for running the meeting in his absence.

#### **September 5 Preference Poll Committee Candidates Forum**

Bill B. shared that the Candidates Forum was attended by guests and staff. They went through candidate statements and then candidates answered the questions from the moderator. There was one question from the audience. The recording can be watched on RCC's Facebook page.

#### **MOTION #4**

##### **Approval of the committee reports**

Bill B. moved to approve the committee reports. Bill P. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Board Member Input on Activities Attended**

Bill P. shared that he attended one of the "Sunday Art in the Park with Shenandoah Conservatory" concerts. It was a well-attended father and son saxophone and piano duet performance. He participated in the Preference Poll Candidates Forum. He also attended the last activities for the Reston Master Plan process that concluded the updates to that planning document.

Lisa said she was away for most of the month, but she attended the Candidates Forum. She also attended the Lake Anne Cardboard Boat Regatta and noted RCC's support and presence. She also attended a One Fairfax focus group meeting. She explained what RCC has been doing to advance equity and found it interesting to hear from other boards, authorities and commissions.

Bill B. said he attended the Candidates Forum and Preference Poll Committee Meeting. The outdoor performances he originally planned to attend were unfortunately canceled due to weather.

Paul led the candidate orientation session on August 15. He attended the Lake Anne Cardboard Boat Regatta and said he greatly enjoyed the event. He assisted family members with their moves and had to cancel his attendance at the Candidates Forum due to last-minute family health issues.

Shane said he attended summer concerts as much as he could when they were not canceled due to weather. He moved closer to the Wiehle Ave. metro station so he can attend more events taking place on that plaza. He also attended the Preference Poll Committee meeting. Reston Forward had their summer meeting with around 60 attendees and new people who want to get involved. Bill P. asked how people are engaging with Reston Forward. Shane explained by saying they hold networking events, gather feedback from the community, and support community events and activities.

Bev mentioned that her family attended the Silent Dance Party and lots of fun despite the rain that night. The event was well-attended.

### **Executive Director Report**

Leila presented her report for the summer. She pointed out the increased fee waiver use for the summer camps which is evidence of our increased outreach in RestON sites. Total utilization of summer camp spaces as compared to capacity increased in 2023.

Other highlights included that the new website's "Community Events Calendar" feature is up and running, and more groups are participating in providing event information for that page; and that several positions were filled during summer.

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The Energy Utilization Improvement project is moving along with discussions around whether to have publicly available charging stations. The County sentiment is to have a station available to public, and to install a separate meter to measure usage.

Paul asked for clarification on this, and Leila explained that the County doesn't see this as a revenue source, but as an encouragement to use electric vehicles and reduce the County's carbon footprint. Leila said a separate meter would help to see the costs involved. This is still being discussed and details of the project will be brought to the Board for their input.

Bill P. asked if the fee waiver numbers were for adults or kids. The amount in Leila's report is solely for summer camp users.

Leila discussed the recent Virginia Supreme Court decision, *Gloss v. Wheeler*, and how it impacts RCC along with all the Boards, Authorities and Commissions (BACs) and legal bodies in the state. RCC has been following the requirements for meeting notices, announcements and posting. The decision made disclosure and follow-on meeting minutes requirements of any gathering of more than two members of a public body if that body's public business gets discussed or might be discussed at a future meeting.

Members further talked about how this could impact RCC since we present numerous events that board members attend. Leila shared the guidance from the Clerk's office and highlighted that dispersing themselves and politely avoiding any interactions with the public in groups are best practices. She will send members a guidance document about the issue.

Leila reminded members to attend September events that are listed on the agenda and to keep the strategies just discussed in mind at them.

Brian Gannon's promotion to the RCC Accreditation Specialist position was congratulated.

Bev also noted that the Reggae Festival at Lake Anne was a success and enjoyed by a big crowd despite the rain. She further thanked viewers of the Board meetings via the RCC YouTube channel.

### **Old Business**

No reoccurring or continuing business was reported.

### **New Business**

None recorded.

Bev adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.



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Lise Sechrest-Ehrhardt  
Board Secretary

September 18, 2023

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Date

**BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON September 11, 2023**

- 23-0911-1 Bd That the Board approve the Agenda.**
- 23-0911-2 Bd That the Board approve the July 24, 2023 Board Minutes.**
- 23-0911-3 Bd That the Board approve the July 24, 2023 Board Actions.**
- 23-0911-4 Bd That the Board approve the committee reports.**



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Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt  
Board Secretary

September 18, 2023

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Date



# RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER



**SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
PREFERENCE POLL COMMITTEE MEETING  
July 24, 2023  
7:00 p.m.**

**Present:**

- Bill Bouie, Vice-Chair
- Dick Stillson
- Shane Ziegler
- Bev Cosham

**Absent and Excused:**

- Paul Thomas, Chair
- Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt

**Attending from RCC Staff:**

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- BeBe Nguyen, Deputy Director
- Ozun Dalaran, Public Information Officer

Bill B. called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Leila said the purpose of the meeting was to review the 2023 Preference Poll Candidate Handbook. There were no recommendations to change the process after last year's elections, and the handbook is provided with minimal changes for dates and other facts accordingly. She also added that the final report from last year's Preference Poll indicated we'd forego a Candidate Forum if all the candidates are incumbents which represented the only substantive change to prior years.

The Candidate Handbook was reviewed. Leila pointed out that we typically update the annual budget part of the FAQs, and this information comes from the FY23 carryover memorandum.

Dick asked if the forum will be broadcast again. Leila clarified that it will be live on our Facebook page and posted on our website. Bill requested from members if any edits were needed.

Dick moved that the committee accept the 2023 Preference Poll Candidate Handbook as presented. Shane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



# RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER



**SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
PREFERENCE POLL COMMITTEE – CANDIDATES FORUM  
September 5, 2023  
6:30 p.m.**

**Present:**

- Bill Bouie, Vice-Chair
- Paul Berry, Candidate
- Bill Penniman, Candidate
- Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
- Vicky Wingert, Candidate

**Absent and Excused:**

- Paul Thomas, Chair
- Bev Cosham
- Dick Stillson
- Shane Ziegler

**Attending from RCC Staff:**

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- BeBe Nguyen, Deputy Director
- Ozun Dalaran, Public Information Officer
- Paul Douglas Michnewicz, Arts and Culture Director
- Mark Anduss, Theatre Technical Director
- Laura Moody, Assistant Technical Director
- Matt Nogay, Assistant Technical Director
- William Parker, Box Office Manager
- Dave Stinnett, Facility Attendant

Bill B. welcomed the audience at 6:31 p.m. He greeted the candidates and the audience attending in person or via Facebook Live. He explained RCC's Board of Governors structure, how it provides oversight of RCC finances and budget proposals and advises on policy and programming.

Then he continued by sharing information about the Preference Poll process and reminded everyone of the voting dates. This year voting will begin on September 8. Voting will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 28 at 5:00 p.m. for mailed ballots and at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29, for electronic or dropped-off ballots. He encouraged everyone living in Reston to participate in the Preference Poll.

Each of the candidates shared their statements. After that they responded to questions asked by the moderator: Questions pertained to what candidates perceived to be the community's recreational and cultural challenges and priorities as well as how RCC could meet them.

A question from the audience asked how the candidates were planning to maintain and support the Board's inclusivity, diversity and equity-related efforts. The candidates explained their views.

The forum adjourned at 7:08 p.m.