



**Reston Community Center
Board of Governors Monthly Meeting
December 5, 2022
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 November 7, 2022 Board Minutes (as reviewed and approved by the Board Secretary) • Approval of November 7, 2022 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"> • November 19 Orientation report • December 5 Finance Committee report 	Beverly Cosham, Chair Bill Bouie, Chair LRP Paul Thomas, Treasurer
8:15 – Board Member Input on Activities Attended	
8:25 – Executive Director Report	Leila Gordon, Executive Director
8:30 – Old Business	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:35 – New Business	
8:40 – Adjournment	

Reminders:

Events	Date	Time
RTC Holiday Performances	Sat. & Sun to 12/18	12 – 4 p.m.
PTAS: Lúnasa	December 17	3 & 7 p.m.
RCC Staff Teambuilder	December 21	1 p.m.
Strategic Planning Meeting (at RA)	Sat., Jan. 7, 2023	10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
November 7, 2022, 8:00 p.m.**

Present:

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

Absent and Excused:

- Bill Keefe
- Bill Penniman
- Vicky Wingert

Attending from RCC Staff:

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Karen Goff, Public Information Officer
- Rebekah Wingert, Videographer

Visitors

Shane Ziegler

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 October 3, 2022 Board Minutes

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the October 3, 2022 Board Minutes. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #3:

Approval of the October 3, 2022 Board Actions

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the October 3, 2022 Board Actions. Dick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

Bev had a big birthday last week. She was sad to hear of the passing of Reston resident and active community member Lynn Lilienthal. She reminded everyone to vote. She read a poem:

Life by Mary Rodriguez

Life is full of choices we make
A delicate balance between give and take
Many defining moments shape the person we become
It has nothing to do with where we come from
Trials and triumphs add character to our life
Focusing on the negative will lead to a life of strife

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Random acts of kindness help people along the way
We never know what people are going through as they go about their day
There's no sense in living in the past
Rarely do good things ever last
Sometimes, you just have to know where to begin
To gather the strength that lives within
Each day brings about gladness and sorrow
In times of sadness, remember there's always tomorrow
I hold tight to the thought of you here with me
Things usually turn out how they're meant to be
Sometimes feeling as if no one cares
Walking past strangers empty stares
We all get filled with fears and doubts
Have patience and trust good things will come about
Follow life's lessons they won't steer you wrong
We all want out of life to feel we belong

Introduction of Visitors

Bev introduced Shane Ziegler, incoming RCC Board member

Citizen Input

None

Committee Reports

October 3 Finance Committee Report – Chair Paul Thomas directed everyone to the minutes in the binders. He said revenue is on track. The biggest items of note are the numbers in Personnel and Operating, where funds are being redistributed to the new Offsite and Collaboration cost centers. In Capital Projects, the pool renovation funds are still there until the final phase of the roof project is done. Walter Alcorn had a town hall in October about the proposed Reston-located arts center; Paul said he would speak more on that later.

The solar panels vendor came back and gave us a price for panels. Under a previous paradigm, we were estimating the cost at zero. Now with it costing money, will have to look at the return on investment. The Finance Committee suggested that we move to the full board the transmittal memoranda for the FY24 budget submissions. We did, and the Board approved them. Paul asked if there were any questions. There were none.

2022 Preference Poll Committee Report – Chair Bill P. was absent, so Leila submitted the report. There was nothing unusual this year. For an uncontested poll, there was still healthy participation. Nothing this year stood out as an impetus for recommending changes. The report recommends that we proceed on the same basis. Leila said the Preference Poll Committee will respond to the submission of candidacy filings in 2023 – if there is an uncontested poll, we can eliminate the forum and candidate orientation.

MOTION #4

To Accept the Committee Reports

Bill B. moved to accept the October Finance Committee and Preference Poll Committee reports. Dick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Input on Activities Attended

Paul attended the town hall on the Reston-located arts center. There were a fair number of people there pushing back on acceptance of the arts center proffer option. He said he clarified information about how much of RCC's taxes come from residential versus commercial properties, as well how much it costs for us to offer the arts and culture programs. We probably would not double that if we doubled our capacity due to efficiencies and economies of scale. The County staff (the debt manager) said any capital project debt incurred would be financed with general obligation bonding and not Small District 5. That helped to shift a lot of people's thinking. It was a good session to hear from constituents and people from arts organizations.

Paul also went to the Workforce Innovation Skills Hub opening at the Hybla Valley Community Center. It was really amazing; it is making a bridge between people in the community and training for trades and

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work skills. Check out Franconia Supervisor Rodney Lusk's website for more information. Paul is hopeful Hunter Mill Supervisor Walter Alcorn will figure out how we might do that in Hunter Mill. Paul attended the SLHS Pantry Half-K, many SLHS Marching Band activities, the SLHS 40th reunion and the ArtsFairfax Awards lunch.

Bill B. attended lots of meetings

Lisa attended the SLHS Pantry Half-K, the ArtsFairfax lunch and the Reston Museum event. She was also sad to hear about Lynn Lilienthal. Lisa will give a report on the Cathy Hudgins Community Center at Southgate in an upcoming meeting.

Dick is teaching an OLLI course on the history of immigration in the United States. He is impressed with the number of people participating since it is in person. Dick turned 80 in October; they celebrated with visits from family from England and their daughter from Seattle.

Bev attended the ArtsFairfax lunch and several meetings. She enjoyed PTAS shows: Josh Blue and *The Slow Hustle*. Lisa also commented on attending *The Slow Hustle*.

Adjournment of 2021-22 Board and welcome of new Board

Bev adjourned the 2021-22 Board and called to order the first meeting of the 2022-23 Board.

Nominating Committee: Proposed Officer Slate

Since Vicky and Bill K. (the nominating committee) were absent, Leila presented their report nominating current officers to serve for 2022-23 in the same positions: Bev Cosham, Chair; Bill B., Vice Chair; Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt, Secretary; and Paul Thomas, Treasurer.

MOTION #5

To Approve the Board Officer Slate

Paul moved to approve the 2022-23 Board officer slate as presented. Shane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Chair's Remarks

Bev welcomed Shane to the Board and suggested he think about which committees on which he would like to serve.

Executive Director's Report

Facilities – Leila said we are in process on the security camera replacement project. There have been supply chain issues. There are a few punch list items to compete on the roof replacement project. Dick asked about the estimated \$200,000 for solar panels. Leila explained several factors that changed between initial research by RCC and now which boiled down to the market having changed considerably for use of solar panels, and as a consequence, the rewards structure isn't there for this site. Staff will do the research on potential return on investment before we finalize deciding to use solar panels or not at RCC Hunters Woods.

Equity – The new Offsite and Collaboration department is proceeding to develop. We are increasing our relationships with Reston Opportunity Neighborhood (RestON) ahead of the next registration period. They have made a lot of suggestions. We will look at programming and see what can be incorporated. The women-only swim time came from community input/outreach experiences.

Community Connections – The Darden Purcell and Friends jazz series was very successful largely due to the happy hour format and beautiful October weather. The Silent Dance Party was rescheduled due to weather, but more than 200 people attended. We received very positive feedback. RCC supported Southgate Community Day. All the Crafternoon programs in October were full.

Programs and Services – Participation is increasing. Rentals are increasing. Trips are returning to wait lists. The trip to see *Hamilton* was very successful. Youth programs are going well.

Communications – We started Beta testing the new website. We expect the Board will look at it in November and December. The Winter/Spring Guide should hit mailboxes in mid-November.

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Stewardship and Accreditation – Mark Brutsché received an ArtsFairfax Achievement award. It is a testament to his artistic excellence and dedication. We are in the midst of filling four full-time positions and many part-time positions.

Leila was on vacation for three weeks but attended many Zoom meetings.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Silver Line extension grand opening event is November 15 at 3:30 p.m. Leila has forwarded invitations to the Board.

A memorial service for Lynn Lilienthal is at 2:00 p.m. on November 12 at RCC Hunters Wood. Her family has been grateful for RCC's support.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
Board Secretary

11-15-122
Date

BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 7, 2022

- 22-1107-1 Bd That the Board approve the Agenda**
- 22-1107-2 Bd That the Board approve the October 3, 2022 Board Minutes**
- 22-1107-3 Bd That the Board approve the October 3, 2022 Board Actions**
- 22-1107-4 Bd That the Board accept the committee reports**
- 22-1107-5 Bd That the Board approve the proposed 2022-23 slate of Board Officers**



Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
Board Secretary

Date 11-15-22



**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER
BOARD OF GOVERNORS ORIENTATION
November 19, 2022, 9:00 a.m.**

Present:

- Bev Cosham, Chair
- Bill Bouie
- Bill Penniman
- Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
- Dick Stillson
- Paul Thomas
- Vicky Wingert
- Shane Ziegler

Absent and Excused:

- Bill Keefe

Attending from RCC Staff:

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Karen Goff, Public Information Officer

Visitor:

- Walter Alcorn, Hunter Mill District Supervisor

Bev welcomed everyone at 9:10 a.m. and introduced Hunter Mill Supervisor Walter Alcorn.

Walter thanked the board and Leila for RCC's support to the Silver Line Phase 2 event this week. He is already seeing people taking the train to Dulles International Airport like it has been there a long time. We will continue to see how traffic patterns change and how this helps the identity of the Dulles corridor. Paul asked if there is a way to study the effects of Reston no longer being the Metro terminus – will that ease traffic challenges in Reston? Walter said the pandemic changed it all, but officials will be monitoring it.

Reston Commercial Real Estate – Walter said the federal government has decentralized telecommuting procedures. We are seeing high, continued interest from office tenants that want to be right on Metro. He said Reston absorbed more office space this year than any place in the country. At the same time, Class C space is hurting. Walter said he is getting requests for some of those old office parks to convert to residential. There are pros and cons to that, but there is no doubt the office market is changing. Leila asked about whether rental apartment properties are considered commercial property; Walter said, yes, but that it generates less revenue because of valuation issues than retail or office property. He noted that once a commercial property goes residential, it never goes back. He recognizes that property owners are struggling and does not want to see vacant office communities. Leila asked about ground floor retail to enhance multifamily/office. Walter said it is a struggle and the market for that is slim. There was discussion about Reston Station and Boston Properties in Reston Town Center (BXP).

Proposed Arts Center – Walter said it has been exciting to see the engagement over the potential arts center in Reston that has included discussion about other county venues and the different layers of activities. Bill P. said Fairfax lags in educational (university) presence; the county should try and recruit nationally for universities to take office space. Walter said there is county-owned property at Herndon Metro; it's planned for standard mixed use. He told the county it could be an economic jewel. The Economic Development Authority would be wise to find a college tenant in the corridor geography.

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Leila said we are all interested in the outcome of the county's decision on the Boston Properties' proffer. We have some leftover funds in RCC's Grimm and Parker study allocation in case we need to request modest additional information. She suspects there will be a substantial cost difference for example between a house capacity of 500 seats and one at 700 seats. She said we will continue to explore programming at every offsite venue available in Small District 5. We expect our offsite department to expand. Regardless of the outcome of the arts center proffer opportunity, RCC needs to expand both its facility footprint and staffing. We are going to have to make significant adjustments to attract top talent in the future. These pressures are key to our pursuit of the Block J arts center proffer opportunity as that location and space would greatly support these long-range requirements for RCC.

RCC Operations and Personnel – Leila said participation is ramping up rapidly. She noted that it will be interesting to see collective bargaining implemented and the related impact to work schedules required by leisure-time activities. Our agency, NCS and FCPA need to be present for people weekends and evenings, and even early morning for pools. That is going to add more costs on the personnel side if or when collective bargaining goes forward and covers exempt not just merit employment categories. That is going to drastically change how we schedule our part-time workforce. Walter noted also that we are going to see a lot more people in the community recreating during the day due to telecommuting and schedule flexibility. We will see a rise too in demand for programs once the pandemic is truly over. Bill B. talked about federal government telework policy and practice hindering "return to work" efforts. He also mentioned the current conditions around county bonding. Walter said there was no bond referendum scheduled this year and there is a backlog of projects. It's unlikely that a general obligation bond question that might include something like the arts center would be happening in the near term.

Lake Anne – Leila reminded that RCC operates under a lease agreement at Lake Anne and that future ownership with the present governance structure in place (condominium association) would be legally unfeasible for a county agency. Walter said there is finally going to be an economic vision study on Lake Anne. The study will look at optimum focus possibilities for the Lake Anne business community. We need to get folks to think about the future and not the past. Dick asked about Lake Anne's infrastructure. Walter said the LARCA board is doing their reserves study to figure out whether a special assessment would be needed. He said the county still has the Crescent Apartments; it is going to have to do something there as well. Paul said the study is important as we don't want to do the infrastructure twice. Walter said there is a statewide task force (structural Integrity Working Group) set up to avoid a disaster like the building collapse in Surfside, Fla. Leila noted that the historical designation is nice but is also a burden when it comes to construction and infrastructure.

Comprehensive Plan – Walter said county staff is reviewing it and looking at alternative language. Reston will be leading the county. The countywide comprehensive plan policy will be updated related to equity. The Reston plan should be done in spring. The Reston Town Center North task force will meet in December. Walter does not plan to bring back the Reston Master Plan Task Force. Bill P. said it is OK for Reston to have higher standards as they tend to attract businesses. Walter said we have this window in Reston to build on our past history of innovation.

Dick asked if there is any thinking about how Tysons and Reston relate? Tysons North of 123 has an enormous amount of construction. Discussion occurred about identities of various areas of both. Shane asked about the current county plan review cycle in terms of the projects submitted since 16 of 17 projects were in Reston. Walter said that is because we are in demand. Bill B. talked about south Reston, residential status and said if the community isn't thoughtful and tackles it sooner than later, teardowns and rebuilding could occur that might not be as attractive as we would want or integrated with surrounding residences.

Vicky said she would still like to see a conversation about recreation planning with county, RA and RCC participation. RA absorbed all the costs and none of the reserves for pools and may be heading for a fiscal nightmare. Walter said RA's new CEO will either embrace that or go in a different direction. It may be a good time to have that conversation. Bill B. said one creative thought would be for the Park Authority to buy RA spaces such as playgrounds and pay RA to maintain them. RA would make money that way.

Leila asked about Walter's November 29 arts center meeting. Is that online or in person? Walter said it would be virtual and likely the final engagement event. He hopes to have a board motion on December 6.

Walter left at 10:15 a.m.

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RCC Board Business – Leila would like to schedule a Finance committee meeting before the December 5 Board meeting in order to review the October financials. She may know more by then about likely personnel cost increases. A quick review will enable us to manage time devoted to our fiscal outlook more effectively during the Strategic Planning meeting in January.

The AWS cloud hosting solution for the new website is under review in the County Attorney's office. Leila may postpone the web presentation to the board if it's not resolved by December 5. She will know more next week. The Board committee assignments and contact information sheet was distributed. The Strategic Planning meeting will be January 7 – one day only, 10:00 to 4:00 p.m.

We are in good shape heading into the winter. There was more discussion about the proffer and bonds. Bill B. said it may be 10 years before a bond issue question hits a general county ballot. There was discussion of possible new magisterial districts by then, as well as about the Lake Anne lease and future options, including more facilities, and facilities in neighborhoods.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 10:30 a.m.



Executive Director Report November 2022

Pillar I – Facilities

Approximately 380 square yards of 20-year-old carpeting in RCC's administrative and office areas were replaced over the long Veteran's Day holiday weekend. The security cameras and Hunters Woods roof phase three replacement projects continue – both are nearing their conclusions.

Pillar II – Equity

The agency Equity Impact Plan is undergoing its annual review – this plan covers both our internal and external efforts to promote equity knowledge and practice. The Ping Chong artist residency project work continues with a series of opportunities for adults called "Awkward Conversations." We continue to seek teen participants for the *Reston Speaks* event; we will likely add adults to that group; it will explore how Reston responded to the pandemic using an equity lens.

Staff conducted outreach sessions for Reston Opportunity Neighborhoods both in person and online to introduce residents to highlights of the upcoming season of program offerings and discuss how to access RCC's Fee Waiver program. Colleagues from Cathy Hudgins Community Center at Southgate have reached out to RCC to engage in discussion of how we can jointly program for older adults – RCC will offer content at that location. RCC Rides provided 52 rides in November.

Pillar III – Community Connections

The Thanksgiving Food Drive was extremely successful; 3,600 pounds of food were collected and provided to Cornerstones along with necessities and gift cards. Approximately 300 families will benefit. RCC also provided significant support to the celebration of the opening of the Silver Line extension for which we received a lovely thank you note from Supervisor Alcorn. The annual holiday parade at Reston Town Center was enjoyed by thousands; RCC sponsors and supports the parade logistics, and our Aquatics staff were participants in it.

Pillar IV – Programs and Services

Programming across the board is seeing robust participation with wait lists in Aquatics, Arts Education, Youth/Teen, Fitness and even some Lifelong Learning offerings. Social rentals have returned to pre-pandemic levels of activity. Aquatics has adapted patron access to allow for drop-in use to resume. So far, the hybrid approach seems to be working for people.

Pillar V – Communications

The website undergoes beta testing beginning December 15, and we are targeting January 9, 2023 as our go-live date. Board members will be sent invitations to participate in the process. The new site will be hosted by Amazon Web Services through a county contract. A new "splash page" for myRCC is nearing finalization and will be incorporated in the site before beta testing. Winter/Spring guides are circulating.

Pillar VI – Stewardship and Accreditation

Mark Anduss has been promoted to the position of Theatre Technical Director. Laura Moody has been hired as one of our Assistant Theatre Technical Directors. Sarah Alshamy has been hired as the Graphic Designer III. Interviews for a new Community Events Director will occur in December. RCC Facility Services Director Brian Gannon is the chair-elect for the Virginia Recreation and Parks Society Northern Service Area for 2023.

Executive Director Activity

I attend Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, ArtsFairfax and Public Art Reston board meetings. Work on the *Fairfax County Public Art Master Plan* has commenced; I chair that Task Force. I continue to work with county staff and partner organizations involved in the County Arts Committee. I provided support to Supervisor Alcorn's second Town Hall meeting regarding a possible arts center in Reston.