



RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER



SUMMARY OF MINUTES RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING March 7, 2011

Present:

- Beverly Cosham, Chair
- Bill Bouie
- Carol Ann Bradley
- Bill Keefe
- Roger Lowen
- Colin Mills
- Bill Penniman

Absent and Excused:

- Cathy Vivona
- John Gasson

Staff:

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Janet Dopsovic, Executive Assistant

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

Beverly Cosham, Chair

MOTION #1:

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the agenda as written. Colin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the February 7, 2011 Board Minutes:

Beverly Cosham, Chair

MOTION #2:

Colin moved that the Board approve the February 7, 2011 Board Minutes. Bill B. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the February 7, 2011 Board Actions:

Beverly Cosham, Chair

MOTION #3:

Colin moved that the Board approve the February 7, 2011 Board Actions. Bill B. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks:

The Chair stated that she will hold her remarks until after the Board reported on their input and activities.

Board Member Input on Activities Attended:

Bill Keefe said that he attended the Clayton Brothers Quintet performance and that it was not only spectacular but was one of the best performances he has seen at the CenterStage. Bill has also attended Reston Master Plan Task Force meetings.

Roger reported that he is looking forward to *The Putnam County Spelling Bee* performance this weekend. Roger has also been using the pool, which he stated RCC keeps in great shape.

Colin stated that he is also looking forward to *The Putnam County Spelling Bee* and has also attended Reston Master Plan Task Force meetings.

Bill Penniman attended the Marcus Thompson performance, which he enjoyed. Bill has also attended several Reston Master Plan Task Force meetings. Bill noted that he is making a new table in the Wood Shop.

Carol reported that she attended the Marcus Thompson show, the Clayton Brothers performance at the CenterStage and the Capital Steps event, which was a benefit for our community partner, Reston Interfaith. She also attended the Best of Reston Award announcement event at the Google offices in Reston Town Center, where our wonderful Board Chair was named an honoree. Carol said that she attended the Giving Circle of Hope Awards program where among other organizations, Jeannie Schmidt Free Clinic, Kids R Us, Manassas Midwifery and Friends of Guest House (an organization that provides temporary housing for women who have recently been released from incarceration) were honored.

Bill Bouie reported that he has been travelling extensively but has kept up with RCC through emails from our constituents who responded with ideas for our programs. He also kept abreast of emails from Alliance of Reston Clusters and Homeowners (ARCH) and ARCH leadership, which indicate they are in step with much of what we have going forward. Bill mentioned that his trip to Sri Lanka was fascinating.

Beverly reported that she attended the Joint Community Relations and Program/Policy Committees' meeting. She also attended the Reston Community Orchestra board meeting. She is humbled by the Best of Reston Award and is looking forward to attending the event in April. Beverly attended the Giving Circle of Hope Awards event with Carol. She was not able to attend the Reston Chorale concert but did see the dress rehearsal. On Sunday she attended the RCC *Youth in Art Month* Exhibit Opening and *SingStrong Encore*, which featured a bill of a cappella groups from around the world performing. Leila stated that one-third of the audience attendees were new to the CenterStage.

Committee Reports:

Beverly Cosham, Chair

Joint Meeting Community Relations and Program/Policy Committees – February 14, 2011

Colin reported that the two Board committees and staff met with the goal to begin work on our Five Year Strategic Plan by soliciting ideas from the community. He stated that Leila invited the attendees to "dream out loud" about RCC's future. Among the organizations and community members represented were: Reston Masters Swim Team, Sustainable Reston, Initiative for Public Art – Reston, Reston Interfaith, Reston Community Players, Reston Historic Trust, South Lakes High

School, Friends of Lake Anne, Reston Chorale, and Bob Simon. The meeting was very productive. Colin said that RCC staff is currently working on responses to the ideas that were submitted, and that they will be discussed at the follow-up Joint Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m. at RCC, Hunters Woods.

MOTION #4:

Bill B. moved to accept the committee report. Colin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report:

Leila Gordon, Executive Director. The report was summarized and submitted for the record. Leila reported that the Lake Anne Expansion work is underway and is being performed efficiently. We have discovered a setback on issues related to structural columns. The problems are the responsibility of Lake Anne of Reston Condominium Association (LARCA) to resolve, and the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) is advising us regarding the work. The repair is to occur simultaneously with our build out and should have a minimal impact on our construction schedule. We will continue to monitor the progress.

Leila noted that the T-Mobile antenna installation is nearly complete.

The Community Room upgrades for sound, lighting and curtain improvements are scheduled to take place between the last week of August and the first week of October.

Personnel efforts to fill vacant positions and to convert exempt positions to merit positions are underway.

Leila indicated that there are spaces available in some of our summer programs, particularly in the Jason Project. She encouraged patrons to register their children now in advance of the registration spike that occurs at the end of the school year.

Leila reported that the Reston Association (RA) and RCC staffs have been meeting to work on communication strategies and collaboration for programs and events. The results of these meetings will be that the community will see a joint presence in our communications and events that will maximize resources for the community to enjoy.

Lastly, Leila noted that the Fairfax County Park Authority, RA and RCC are collaborating on final recommendations to the Reston Master Plan Task Force regarding parks, recreational and cultural facilities. The result of this collaboration will be that the community will benefit from the multiple resources that are available to achieve the outcomes the community will need with respect to the anticipated growth that Reston will experience when Metro's Silver Line opens in Reston.

Chair's Remarks:

Beverly took a moment to comment on the many compliments the RCC staff received during the Joint Committee Meeting last month. She stated that she believes we have the greatest staff, and it is wonderful for others to recognize this fact.

Beverly noted that she and Zurii Conroy have rescheduled *Happenings at the Harman* to take place at RCC on March 25. She also reported that the Reston Community Orchestra will hold its third concert of the season on March 27 at 4 p.m. in the Community Room.

New Business:

Bill P. reported that, as a follow-up to the suggestion made by Principal Bruce Butler during the Joint Committees' Meeting last month, he and Carol spoke with Leila and reached out to Southgate Community Center (SCC) Executive Director, Ricardo Cabellos to explore the possibility of a program to provide reading support for young children over the summer. Ricardo likes the idea of having such a program but indicated that funding and capacity would be issues. Southgate already helps about 60 children after school during the year and 80 children during the summer. Ricardo thought that 2 or 3 days a week would be a great program. Ricardo shared that other schools have similar programs, and we should talk to them about collaborating. Bill and Carol suggested exploring approaches like using high school students or seniors to volunteer (or perhaps be paid) to help with a reading program. Bill stated that this idea is just beginning to form and that he hopes RCC will be key to moving it forward.

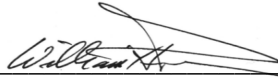
Carol added that Southgate has many great programs for young people and their staff provides wonderful role models. As an example, she said that Ricardo has started a small library at SCC for children.

Beverly noted that there will be another Joint Meeting of the Community Relations and Program/Policy Committees next Monday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m., and the Finance Committee will meet on March 28 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION #5:

Colin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bill K. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.



William Penniman, Board Secretary
March 11, 2011

Date

**RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER
BOARD ACTIONS
TAKEN AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON March 7, 2011**

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| 11-0307-1 | Bd | That the Board approve the agenda as written. |
| 11-0307-2 | Bd | That the Board approve the February 7, 2011 Board minutes. |
| 11-0307-3 | Bd | That the Board approve the February 7, 2011 Board actions. |
| 11-0307-4 | Bd | That the Board approve the Committee report. |
| 11-0307-5 | Bd | That the meeting be adjourned. |



William Penniman, Board Secretary

March 11, 2011

Date



RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 23, 2011

TO: RCC Board of Governors

FROM: Cathy Vivona
Chair, Community Relations Committee

Colin Mills
Chair, Program Policy Committee

SUBJECT: February 14, 2011 Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting

The Community Relations and Program/Policy Committees met in joint session on Monday, February 14, 2011.

Present were:

- Cathy Vivona, Community Relations Chair
- Beverly Cosham, Board Chair
- Carol Ann Bradley
- Bill Penniman
- Colin Mills, Program/Policy Chair
- Bill Keefe
- Roger Lowen

Absent and excused:

- Bill Bouie
- John Gasson

Attending from the RCC staff were:

- Leila Gordon, RCC Executive Director
- Thomas Ward, Deputy Director
- Eileen Boone, General Programs Director
- Cheri Danaher, Arts Education Director
- Kevin Danaher, Community Events Director
- Janet Dopsovic, Executive Assistant
- Pam Elcesser, Customer Service Manager
- Brian Gannon, Booking Manager
- Shelley Kilmer-Gaul, Graphic Artist
- Joe Leary, Aquatics Director
- BeBe Nguyen, Communications Director
- Linda Rutledge, Staff Photographer
- Damian Sinclair, Arts and Events Director
- Renata Wojcicki, Finance Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

Leila began the meeting by introducing Colin Mills and Cathy Vivona as chairs of the Program Policy Committee and Community Relations Committee, respectively. Colin welcomed everyone and asked them to identify themselves.

Colin stated that the Board held its Annual Retreat in January and began work on a new RCC Five Year Strategic Plan. For the evening's discussion, the Board and staff designated five areas for discussion of goals: Programs, Facilities, Outreach/Collaboration, Communications and Internal Capacity. Cathy added that the introduction of Metro to our area is significant in establishing the context for setting these goals.

Colin explained that after hearing input from the attendees and reviewing email responses from those who could not attend tonight, the staff and Board will synthesize the information and report back in March. The RCC Five Year Strategic Plan will be finalized in April, go to print in May and will be distributed to the public in June.

Beverly asked that attendees consider a quote that came out of the Retreat, "Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly."

Leila said that the period for the Strategic Plan aligns with the transition period for Metro's Silver Line which will bring positive changes for Reston. She noted that Bill Penniman and Bill Keefe are both members of the Reston Master Plan Task Force (Wiehle Avenue Station Subcommittee Co-chair and Town Center Subcommittee member, respectively) and that Colin is the alternate for Bob Simon on the Task Force.

Leila encouraged visitors to "dream out loud" about our future in an informal format. She stated that we will accept prepared statements and that comments will be recorded. She then opened the floor for comments.

Gordon Gerson, speaking on behalf of Reston Masters Swim Team, stated that we desperately need more indoor pools in Reston. Lanes are crowded, and this can cause injury. In addition, the pool temperature cannot be maintained for all the different types of users. He also stated that children's swim teams have no place to practice during the colder months. Mr. Gerson suggested that in addition to looking for another site, that RCC look into expanding the pool here at Hunters Woods. Mr. Gerson also asked that RCC consider building a gym and used the Herndon Community Center as an example of what he would like to see in Reston.

Diane Blust, speaking on behalf of Sustainable Reston, which is part of the Fairfax Coalition for Smarter Growth, suggested that RCC host a film series and provide programs on the subjects of green remodeling, horticulture and gardening. Bill Penniman asked her to provide a list of suggested films for follow up.

Joe Ritchey, speaking on behalf of Initiative for Public Art – Reston (IPAR), thanked RCC for its help in financially supporting this important initiative and for the dedication of time and talent by the RCC staff. Going further, IPAR hopes to continue working closely with RCC. See submitted statement attached.

Mr. Ritchey also would like to see a new performing arts center to better accommodate the artistic community.

Mr. Ritchey echoed Mr. Gerson's views about pool facilities and the need for our community to stay in good health.

Stu Rakoff, speaking on behalf of Reston Interfaith (RI), indicated that RI hopes to continue the extraordinary partnership that it has had over the years with RCC. RI is hoping to expand on accessibility for RI's clients in more RCC programs. RI is also hoping that with the expansion of the

Reston community, that RCC will be a clearing house for volunteers to help RI and other community organizations. He also stated that RI and RCC can work toward bringing new generations to community leadership. He concluded by stating that RI is looking forward to working with RCC in the future.

Cathy Vivona mentioned some specific suggestions RI made at their recent meeting with her: basic life skills classes; e.g. budgeting/financial education, a program both encouraging mentoring and helping interested parties learn "how to mentor", how to shop for and prepare well balanced meals; and field trips that may be appealing to RI's clients.

Laura Baughman, speaking on behalf of the Reston Community Players (RCP), stated that they like the size/capacity of the CenterStage. RCP's concerns are about the sound levels in the Community Room when parties are too loud. She hopes that RCC can make improvements. She also stated that she would love for more people to learn about the Community Players and is hoping RCC can help get the word out.

Lynn Lilienthal, speaking on behalf of Reston Historic Trust (RHT), thanked the Board for its continued support and is looking forward to RCC's collaboration for Founders Day. The RHT is working with RCC and other organizations to capture Reston's history into a database for the museum. She also noted that transportation in and around Reston is a big issue and that RCC needs to think about ways for people to get to and from Metro stations. She would also like to collaborate with RCC and IPAR on a winter art show or project or event on Lake Anne Plaza.

Joe Ritchey added that Leila, the RCC Board and staff have played a key role in enhancing collaboration in Reston among community groups. Leila noted that the Board has made this type of collaboration a priority and that RCC and Reston Association (RA) management teams met earlier in the month to begin brainstorming on ideas where we can work together.

Bruce Butler, speaking on behalf of South Lakes High School, hopes that RCC will continue to work with Reston schools, and hopes to see more in the way of acting workshops, speakers, etc., which are amazing experiences for students.

Raul Garza Chapa, an RCC volunteer, spoke on behalf of himself and his wife, Maria. They are both very happy with RCC and RA, but would like to see more programs that offer more education on historical information about other cultures, our Country, and Reston.

Eve Thompson, speaking on behalf of the Friends of Lake Anne (FOLA), thanked the staff for its continued hard work. She stated that the Lake Anne merchants are happy that RCC is expanding its facility. She also thanked RCC and RA for their support of the Jazz Festival and asked RCC to consider collaborating to expand the Festival into a regional event. She also suggested that as a lead-in to the Fine Arts Festival or an IPAR event that we collaborate to hold a chalk festival in the plaza. She stated that this would be a great opportunity to involve kids. Lynn Lilienthal mentioned that it might be a project that RHT would contribute to in some way.

Linda Ackerman, speaking on behalf of the Reston Chorale, thanked the staff, especially for accommodating the Chorale's last-minute requests. She stated that the current RCC facilities have orchestra space limitations and that they hope RCC will plan for accommodations in the future by pursuing a new performing arts venue for that type of need. She also stated that the Chorale is not as well known as it could be and would welcome suggestions for getting the word out about their work. The Chorale's next performance is "Give My Regards to Broadway," scheduled for February 26, 2011.

Laura Baughman suggested as a follow-up that organizations consider creating a joint website or adding links to each other's sites on their existing pages.

Anne Delaney of IPAR stated that one dream she has is to create public artwork for RCC's Hunters Woods facility.

Bob Simon spoke about his appreciation for RCC and RA coming together to do things jointly for the community.

Beverly Cosham commented that new performing arts spaces are being built for communities all around us and she believes that now is a great time for Reston to consider this.

Roger Lowen commented that there is a definite need for more in the way of performing arts facilities and pools in this area. He stated that our slogan should be "YIMBY; as in Yes In My Back Yard."

Bruce Butler suggested that because students lose so much in the way of reading and math skills over the summer that there might be a way for RCC to help fill that gap. Bob Simon suggested that there should be more programs like the ones the Reston YMCA (the Y) provides and that school counselors should know what programs are available and which are being used by people who need them. Leila stated that RCC, RA and the Y all have summer programs. Mr. Simon stated that he would like to see everyone working together. Leila cited the Reston Youth Network (www.foryouthinformation.org) as a viable resource. Dr. Butler stated that school counselors know which kids need support and what kind of support is needed, and that much is lost during the summer. Leila agreed and stated that there are a lot of ways to connect different organizations to collaborate on this subject and suggested that RCC could facilitate putting everyone together to continue to improve offerings and enrollment capacities.

Carol Bradley suggested that we look at the Southgate Community Center's tutoring model and to also support it, noting that the South Lakes basketball team helps with tutoring.

Leila reported on the Aging in Reston (AIR) initiative. There are hundreds of people involved in the working groups. AIR is expanding on connections between other organizations and putting groups together in a multi-generational manner on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood basis.

Cathy Vivona followed up on the transportation issue, stating that her dream is to see an RCC bus that would transport people to and from different RCC facilities and events. Leila added that it would be nice to have smaller buses that run more frequently in and out of neighborhoods.

Leila thanked the staff for their hard work, stating that they are incredible, creative and energetic. She also stated that Reston is in a Renaissance period right now and that it is a great time for Reston.

Leila closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their input and reminded them to return in March to hear RCC's responses.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

From: Dopsovic, Janet G.
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 10:53 AM
To: Dopsovic, Janet G.
Subject: FW: RCC Five Year Strategic Plan

From: jsjljones@aol.com [mailto:jsjljones@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 3:30 AM
To: RCC Contact
Cc: Gordon, Leila
Subject: RCC Five Year Strategic Plan

To the Reston Community Center Board of Governors:

I am sorry that I am unable to attend your community meeting tonight that seeks input for the RCC Five Year Strategic Plan. I do love my community center and would be there if I could!

First, I want to congratulate the board and staff on the excellent work you do for our community. RCC not only provides excellent facilities, programs and services to Reston; you are essential to the fabric that holds this community together. In a community that doesn't have a government -- that is a "place" -- it's a challenge to develop the structures and the initiatives that meet Reston's changing needs. You do it very well.

There are two specific program areas that are important to me to include in your strategic planning effort:

1) Please continue and expand your support for community groups. RCC is the only organization in Reston that includes everyone -- residents (RA, Town Center) and businesses alike. You collect tax dollars from all and you provide programs for all. I think expanding your outreach through organizations like the Reston Museum and GRACE is just the right thing to do. The organizations are also vital to the fabric of our community and working through them expands your impact on the community and provides them needed support.

2) Please continue your efforts to work with RA and the County to build a recreational facility. I encourage you not to give up. It is greatly needed -- and sooner, rather than later. I also encourage you to rekindle the discussion of the need without tying it to a particular piece of land.

Thank you again for the good work you do. Happy Valentine's Day!

Suzi Jones
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From: zhuhaliang [hizhu05@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 9:51 PM

To: Dopsovic, Janet G.

Subject: for RCC Five Year Strategic Plan

Dear Ms. Janet Dopsovic,

Eileen Boone wrote me an email, telling about RCC five year plan.

I am sorry to tell you that I cannot attend this opportunity to contribute to the Plan, because I am now in China. Starting from 2000, I with my wife traveled to Reston, VA about every two years to visit our daughter, who works in AAMC and lives in Reston. We stayed in Reston half a year each time when we visited. During my staying, I went to RCC, attending the activities in Woodworking Workshop and others. I enjoyed them very much.

My ideas on the RCC Five Strategic Plan are:

1. Some activities arranged for senior citizens, such as Woodworking Workshop held on Tuesdays from 9:00AM to 3:00PM, are so wonderful that old people have chance to get together, designing, making and decorating tools for children, and talking with each other during lunch time. Such kind of meeting is good for them to keep their thinking and working abilities.
2. As the friendship between Chinese and American people is getting closer and closer, I think it is proper for RCC to design the programs, briefly introducing Chinese calligraphy technique and spoken Chinese learning. I met my daughter last November. If I have the chance to go to USA later this year or in 2012, I can do the job organized by RCC, meeting Americans, who like to understand Chinese culture more.

My name: Hanliang Zhu (Henry Zhu when I am in USA)

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Organizational affiliation: Professor on Engineering before retirement

From: Stephanie Fillman [sfillman@rocketmail.com]

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2011 4:56 PM

To: Dopsovic, Janet G.

Cc: rarmengol@msn.com

Subject: RCC Five Year Strategic Plan

Hello,

My name is Stephanie Fillman. I am VP for Program Development of Prospera Initiatives, and I am submitting these comments on behalf of myself and Regla Armengol, Executive Director of Prospera Initiatives. We are so pleased that our collaboration with the RCC has helped both of our organizations to serve the Latino community and look forward to working together and learning from each other in the future.

From our somewhat limited point of view, we would like to see the RCC focus do the following things with regard to its HLLC programs in the next five years:

- Expand the Lake Anne HLLC until it is robust (serving grades 1-4 and all Latino students at the school who have interest)
- Develop the Lake Anne HLLC and RCC's relationships with area middle and high schools
- Replicate the HLLC program at other schools, in order to serve more Latino students
- Increase funding for instructional materials at HLLC sites (while other programs may not require many materials, this is a crucial aspect of the HLLC, because of its instructional focus)

More generally, we feel the RCC should focus on:

- Continuing to provide a broad range of programming
- Continuing to provide programming for people at all ages and stages of life
- Continuing to reach out to those who cannot access the center itself by supporting programs located in the community
- Continuing to reach out to those who do not speak English as a first language (via translation of forms, native language programming, etc.)
- Trying to reach those who are not literate or not literate in the English language (we find that RCC forms and communication are often very "text dense" making understanding difficult for those who may be illiterate) by offering simplified communications and alternate ways to register for programs

Thank you for this opportunity to contribute to your strategic direction!

Yours,

Stephanie Fillman
Vice President for Program Development

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LHMS

Subject: RE: REMINDER: Show Your Love for Your Community, February 14 at 6:30 p.m.

-----Original Message-----

From: Monticchio, Aimee L [mailto:almonticchio@fcps.edu]

Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2011 7:34 PM

To: Danaher, Kevin

Subject: RE: REMINDER: Show Your Love for Your Community, February 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Kevin,

I'm just getting through my email from when I was away last week. I'm not available to come on Monday night. Bruce will be a good advocate for the schools. He perhaps can speak for Hughes as well. We do typically partner with him on the big events.

Thank you for the invitation. And please extend my gratitude to the Board for all the support we get from you all.

Aimee
Principal
Hughes Middle School

From: Hanes, Catherine
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 3:25 PM
To: Dopsovic, Janet G.
Subject: Tonight's meeting
Hi Janet –

Supervisor Hudgins will not be attending tonight's meeting and offers the following statement:

Supervisor Hudgins desires for the RCC to continue to provide services that will serve the needs of all, and in particular the youth and aging population.

I will be attending but only in a listening capacity.

Thanks!

Casey Hanes
Legislative Aide
Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins
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From: Gladys Longchamp [gladys_longchamp@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 5:43 PM
To: Leary, Joe
Cc: RCC Contact
Subject: URGENT - SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BOARD
Name: Longchamp, Gladys D.

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Since April 2009, have been living at:
Elan Condominiums
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Fairfax, Va. 22033

Suggestions for the Board

Even if I am not currently living in Reston, I grocery shop, socialize, exercise regularly and dine in Reston.

Here are my suggestions for RCC in the next five years:

- 1) Revive new construction plan for a more modern, up-to-date community center. Ideally, two pools are needed for regular users and for athletes.
- 2) In addition, it would be wonderful to plan an outdoors pool for exercise in the summer months
- 3) Keep costs reasonable and affordable for all, especially retirees

For right now:

- 1) Consider offering water aerobics 5 or more days a week instead of M-W-F
- 2) Treat non-resident seniors over 55 like residents with regard to fees. Being that Reston is within Fairfax County, why make a difference between residents and non-residents?

Again, I'd like to stress that I moved only 3-4 miles down the road from Reston and considers myself duly Restonian. I am sure the few non-residents who use the facilities in Reston would agree with me.

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Dopsovic, Janet G.

From: Gordon, Leila
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2011 4:32 PM
To: Dopsovic, Janet G.
Subject: FW: Future RCC Capital Needs

For records of public input to the Strategic Plan. Thanks,

Leila

From: Robert [mailto:regoudie@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 5:24 PM
To: Gordon, Leila; Beverly Cosham; wpenniman@verizon.net; bbouie@aol.com;
 CarolAnnBradley@aol.com; cvivona@verizon.net; roglow@aol.com; 'Keefe, William J.'; 'John Gasson';
 cwmills47@hotmail.com
Subject: Future RCC Capital Needs

Dear RCC Board Members and Leila,

Leila was kind enough to alert me to the Feb. 14 meeting to discuss RCC future capital plans. I could not make that but offer the following thoughts for consideration:

1. All know my views that RCC capital projects should be focused on things the County does not do or won't do for any of its neighborhoods and that all such projects should be exclusively for Reston residents (or nearly so) or at least that limited outside use not in any way interfere with predominantly Reston use (my proposal on this outlined options beyond a varied fee structure that I think can be especially suited to capital recreational if not other facilities).
2. An area that I think fits that quite well is public art. The County is not going to fund sculptures and the like. There are grants for that that Reston can compete for like anyone else, but I'm unaware of dedicated money the BOS doles out to constituents for public art. Here is an area that I think makes Reston distinctive and could justify RCC capital focus.
3. Beyond that, we all appreciate that Metro is going to drive some very expensive demands for increased public amenities (and I'm pleased to serve with Bills Penniman and Keefe on the RMP Task Force). RCC inevitably is going to have to be involved in some of this or Reston will not get these needs funded (the private sector will do some – indeed, we are requiring that in the drafts of the amendments to the Comp Plan that the Task Force is considering as Bill and Bill know – and the County will do some, but there will be other needs). I think on some level it may be wise for RCC to hold its powder, if you will, until community needs associated and maybe proffered with Metro's arrival become clearer. For example, there remains a great deal of talk about a quality performing arts center. In the Town Center Committee report, about which Bill K. played a direct and important role in creating, we said that space for a public amenity of this kind of scale and quality needs to be included in planning the development of the D4 lot (the touchdown lot north of the TC Metro stop that will become part of an extended urban core). I think many of us think Boston Properties (the lot owner) should donate the shell space but that the community (i.e., public tax dollars) may have to build that space out and maintain it. My sense is these kinds of centers are not something the County has done for anyone else. And like the current RCC theater space it could be defined/used in such a way as to comply with the kinds of restricted Reston use that I think should be RCC's focus. If all that happens, this is going to be a major capital project. I think saving money now so we are able to take advantage of the kinds of proffers we all hope to secure as Reston gets built out is smart. And I think if RCC is explicit and transparent about that strategy (that we don't want to be scrambling to try to take advantage of proffered amenity space) that could gain some support (appreciating that it opens up a criticism of stashing cash or stockpiling reserves, so it is not without challenges).

4. I have no idea where a rec facility stands at this point but that is similar. Folks talk about that in connection with Metro arriving as well. I have concerns about major public projects that supplant things the private sector already does. And while all appreciate that lower income folks can't afford Gold's Gym, Worldgate, or even the YMCA, there are other ways to address that (vouchers or subsidized memberships) that do not create huge facilities that serve much more than low-income folks and hurt private businesses. I think sometimes the low-income justification gets misused to justify things that really serve a much wider audience that don't need that service but of course will take advantage of the subsidized public offering. But beyond the low-income issue, my sense is we need more indoor multi-court space for our kids and the private sector alone will not meet the need (these facilities, like pools to some extent, take up large amounts of space that are more profitably devoted to other uses so the private sector inevitably cannot meet the demand). So here also may be a major community need that may get proffered in part or made part of a Metro-related redevelopment that we need to be in a position to take advantage of if/when the proffer comes. Being in a cash poor position because money is spent now since there is no certainty of proffers down the line I think would be unfortunate. Things are going to happen in connection with all this envisioned development and as a community we need to plan for that and not be in a totally reactive position.

5. On tennis, I've raised this before. I have no idea if the community will support covered tennis or if that is something we should be spending scarce public resources on. But if it is a community priority then having RCC do it seems to me worth thinking through. That RA "does it" doesn't mean RCC couldn't or shouldn't "do it." RCC does rec facilities as part of its mission. Town Center, which contributes a big number to RCC, has no covered tennis courts. We all have our own swimming pools, but no tennis. Of course we can pay a non-resident fee for RA facilities (and, candidly, my guess is many in TC would say since we are talking a small percentage of folks who play tennis then we don't need to subsidize it and they can pay the RA non-resident fee). But suppose a scenario where RA sells to RCC for \$1 the North Point tennis courts that are the subject of the covered idea; RCC then assumes the capital project and ongoing management. I think this would/should be something RA members would love (it removes a capital and operational cost for them while still ensuring equal access since they are RCC members), and it gives TC residents the same kind of equal access because they too are RCC members. I'd be interested to know if TC residents and businesses would find this a worthwhile use of RCC tax dollars they provide. Now my guess is another covered pool is a higher community priority, and that's a reason not to do it; you have to make choices. But that is a different answer than "RA does tennis so we don't need to." I don't think RCC needs to get into the outdoor, open tennis court business. But a covered facility is a different cat.

6. Finally, I'll briefly note my instinctive feeling that RCC needs to morph into more of a community improvement reserve that goes beyond cultural, recreational, and educational uses. Metro is going to provide our community with important benefits, but also heavy burdens. I think all these community needs must be part of the public decision-making and funding process. I think creating another taxing structure in Reston to meet some of these needs will be met with resistance. We already have a special tax district in Reston (or what could be termed a CDA, or community development authority). Amending RCC's charter to expand its mission to fill that kind of broader role would not be legally difficult or insurmountable. What could it be used for? As but one possibility – who is going to fund the shuttle bus service so many feel is going to be essential to knit together the expanded Town Center urban core of Reston? The County? I doubt it. The private sector? I guess maybe, but this kind of service is a traditional public function. RCC as re-imagined may make sense. And because RCC taxes both residents and businesses we'd be doing this in partnership – residential and business – to meet both segments' needs. There are other examples I am sure. But I think there are going to be these kinds of profound community needs that don't fit within RCC's current "cultural, recreational, educational" charter that should be part of the competition for Reston's scarce public resources.

OK, hope that is helpful and thank you for the chance to provide input. And thanks, again, Leila, for the alert. Sorry I'm not so timely with the input.

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Executive Director Report – February 2011

Administrative

Lake Anne Expansion

We encountered a significant setback last month in the discovery of impairment to the two structural columns (one in each planned fitness classroom) in unit 1609-B. Our team has been working diligently to bring the impacts to our construction timeline to the table in discussions with Lake Anne of Reston Condominium Association (LARCA) and their related engineering and construction contractors. We have also received great support from the County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) in the form of advice from the head of their Critical Structures division. At present the estimated timeline of impact to the unit is approximately 10 weeks. We will continue to work simultaneously to minimize the schedule impact to our expansion build-out and renovations in 1609-A.

T-Mobile Antenna Project

This project has proceeded on schedule. We received our first rent check and will also be invoicing for recovery of the cost of the engineering analysis undertaken prior to the project by SWSG.

Community Room Upgrade

We finalized the recommendations of the Board and staff to the architects/designers and will try to accomplish the work in its entirety in the timeframe of late August 2011 through the first week in October 2011. The upgrade will achieve sound and lighting improvements along with the replacement of the current draperies with theatrical drapes.

Personnel Projects

We are beginning the hiring processes for the Financial Specialist position and the recently vacated Customer Service Representative position. In the pipeline are the promotional opportunities associated with the converted exempt service positions.

Programs

Registration has been ongoing for the spring and summer sessions of RCC programs. Spaces remain in camp offerings for late summer of 2011; encourage those you know seeking fun for the kids at the end of the summer to check out those offerings. Our cooperative program with FCPS, the JASON Project, in particular can still support substantial enrollment; registration for it last year picked up at the end of the school year.

In February, Reston Community Center and Reston Association staff teams met to discuss each organization's programming and strategic planning calendars. More joint meetings will occur to maximize the community return from our two entities and assure we are mutually supportive.

Executive Director Outreach

In February, I was involved in meetings with Initiative for Public Art – Reston, Inc.; Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, Aging in Reston community initiative, and meetings of the Arts Council of Fairfax County Grants Committee. I am on the Fairfax County Arts Committee, which is convened by Deputy County Executive, Dave Molchany, and will be working collaboratively with the Arts Council on development of a County Master Arts Plan.