

# Reston Community Center Board of Governors Monthly Meeting May 5, 2025 8:00 p.m. Meeting Agenda

8:00 – Call to Order	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:02 – Approval of Agenda	Beverly Cosham, Chair
<ul> <li>8:03 – Approval of Minutes and Board Actions</li> <li>Approval of April 7, 2025 Board Minutes (as reviewed and approved by the Secretary)</li> <li>Approval of April 7, 2025 Board Actions (as reviewed and approved by the Secretary)</li> </ul>	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:05 – Chair's Remarks	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:08 – Introduction of Visitors	
8:10 – Citizen Input	
8:12 – Committee Reports	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:20 – Board Member Input on Activities Attended	
8:25 – Executive Director's Report	Brianne Baglini, Deputy Director
8:30 – Old Business New Business	Beverly Cosham, Chair

8:40 - Adjournment

# **Reminders:**

Events	Date	Time
RCP: "The Producers"	May 9	8:00 p.m.
Herndon-Reston FISH Fling Gala & Fundraiser	May 10	6:00 p.m.
Reston Water Safety Day	May 10	12:00 p.m.
The Reston Chorale: "Country Roads"	May 10	4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Leadership Fairfax BoS Breakfast	May 16	7:30 a.m.
Festival Ballet Virginia: "Dance Arts Collide"	May 16	7:30 p.m.
Tephra ICA Arts Festival	May 17, 18	11:00 a.m.
Ravel Dance Company: "Coppélia" and "Life is a Canvas"	May 24, 25	2:00 p.m.
Reston Pride: Rise Up	May 31	6:00 p.m.
	June 1	11 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



**RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER** 



## SUMMARY OF MINUTES RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING April 7, 2025 8:00 p.m.

# Present:

- Beverly Cosham, Chair
- Bill Bouie
- Bill Penniman
- Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt

- Paul Thomas
- Vicky Wingert
- Shane Ziegler
- Paul Berry

# Absent and Excused:

Malka Wickramatilake

# Attending from RCC Staff:

- BeBe Nguyen, Executive Director
- Brianne Baglini, Deputy Director
- Ricki Marion, Special Projects
- Rebekah Wingert, Videographer

Bev called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

# MOTION #1: Approval of the Agenda

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

# MOTION #2: Approval of the March 3, 2025 Minutes

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the March 3, 2025 Board Minutes. Paul T. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

# MOTION #3:

# Approval of the March 3, 2025 Board Actions

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the March 3, 2025 Board Actions. Paul T. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Chair's Remarks

Bev had just come from "Show What You Know" program at Forest Edge ES. She was very impressed with the quality of what the kids were presenting. Bev gave a few examples of the interests of the children (i.e. hockey, Taylor Swift, Disney Parks, etc.)

Bev read a poem by Elizabeth Bishop.

# I Am in Need of Music

I am in need of music that would flow Over my fretful, feeling fingertips, Over my bitter-tainted, trembling lips, With melody, deep, clear, and liquid-slow. Oh, for the healing swaying, old and low, Of some song sung to rest the tired dead, A song to fall like water on my head, And over quivering limbs, dream flushed to glow!

There is a magic made by melody: A spell of rest, and quiet breath, and cool Heart, that sinks through fading colors deep To the subaqueous stillness of the sea, And floats forever in a moon-green pool, Held in the arms of rhythm and of sleep.

Visitors No visitors.

# Citizen's Input

There were no citizens in attendance. Bill and Paul both asked if the name should be changed to "resident." The group agreed.

# **Committee Reports**

# March 10, 2025 Community Relations/Program Policy Joint Committee

Lisa shared that UVA visitors provided survey information, programs were reviewed, and BeBe gave a security update. Fairfax County police will have a greater presence on the plaza. Lisa shared the three key program areas that the survey results showed as areas of opportunity: fitness/wellness, lifelong learning, and afterschool programs. Fee waiver program is expanded for federal employees who have been impacted by the federal layoffs. RCC On Wheels is launching and will make RCC programs more accessible. RCC on Wheels made a presence on the Lake Anne Plaza at Celebrate Reston this last Saturday. The board and staff also heard from the community and one patron suggested an aqua-yoga program.

## **MOTION #4**

### Approval of the committee report

Bill B. moved to approve the March 10, 2025 committee report. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Shane attended the Cornerstones Gala.

Bill P. welcomed a new grandchild, which is why he missed the last meeting. Bill is very focused on Planning and Zoning work, attended the "Hands Off" Rally Downtown, Celebrate Reston, Langston Hughes meeting regarding special exceptions proposal.

Paul T. attended Celebrate Reston, Cornerstones Gala, and Human Services Council meetings. Paul is very focused on the budgets and offered to provide any details. Paul saw the South Lakes HS boys win their basketball championship game.

Bill B. is also focused on FCPA budgets. Bill attended the Cornerstones Gala and the Annual Opening Day Parade for Reston Herndon Little League parade at Reston Town Center.

# April 7, 2025 Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

Lisa attended the March 10 Community Relations/Program Policy Joint Committee meeting and the Cathy Hudgins Community Center at Southgate meeting. She attended the "Hands Off" protest in downtown over the weekend. Lisa was disappointed to miss Bev's concert but was on "grandparent duty."

Vicky attended the semi-finals of the South Lakes HS basketball championship game, the Cornerstones Gala and the March 10 Community Relations/Program Policy Joint Committee meeting.

Paul B. was at the March 10 Community Relations/Program Policy Joint Committee meeting, the Cornerstones Gala, the Underwater Egg Hunt at the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center and Celebrate Reston.

Bev attended the CenterStage performances of Lúnasa. Alash, Yumi Kurosawa Trio, Hot Peas 'n Butter and Jeremy Dutcher. She also attended the RCC Volunteer Appreciation dinner, the March 10 Community Relations/Program Policy Joint Committee meeting, Celebrate Reston, the Cornerstones Gala and rehearsed for her concert "Mosaic Harmony."

Bill B. mentioned the passing of Marcia and Betsy Keefe.

# **Executive Director's Report**

# Facilities

- RCC implemented the Manager-on-Duty system.
- \$4,000 has been awarded to the federal employee fee waiver
- The Leila Gordon Theatre marquee will be unveiled at the CAPRA reaccreditation reception on 4/30.
- RCC completed the landscaping project.

# Equity

- Diva Central, RCC's annual prom dress giveaway, had the highest # of participants ever. 105 teens were at the door at the Diva Central opening, and more than 200 dresses were given away.
- The Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center is implementing a disposable and biodegradable towel program for our unhoused community members using the shower program.
- AARP Tax-Aide is in the final push before April 15 and is serving last-minute filers.
- Community Coffee continues to grow with monthly themes, attracting a wider range of community members beyond our fellowship house patrons. In March, the theme was "Pie Day" and staff served pies to patrons.
- An inaugural Hunters Woods Community Clean-up on Saturday, April 15 to coincide with RCC's Green Reston event in honor of Earth Day. Christ the Servant Lutheran Church and the homeowners' associations around Hunters Woods Plaza are leading this effort.
- BeBe is working with Cornerstones to implement the Opportunity Neighborhood membership card program.

# **Programs and Services**

- Aquatics staff has added an additional 190 spots in Learn-to-Swim program in March and the majority of spots has been filled.
- We have doubled lifeguard classes in March and are full. RCC has been the premier place to certify lifeguards in the region.
- Aqua Yoga was suggested by a community member at the March 10 Community Relations/Program Policy Joint Committee meeting has been implemented and classes begin later this month. BeBe was extremely pleased with how responsive the Aquatics team has been in responding to community feedback.
- \$65,000 fee-waiver has been utilized so far for summer programs.
- The Youth Art Month exhibits and receptions saw over 800 attendees.

# Communications

- The new Avaya phone system is in phase 1 of transitioning to Cisco.
- A new tracking tool to track interpretation and translation requests has been implemented.
- RCC is participating in the County's 311 service to automate call routing.
- Patrons satisfaction surveys are now automated, resulting in a significant increase in response rates.
- RCC has been notified that they have won the prestigious NAGC Blue Pencil and Gold Screen Award.

# Stewardship and accreditation

- The Reaccreditation Reception invite will be going out soon.
- RCC's department heads have submitted their FY27 Budget requests. They will be submitted to DMB once reviewed and approved.
- Succession and workforce planning is another major focus. Cheri Danaher is planning to retire at the end of the year.
- BeBe has attended a lot of public safety meetings following the March incident.
- Afterschool programs seem to be an area of need. RCC is exploring ways to help bridge the gap for summer schools for Title 1 schools.
- BeBe and Brianne had a successful leadership kick-off meeting with the RCC staff team.

BeBe attended the Cornerstones Gala to honor Leila and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce. She also attended the newly renovated Washington Dulles Marriott open house.

# Old Business

There was no old business

### New Business

RCC is being recognized as a "Starfish." This is an award that will be presented at the FISH Fling Gala on May 10, at the Crown Plaza Dulles Hotel. She reminded the Board of the Leadership Fairfax Board of Supervisors Breakfast.

Bev adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

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Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt Board Secretary

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# BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON APRIL 7, 2025

- 25-0407 -1 Bd That the Board approve the Agenda.
- 25-0407-2 Bd That the Board approve the March 3, 2025 Board Minutes.
- 25-0407-3 Bd That the Board approve the March 3, 2025 Board Actions.
- **25-0407-4** Bd That the Board approve the March committee report.

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Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt Board Secretary

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**RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER** 

## RCC Board of Governors Community Relations and Program/Policy Meeting Joint Committee Meeting Monday, March 10, 2025 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

# **Present**

- Bev Cosham
- Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
- Bill Bouie
- Paul Thomas
- Vicky Wingert
- Paul Berry

# Absent and Excused:

- Malka Wickramatilake
- Shane Ziegler
- Bill Penniman

# <u>Guests</u>

Supervisor Alcorn See Sign-In List

# Attending from RCC Staff:

- BeBe Nguyen
- Ricki Marion
- Maggie Parker
- Matt McCall
- PD Michnewicz
- Brianne Baglini
- Renata Wojcicki
- Pam Leary
- Kevin Danaher
- Lorna Campbell Clarke
- Nick Burt
- Kathryn Kovacs
- Brian Gannon

Bev called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and directed everyone's attention to the report.

Bev welcomed Paul Berry. Paul welcomed everyone and introduced Lisa. UVA Survey results were shared at the last community relations meeting, this month we are going over programs and opportunities. Lisa introduced BeBe Nguyen.

BeBe welcomed everyone and introduced Supervisor Alcorn and the RCC Management Staff team, and recognized new deputy director Brianne Baglini.

BeBe said she wanted to address the safety concerns first, given the incident on Tuesday, March 4, and then would move through the rest of the agenda.

#### Safety Concerns

BeBe asked if the guests in attendance had received the notification about the public safety incident and most people in attendance raised their hands in affirmation.

BeBe shared that many meetings had taken place regarding the safety issues and steps are being taken to address concerns:

- Police have increased their patrols of the Hunters Woods Plaza and will be holding a meeting on March 25 at the Reston District Station.
- Additional efforts include making the Crime Dashboard accessible, becoming an NCS Diversion and Outreach Mobile unit intake site, Cornerstones is making daily visits, and Edens has been asked to provide additional support in terms of lighting and security.
- Further, RCC is expanding security presence hours with an armed security guard, is consistently applying house rules, and will be implementing a manager on duty system.

An attendee asked how the House Rules are being shared, and BeBe shared they are in an acrylic stand in the lobby. House Rules were communicated 2 weeks prior to implementation on February 18. Formal signage is being developed and will be installed along with our code of conduct.

### Areas of Program Exploration

The community survey results identified the greatest interest in fitness and lifelong learning.

### **Fitness and Wellness**

RCC is looking to pilot an earlier morning offering at Lake Anne. Ideas that required a lot of equipment and space are out of the scope of what RCC can provide (i.e. Pickle Ball, and gyms).

#### Lifelong Learning

Trips have been popular and RCC is looking to expand the opportunities to accommodate more community members.

RCC is working to grow attendance at existing classes.

RCC has some challenges in offering Dogwood Afterschool program and won't know until May is summer school will be happening. RCC may use RCC on Wheels as an alternative offering.

#### **RCC on Wheels**

This initiative makes RCC programs more accessible. RCC is in the program development and concept phase, as well as addressing logistical issues.

RCC on Wheels will be at Celebrate Reston on April 5 at Lake Anne Plaza and at Play All Day – VA on June 20 at various locations around Reston.

# **Barriers to Participation**

The main issues are time and having the information. RCC is prioritizing quality over quantity in terms of communications, working to maintain an accurate patron's email database, and focusing on diverse communications channels (interactive messaging, RCC on Wheels, billboards and bus shelters, program information at Reston Hospital, myRCC automation, and a refined segmentation strategy.)

RCC remains committed to accessibility and inclusivity and works to ensure those with disabilities and those who speak other languages can participate. RCC is also looking to expand the RCC Rides program to remove transportation barriers for participants who are participating in RCC programs.

# Fee Waiver

RCC will be expanding the fee waiver program to accommodate Federal workers who have had their positions eliminated. The fee waiver will provide \$400 worth of fees waived per household member.

RCC staff will be meeting to socialize this fee waiver program.

### Community Input

Shamla, first-time attendee, spoke about her involvement at RCC (attend classes and host events). Shamla is a yoga instructor at YMCA and offers aqua yoga. She proposed this as a possible new activity for RCC.

There were no further questions or comments. BeBe thanked everyone for attending. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.