



**Reston Community Center
Board of Governors Monthly Meeting
April 5, 2021
8:00 p.m.
Meeting Agenda**

8:00 – Call to Order	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:02 – Approval of Agenda	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:03 – Approval of Minutes and Board Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of March 1, 2021 Board Minutes (as reviewed and approved by the Board Secretary) • Approval of March 1, 2021 Board Actions (as reviewed and approved by the Board Secretary) 	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:05 – Chair’s Remarks	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:08 – Introduction of Visitors	
8:10 – Citizen Input	
8:12 – Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:13 – Board Member Input on Activities Attended	
8:25 – Executive Director Report	Leila Gordon, Executive Director
8:30 – Old Business New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board engagement with One Fairfax 	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:40 – Adjournment	

Reminders:

Event	Date	Time
PTAS: Carl Tanner	April 7	8:00 p.m.
Founder’s Day (online)	April 10	12:00 p.m.
Equity Matters: <i>Just Mercy</i>	April 11	3:00 p.m.
MTA: Beverly Cosham	April 15	2:15 p.m.
Strategic Planning Meeting (at RA HQ)	April 23	2 p.m.– 4 p.m.
Strategic Planning Meeting (at RA HQ)	April 24	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
March 1, 2021
8:00 p.m.**

Present:

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

Absent and Excused:

- Laurie Dodd
- Bill Keefe
- Vicky Wingert

Attending from RCC Staff:

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

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

MOTION #1:

Approval of the Agenda

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

MOTION #2:

Approval of the February 8, 2021 Board Minutes

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the February 8, 2021 Board Minutes. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #3:

Approval of the February 8, 2021 Board Actions

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the February 8, 2021 Board Actions. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

Bev said she is happy that Leila has had her second shot. Bev is scheduled for her second shot on Friday. She hopes everyone who is eligible is getting the vaccine, and they should still wear masks, wash their hands and social distance.

Bev read a poem:

The Dreamer
Paul Laurence Dunbar

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Temples he built and palaces of air,
And, with the artist's parent-pride aglow,
His fancy saw his vague ideals grow
Into creations marvelously fair;
He set his foot upon Fame's nether stair.
But ah, his dream, — it had entranced him so
He could not move. He could no farther go;
But paused in joy that he was even there!
He did not wake until one day there gleamed
Thro' his dark consciousness a light that racked
His being till he rose, alert to act.
But lo! what he had dreamed, the while he dreamed,
Another, wedding action unto thought,
Into the living, pulsing world had brought.

Introduction of Visitors

None

Citizen Input

None

Committee Reports

None

Board Member Input on Activities Attended

Bill P. has gotten the COVID-19 vaccine. He has seen his grandchildren and attended task force meetings.

Dick has been attending interesting Wilson Center webinars on the foundations of the Cold War. On Wednesday, it will be two weeks since he and his wife received their second shot, and he is excited to go to a restaurant.

Lisa has been following COVID-19 safety protocols. She participated in the Equity Matters panel at RCC on Sunday. It is sometimes hard to talk about racial equity. There is still much work to be done.

Paul has attended South Lakes High School PTSA meetings. They welcomed teachers back to the building; now students are back. There are about 600 to 700 students at school per day at any one time. Paul attended Human Services Council meetings that discussed the FY22 budget proposal. Paul noted that the Board of Supervisors may lower the real estate tax by 1 cent per \$100 of property value. That's still a net tax increase as assessed value has gone up while in many cases people's incomes have not. There are a lot of community needs (public health, education, housing) that still need to be addressed. Sunday's equity panel discussion was enjoyable, but not a light topic. Paul said he rarely rewatches movies, but he would rewatch *The Last Black Man in San Francisco*.

Bill B. has been to lots of meetings. He is involved in two director searches, one for the Park Authority and one for Public Art Reston. The Equity Matters discussion was interesting. There are signs like voter suppression laws moving to passage that indicate we are still living in Jim Crow America. The Chairman's Task Force on Equity Report has been delivered to the Board of Supervisors. Bill has had his vaccine shots.

Bev took part in the Equity Matters discussion Sunday. She also participated in a "Me and White Supremacy" discussion series at her church. There were only two Black people involved, and it was interesting to see people come to realizations about their own White privilege. She applauds the church community for engaging with the material and subject.

Executive Director's Report

Leila said we are just about two weeks and two days from when we closed a year ago due to COVID-19. The new Strategic Planning Meeting dates are April 23 and 24. The RFP for RCC's website redesign went out on March 1 and will close on March 22, then there will be a selection process and the redesign process. The last aquatics pump is being replaced. That is nearly the final item on the punchlist. Leila

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thanks the AARP Tax-Aide volunteers. We are one of only a few places in the area that have figured out how to offer the program safely. That has brought a lot of people into RCC for the first time.

Dick asked about summer camps: has the County changed restrictions on gatherings? Bill B. said the governor's rules on gatherings have changed, so that is being applied to the Park Authority offerings. Bill said he is hoping things will be semi-normal by July. Leila said we will adjust capacities as that becomes feasible. Enrollment is ongoing; if capacity limits change, we will increase capacity. RCC is limited by our square footage and how many kids can be on a bus for our travel camps.

Old Business

None

New Business

Paul said the date of the *Dark Girls* movie and panel on the meeting agenda is different than the one in a reminder Leila sent. Karen G. said the one on the agenda is incorrect and will be changed. The event is March 20.

MOTION #4

To adjourn the meeting

Bill B. moved to adjourn. Bill P. seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
Board Secretary

3-3-21

Date

BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON MARCH 1, 2021

- 21-0301 -1 **Bd That the Board approve the Agenda.**
- 21-0301-2 **Bd That the Board approve the February 8, 2021 Board Minutes.**
- 21-0301-3 **Bd That the Board approve the February 8, 2021 Board Actions.**
- 21-0301-4 **Bd That the meeting be adjourned.**



Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
Board Secretary

3-3-21
Date



**Executive Director Report
March 2021**

Administration

<i>Planning</i>	The Annual Strategic Planning Sessions will be held on April 23, 24 at Reston Association's Conference Center.
<i>Administration</i>	Staff completion of mandated training has been nearly completed and will be complete by the end of the first week of April. Facility rentals for the upcoming year opened to Reston patrons on March 13; there has been a steady influx of rental requests. We have not opened the rental calendar to social events yet. We believe that it would be prudent to forego the restoration of social events until June 1 by which time a larger percentage of adults will have been vaccinated and these events can be held much more safely.
<i>Communications</i>	The RCC website redesign Request for Proposal (RFP) elicited six vendor responses. The Selection Advisory Committee will review those and, if a single vendor emerges as a consensus preference, enter negotiations to contract. Should a couple of submissions rise to the top, a second round of presentations will occur. The timeline for the project is likely to take through the end of December 2021.
<i>Capital Projects</i>	We have received the paperwork for the Sigora solar panels installation; the panels will likely be in place in the first half of July.

Programs

<i>Aquatics</i>	We continue to see robust utilization of the lane and warm water pool reservation systems. Learn-to-swim classes are seeing increasing enrollment numbers. About 50 participants enjoyed our first Underwater Egg Hunt event.
<i>Arts and Events</i>	We continue to program cautiously. Vijai Nathan performed for 40 patrons in the CenterStage in March. Founder's Day videos (19) have been completed. South Lakes High School students created an art exhibit for RCC Hunters Woods that was displayed through the month of March.
<i>Leisure and Learning</i>	March Fitness programs attendance improved to 160. Summer camps planning is in full swing; entirely revamped protocols will be in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while preserving the highest possible degree of access. Lifelong Learning is seeing an uptick in participation. The AARP Tax Aide program provided support to 200 patrons in March. They will continue their work until the new May deadline for IRS returns.

Executive Director Activity

Although in-person meetings have been suspended, I have attended ArtsFairfax and Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce board meetings. Health, Housing and Human Services Leadership Team meetings are occurring monthly. There is a Senior Management Team meeting with the County Executive every month. The Master Arts Plan Task Force work continues with Task Force review of the current draft likely to finish in early April, after which it will be moved into other review layers and engagement with County staff on the particulars of the Plan language for arts facilities.