



**Reston Community Center  
Board of Governors Monthly Meeting  
March 6, 2017  
8:00 p.m.  
Meeting Agenda**

8:00 – Call to Order	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:01 – Approval of Agenda	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:02 – Approval of Minutes and Board Actions	Beverly Cosham, Chair
• Approval of February 6, 2017 Board Minutes (As Reviewed and Approved by the Board Secretary)	
• Approval of February 6, 2017 Board Actions (As Reviewed and Approved by the Board Secretary)	
8:05 – Chair’s Remarks	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:08 – Introduction of Visitors	
8:10 – Citizen Input	
8:12 – Committee Reports	
• February 13 Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting	Michelle Moyer & Bill Keefe, Committee Chairs
• February 27 Finance Committee Meeting	Gerald Zavala, Committee Chair
• March 6 Long Range Planning Committee Meeting	Michelle Moyer, Committee Chair
8:25 – Approval of Committee Reports	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:27 – Board Member Input on Activities Attended	
8:37 – Executive Director’s Report	Leila Gordon, Executive Director
8:42 – Old Business	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:46 – New Business	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:50 – Adjournment	

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**Reminders:**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time.</b>
Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting	March 13	6:30 p.m.
LFI Board of Supervisors Breakfast	March 10	7:30 a.m.
April Monthly Meeting	April 3	8:00 p.m.
Best of Reston	April 6	Evening
Founder’s Day	April 8	12 p.m.

*Professional Touring Artist Series – reminder to release tickets please if you’re not using them.*



## SUMMARY OF MINUTES RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2017

### Present were:

- Bev Cosham, Chair
- Bill Bouie
- Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
- Bill Keefe
- Paul Thomas
- Bill Penniman
- Vicky Wingert
- Gerald Zavala
- Michelle Moyer

### Attending from the RCC Staff:

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Cristin Bratt, Public Information Officer

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

### **MOTION #1:**

#### **Approval of the February Agenda**

Bill B. moved that the Agenda be approved. Bill K. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **MOTION #2:**

#### **Approval of the December 5, 2016 Board Minutes**

Vicky moved that the Board approve the December 5, 2016 Board Minutes. Bill B. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **MOTION #3:**

#### **Approval of the December 5, 2016 Board Actions**

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the December 5, 2016 Board Actions. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Chair's Remarks**

Bev said today was a beautiful day and there have been several others recently - she's hoping it's not the result of global warming. She noted that she is one of the "three divas" in Reston who present an annual February concert to benefit the Reston Historic Trust. They will perform that concert on Friday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jo Ann Rose Gallery. In light of our community meeting next week, she shared the following quotes and urged everyone to remember whichever one might speak to them:

- The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. – Alice Walker
- It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop. – Confucius
- There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing. – Aristotle
- Don't worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try. – Jack Canfield
- The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person who is doing it. – Chinese proverb
- Dream big and dare to fail. – Norman Vaughan
- People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing. That's why we recommend it daily. – Zig Ziglar

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### Introduction of Visitors

Reston resident **Tara Tinnin** introduced herself and thanked Bev for inviting her.

### Citizen Input

None.

### Committee Reports

**January 6-7 Long Range Planning Committee Reports** – Michelle reviewed the attached report and said it was a great experience to review the Strategic Plan almost a year later and see that it is working as intended. On Friday we had a robust discussion on a shift to a lifelong learning approach in our programming. Pricing will be adjusted if the shift is implemented to reflect a universal discount for people 55 and older. On Saturday, we discussed two new program areas and heard from the Hughes Group on proposed renovations to the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center.

**January 30 Long Range Planning Committee Report** – Michelle said this meeting was to refine our action items from January 6-7 and discuss the best way to proceed. More detail is available on the attached report.

**February 6 Long Range Planning Committee Report** – Michelle said the group finalized the presentation and format for the February 13 meeting and discussed concerns and expectations for the evening.

### **MOTION #4:**

#### **Approval of the Committee Reports**

Bill K. moved that the board approve the committee reports. Gerald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Board Member Input on Activities Attended

Paul said the Strategic Planning Session included great discussions. He brought his daughter (age 11) to the Reston Camp Expo and they both thought it was fantastic. He enjoyed the overall setup and the dance performance. His daughter already knew she wanted to enroll in LARK but it was good to see all of the other opportunities.

Vicky attended several preschool Zumba classes with her granddaughter – who loves the full-length mirrors. She noted that her granddaughter is more of an extrovert than most in their family. After more than two decades as a board member, she attended her last Reston Historic Trust meeting; she is happy to turn things over to a younger generation. She said the RHT board now has an equal number of 40 and under members to those 60 and older. She was very happy to see *The Pursuit of Harmony* at the CenterStage and feels it delivered an important message to continue to keep hope.

Lisa is now on the Reston Historic Trust board and commended Vicky for her experience there. Lisa attended MLK weekend, including community service projects that Reston Association coordinated at Southgate Community Center. Leila noted that the partnership with RA for MLK weekend is key to its success. Lisa said it's a very eventful month with a lot of voices and activism and it makes her proud to be a Restonian, saying that we can be a community that leads instead of follows.

Michelle said she's been busy and enjoyed the MLK celebration weekend, including the performance of *The Pursuit of Harmony*. She took her daughter Margo to the performance and really enjoyed hearing a younger person's perspective on the show. She also enjoyed Lisa's workshop after the keynote and was happy to see it so well-attended (50 people). She also helped volunteer to feed 200 residents at the Hunters Woods Fellowship House during MLK weekend. She stopped by the Reston Camp Expo briefly and was amazed at how busy it was only 15 minutes after it opened. She's currently very busy coordinating the Memorial Day weekend Lake Swim.

Gerald attended the Eugene Robinson keynote address, *The Pursuit of Harmony* and Lisa's Building Bridges event. He also thought TAARKA was a great performance and said PD is doing a great job with his selections for the Professional Touring Artist Series. He also signed his kids up for camp promptly at 9:00 a.m. on February 1.

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Bill B. attended many MLK weekend events, and has been busy with a lot of meetings.

Bill K. said MLK weekend was booming with activities and it was a tremendous community event that reflected Reston's diversity. He also noted how happy he is with Southgate Community Center's success; it's a testament to the value of partnerships in the community.

Bev attended the Strategic Planning Session and added that she performed in the Reston Community Orchestra concert during MLK weekend. She noted that she sings the same song every year but it has a different meaning every year. This year's song was electric and very intense. Every person came by and commented and RCO collected a lot more money than in previous years after the concert. She also attended *The Pursuit of Harmony*. She said that her granddaughter seems to vibrate when she gets excited about something and that's how Bev felt when she left the theatre after *The Pursuit of Harmony*. She is energized by how people are saying and doing things to make meaningful connections with each other. She also attended the Reston Camp Expo and wants to go to Lego camp.

### **Executive Director Report**

Leila said we've been focusing on strategic planning, capital project planning and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter review. We are also targeting the end of February for rollout of the latest version of RecTrac registration software. Staff is attending the Park Authority accreditation session. The FY18 budget has been through the DMB review process and approved with only some narrative tweaks. Aquatics staff has been targeting private lesson activities during downtime for the pool. In December and January, our Arts and Events team was busy with holiday programs and prep for the MLK weekend. In addition to *The Pursuit of Harmony* performance that the public saw, we took a school version to Langston Hughes Middle School and South Lakes High School. At LHMS, they performed in the Lecture Hall, but the performance was also video-streamed into every classroom in the school. Three students who only saw it on the classroom monitors asked to come meet the musicians to tell them how important the performance was; all were from new American families. We received great feedback from both school performances. Leila really enjoyed Lisa's Building Bridges workshop. Leisure and Learning staff has been busy bringing programming in the community; we are presenting an origami workshop at Obi Sushi and working to bring programming to the BLVD apartments. She noted there were 520 participants in three hours at the Reston Camp Expo. Eileen and her team are largely responsible for the success of that event as they plan all the logistics and arrange all the collaterals with our Media team.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

Bill K. asked how to know when an exhibit changes over. Leila noted that they change monthly (with the exception of the 3D Gallery that often changes every two or three months), and that exhibits are listed on the staff newsletter distributed internally every week. Vicky noted that Southgate is an excellent example of how we need to think about our future. Southgate was an underutilized, pool complex with some unsavory activity around it. Through partnership with the county, it was possible to build a whole new complex and meet a need for the children and families in the surrounding neighborhoods. She hopes we can continue to look at ways to maximize every entity's resources in these kinds of successful approaches.

### **MOTION #6:**

#### **To Adjourn the Meeting**

Bill K. moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt,  
Board Secretary

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February 16, 2017  
Date

**BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

- 17-0206-1 Bd That the Board approve the Agenda**
- 17-0206-2 Bd That the Board approve the December 5, 2016 Board Minutes**
- 17-0206-3 Bd That the Board approve the December 5, 2016 Board Actions**
- 17-0206-4 Bd That the Board approve the committee reports**
- 17-0206-5 Bd That the meeting be adjourned.**



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Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt,  
Board Secretary

\_\_\_\_ February 16, 2017 \_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND PROGRAM/POLICY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT  
FEBRUARY 13, 2017**

**Present were:**

- Bev Cosham
- Bill Bouie
- Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
- Michelle Moyer
- Bill Keefe
- Vicky Wingert

**Absent and excused were:**

- Gerald Zavala
- Paul D. Thomas
- Bill Penniman

**Attending from the RCC Staff:**

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Thomas Ward
- Eileen Boone
- PD Michnewicz
- Joe Leary
- Pam Leary
- Fred Russo
- Renata Wojcicki
- BeBe Nguyen
- Linda Ifert
- Karen Brutsché
- Paul Chapman
- Brian Gannon
- Harun Rashid
- Cheri Danaher
- Kevin Danaher
- Ivan Cole
- Melissa Murray
- Barbara Wilmer
- Cristin Bratt
- Cory Woods

**Welcome and Introductions**

Leila welcomed everyone at 6:35 p.m. and introduced RCC Board Chair Beverly Cosham. Bev asked everyone to be sure they had signed in and printed their information as clearly as possible. She asked the rest of the Board to introduce themselves. Bev then introduced Bill Keefe, Chair of the Community Relations Committee.

Bill K. said that tonight RCC is reporting on our 2016-2021 Strategic Plan and obtaining feedback regarding new concepts in programming and the future of our aquatics facility. He noted that there will be additional opportunities for input over the coming months; staff will be setting up some focused conversations and these two committees will reconvene in March to consider financial impacts and other details. Starting in April and May, the Board will finalize the levels of activity or planning needed to inform our budget plans. The Annual Public Hearing for Programs and Budget will then be held in June so that we can collect community input prior to creating the final FY19 budget documents. He introduced Michelle Moyer, Chair of the Program/Policy Committee.

Michelle said Board members are eager to share our planning and we're equally eager to hear feedback and input to inform our planning. She noted that the staff and Board members will field questions as they come up but also requested that longer questions or statements be held until the end. If there is a matter that takes longer, the Board or staff will look into it and respond after the meeting. She noted that written comments are welcome. Finally, she stated that the Board and staff are committed to being transparent in our deliberations and want everyone to feel that RCC is *their* community center. She turned it over to Leila.

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Leila requested that meeting attendees raise their hand with questions so we can bring a microphone to them. She acknowledged that many people are in attendance for the discussion about improvements to the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center. She had hoped that Wayne Hughes of the Hughes Group Architects would be leading that conversation but he had a grandson born right before the meeting. Leila will walk through his presentation in his absence, but said that Wayne committed to appear at a future public meeting to address technical questions that might arise. There will be plenty of opportunities to pick his brain. Wayne's firm is well-established internationally and nationally and has designed many recreation facilities.

### **Update to RCC Strategic Plan 2016-2021**

Leila presented the following highlights from the Strategic Plan Update:

#### *Facilities*

RCC has been pursuing a comprehensive recreation facility – including aquatics features – over the past few years. This has been resolved with the Park Authority's agreement with Fairfax County planning and development units to build an indoor recreational facility with a comprehensive aquatics component at Reston Town Center North. Leila noted that one of the reasons that we're having this discussion with the Hughes Group is because they are also working with the Park Authority on the planning of that larger facility, which we hope will be realized in fewer than 10 years.

Leila said the performing arts facility is incorporated into the master plan for Reston and is directly tied to development/proffer opportunities in the area. She said she has been a part of conversations with two developers to date regarding this potential but that nothing certain has yet been established. It's anticipated that development related to the next phase of the Silver Line or Reston Town Center North could result in this venue.

Leila noted that as Reston Town Center North plans develop and more community engagement occurs, there will be opportunities for everyone to weigh in on the possible recreational and performing arts facilities.

The last item under facilities includes RCC's existing buildings, RCC Hunters Woods and RCC Lake Anne. As a function of our strategic planning conversations, we are updating and modernizing our facilities to be more attractive, high-quality and useful in meeting the community's collective needs. In addition, we will continue bringing our rental pricing closer to that of similar rental spaces in the area. We've been working with Founding Partners to gradually increase pricing and bring our discount to a level that is aligned to others that offer a nonprofit discount (10 percent). We want them to be able to absorb those costs over time without loss of their ability to produce and present the events that they present in our facilities. Leila noted that the facility rental pricing for September 2017 – August 2018 would be available tonight, along with projections of future increases. Once proportionally aligned subsidized pricing is achieved, some of the intensity of demand from organizations outside Reston could be reduced. She asked if there were any questions.

**Clark Rumrill, Reston Resident**, said that a few years ago the Board suggested that 25 percent is the goal for cost recovery. Where are we now? Leila noted that we're at approximately 15-16 percent cost recovery, which is an improvement on the 12-13 percent recovery we were experiencing when we started this process a few years ago. She noted that our financial policy is that not more than 25 percent will be recovered from fees. Mr. Rumrill asked how much we receive from the County. Leila said Small District 5 (SD5) revenues are about 6.5 million dollars. (Update: Following the meeting, a check of budget documents shows that revenue from taxes is approximately 7 million dollars.)

#### *Building Community*

Leila noted that the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce invited RCC to participate in the new Reston Marketing Initiative (RMI); a campaign to rebrand Reston as a compelling place to do business, live in and experience. It is proceeding and involves leadership from civic, nonprofit and private organizations across the community. RCC's primary objective in the effort is to facilitate the idea of a community calendar. We know that such a calendar needs to be web-based and mobile-friendly. It will focus on the community's major events (not every meeting). Leila noted that we are interested in pursuing the calendar regardless of how the RMI unfolds.

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### *Programs*

One of the things we'll seek to do in the near-term is work with a consultant to understand how people's lifestyles are changing with respect to recreation preferences and what needs exist. RCC programs typically reached capacity or near-capacity on the first day of registration. However, now people are waiting longer to enroll, making cancelation decisions more difficult. It's very challenging to plan programming in that kind of environment. Before we consider radical shifts in programming, we want to confirm that our observations are true shifts we should consider in planning programs. We also want to look more closely at how to alleviate stress on the "sandwich generation" that is taking care of both their children and their parents. One way we continue to do that is to bring our programs to places where people already are: schools and locations where people already congregate. This isn't possible with all programming, but we are aiming to be nimble. We've also established an eLearning option for people interested in online certifications. This is available via a partnership with a reputable organization that gives us 40 percent of the revenue for these courses.

In addition to this, we're looking at areas of programming that address the adult, young adult/teen population. We think another need appropriate for RCC to address is the potential for recreation support for people with disabilities. We are considering adding a position committed to designing therapeutic recreation programming options in fitness, aquatics, arts and socialization/enrichment experiences. This would not be a medical therapy approach.

For young adults, we could establish a Digital Media, Film and Video program. While producing the film *Another Way of Living*, we noticed that a lot of adults or young adults who are professionals in this field live in or are from Reston. We want to explore offering a curriculum to teens and young adults to do animation, make documentary films, make music videos, etc. We also heard from many organizations that want to use video to deliver their organization's story or message to audiences. The program we are considering would be a great way to have young people in our community create products that will communicate the stories of non-profits and businesses here in Reston. We have found that people respond more quickly and positively to information about our programs and services if it's in a digital or image-based product. The new Digital Media, Film and Video cost center seems like a natural fit to meet these needs of individuals and organizations in our community.

Leila noted that we're also observing that our patron base is increasingly mature, which prompted staff to take a closer look at enrollment data. She explained that for more than 30 years, we've had an organic, ad-hoc approach to pricing and designing offerings for older adults. RCC has a very traditional approach to programming for this demographic; it includes a "senior" program with a "senior program director." But there is not consistency with respect to program-related senior discounts. There is a 50 percent discount for our four water aerobics classes. That is not in alignment with the 20 percent discount across all other programs that we offer. We also observed that our senior patrons were enrolling in significant numbers in the programs that were designed for adults and teens. Leila said that we looked at the panoply of program offerings where a substantial number of 55+ patrons are participating and propose a redesigned format to incorporate the full spectrum of participants. This will be ages 13+ in the pool and 18+ on land; this age group's offerings will now be referred to as "Lifelong Learning". We will still target content specifically for older audiences where it is best to tailor it to that age group; going forward, younger persons would not be allowed into those programs. However, these programs will be priced so that they are the same cost once a universal 20 percent discount is applied for participants who are 55 or older. She noted the Aquatics discount will also shift to 20 percent. Once the new Lifelong Learning programs are launched, there will be a consistent discount (20 percent) for participants 55 and older and everyone will be able to register during the applicable registration period (Reston or Non-Reston depending).

Leila reviewed the slide that showed existing enrollment figures and explained that these are programs available to participants age 18+. The data showed that the majority of participants in these programs are actually ages 55+. A second chart on the page highlighted that it's not just those close to the 55 year old threshold; more mature older adults are enrolling in sizable numbers. Leila said that the changes we're suggesting do not change behavior, but instead remove the artificial boundaries around the programs we offer. She noted also the fact that 55+ patrons account for 95 percent of the aquatics drop-in pass usage.

Leila also reviewed a chart that offered pricing samples across all lines of business. The chart showed the current price and discount along with the price and discount under the new lifelong learning structure. The



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four water aerobics classes are the only classes that will experience an increase, and that is roughly \$1 per class hour.

**Lucy Manheim, Non-Reston Resident**, asked about the add-on increase for Non-Reston residents. Leila said that Non-Reston pricing depends on capacity. If we have a program with 100 seats and we're confident all of them will not fill with Reston patrons, then our "up-charge" for Non-Reston patrons will be only 25 or 50 percent. Lucy asked about Aquatics in particular. Leila said that Non-Reston aquatics registration programs are 100 percent higher than Reston prices. Leila noted that our youth class sizes accommodate two to four children. Because of this, it's highly unlikely that Non-Reston patrons ever find availability in the aquatics classes, but if they did, they would pay double the Reston price.

Leila noted that she discovered that this is a difficult set of pricing approaches to explain when she presented them to the Board in January. She's therefore trying to deliver tonight's information in a way that's clear and easy to understand. Leila noted that there will be no pricing change for youth and senior aquatics passes, or for drop-in water aerobics passes.

### *Branding and Messaging*

Leila said we will continue refinement of our print publications while also expanding our digital tools. When we implement the new Lifelong Learning section, the program guide will look a bit different. There may be focus group conversations to discuss how we can help older audiences find their programs. We don't want patrons aggravated because they cannot find a class or trip. Regarding digital expansion, Leila noted that we launched an Instagram account last week to expand the ways in which we can deliver a social media message to our patrons and partners.

### *Internal Capacity & Financial Planning*

Leila said we are constantly sensitive to the need to maintain access for people in our community who may not have the economic means to meet their basic needs. We still want them to be able to pursue leisure, recreational and cultural interests. To this end, we expanded the income eligibility ranges for our Fee Waiver program so that people can still participate as they become more financially successful. For children, there is unlimited access to our summer camps (qualified patrons pay only \$10 a week). Regular camp prices can range from \$250-\$450/week. This change to eligibility ranges was initiated because we started hearing that as people found success and their income went out of the range of eligibility for SNAP or other programs, they were suddenly ineligible for RCC's Fee Waiver program. Their income increase put them out of Fee Waiver eligibility, but did not put them in a position to pay the full amount for camps. RCC staff members are working with Cornerstones, Fairfax County, the YMCA and other organizations who are involved with the RestON (Opportunity Neighborhood) initiative. We don't want to shut doors on families just because of a math formula. We therefore expanded the income thresholds and increased the allowance amount for each individual in a household. We pegged the allocated amount to the cost of an annual pool pass, which is a primary use by many of our older fee waiver participants.

An attendee said that she had not previously heard of this program, but she thanked Leila and the Board for the amazing work that they are doing for the community. She thinks this is an incredible program.

Leila noted that the program is aligned with Reston's values. If you're new to Reston, she wants you to know that this is what Reston's founding principles require – supporting the inherent dignity of each individual. RestON (Opportunity Neighborhood) is going to be such a force for children and families in this community. It will allow us to use data to plan for how we improve the lives of children in our community and truly leverage our resources effectively.

Leila also noted that RCC is still pursuing accreditation through the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). Our staff is appreciative of the support we are receiving from colleagues who have been through this process, including the Fairfax County Park Authority and Herndon Community Center.

### **Aquatics Facility Capital Planning**

Leila noted that the RCC Hunters Woods pool is nearly 40 years old and has \$1-1.2 million in capital project repair and maintenance efforts that have to be done in the next 18 months; those are not negotiable. The shell is ending its natural life. The filtration systems are outdated and nearing the end of their natural life. Staff members have used spare parts and ingenuity to keep these systems running, but we're out of options for this "patch-and-pray" approach to maintenance. She said we were beginning a

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conversation with the community this evening about what a renovated Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center might look like. Regardless of how these conversations unfold, there will be a slightly longer maintenance closure period (one month) in summer 2017 in order to do a major joint repair on the shell; this will hopefully buy us another year of pool use. In summer 2018, the natatorium could close for a minimum of four months to replace the other aging systems. This work could be done between May and September 2018. As we considered the scope of this four-month closure, we realized that perhaps there is an opportunity to invest additional money and downtime to significantly rehabilitate this pool facility and position it to serve the ongoing needs of the community more effectively. She noted that many of the community's needs will be met with the new aquatics facility that will be included in the Park Authority recreation center planned for Reston Town Center North. We are looking to renovate our facility to complement the planned features of that larger aquatics complex. To that end, RCC has been in conversation with Wayne Hughes of Hughes Group Architects. Wayne is working on the architecture design concepts for the Park Authority project at Reston Town Center North. He's also very familiar with our facility at RCC Hunters Woods since he worked on the original plans for the facility and designed the first locker room renovation.

In Wayne's absence, Leila presented the attached presentation and reminded attendees that Wayne will be the better person to respond to more technical questions. She created a list of questions as she presented the following three options to renovate the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center.

- **Option 1:** 5,800 square foot expansion to include the following features:
  - 25-M x 25-YD Lap Pool to be kept at 78-83F
  - Warm Water Pool to be kept at 84-86F
  - Spa Pool to be kept at 103-104F
  - Total pool closure time (rough estimate): 10-12 months
  - Cost Estimate: \$8-\$8.5 million dollars
  
- **Option 2:** 7,000 square foot expansion to include the following features:
  - 6-Lane x 25-YD Lap Pool to be kept at 78-83F
  - Teaching Pool to be kept at 84-86F
  - Therapy Pool to be kept at 86-88F
  - Spa Pool to be kept at 103-104F
  - Total pool closure time (rough estimate): 10-12 months\*
  - \*This option could be done in phases so the pool might not have to close completely during the entire renovation. There would still be significant downtime though.
  - Cost Estimate: \$8-\$8.5 million dollars
  
- **Option 3:** No building expansion; existing footprint would be redesigned to include the following features:
  - 6-Lane x 25-YD Pool to be kept at 78-83F
  - Therapy Pool to be kept at 86-88F (would accommodate 12-15 users)
  - Spa Pool to be kept at 103-104F
  - Total pool closure time (rough estimate): 6-8 months
  - Cost Estimate: \$3.6-\$4 million dollars

Leila also provided the following comments from Wayne based on his research:

- The existing locker rooms are in good condition and could absorb the growth.
- The diving well is under-utilized so Option 3 would remove that body of water and create a separate pool that would be more useful for warm water teaching and exercise.
- The steel is in good condition.
- The HVAC system that serves the pool requires complete replacement.
- The existing spa is in good condition.
- Project documents from the last renovation are still good.
- The glazing is single pane which is easier to deal with.
- Preferences were expressed for the current 25-meter length and for a length of 25 yards.

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Leila also indicated that the specific details for each option were not yet determined and that Wayne could address those questions better than she could. She also emphasized that the prices and timeframes included above were very rough estimates.

Leila said that the Option 3 water therapy pool could accommodate 12-15 users. It also proposes demolishing the wall between the spa and main pool complex so it's more integrated into pool space. Option 3 preserves the existing pool footprint and therefore carries a lower cost.

**Gloria Michau, Reston Resident**, emphasized that we absolutely need to have a warm area with deep water; it needs to be deep enough for users to fully suspend in the water. There was agreement from several other attendees.

**Clark Rumrill, Reston Resident**, said he uses the pool almost every day and hasn't heard any complaints; people seem to be satisfied. He asked if staff and the Board members have gathered a number of complaints about the facility as it currently exists. Leila said we have to shut this pool down for three-to-four months to keep it safe; this will happen in summer of 2018; we are simply exploring if this is the right time to make additional renovations to serve the community's needs more appropriately and effectively.

An attendee asked if the pool will be shut down when Reston Association pools are open. Leila said our renovation would occur to overlap the summer season to the extent that we are able to plan and schedule that. We will try to shut down at the end of May when RA pools open and work with the YMCA and Reston Association on alternative arrangements during our closure. She said that staff and Board members are keenly sensitive to how much people depend on our pool, but also know that we cannot safely operate our pool without closing for improvements. She noted our first responsibility is for the safety and health of our patrons.

An attendee said that we have a whole constituency of the community that never comes to RCC's pool. If you're young you can come here for swimming lessons, but she said her family can't come to this pool because of the way it is set up – it doesn't support competitive swimming needs. She thinks RCC is missing an opportunity to bring the community together. She's looking for gutters for lap swimming and better water temperature in the space. She noted that her daughter has asthma and she swims year-round, but has to go to Herndon Community Center. Water temp and air ventilation at RCC make it too difficult to breathe so it is not an option for her daughter or family.

**Sandra Helig, Reston Resident**, noted that she is an arthritic swimmer and wants to be sure the warm water pool is not too shallow. She also thinks a capacity of 12 is too small for the therapeutic pool. She worries that youth lessons will take up most of the time in the warm water and there won't be space/time for deep water aerobics.

**Nick Nobbe, Reston Resident**, said that he's heard it's more costly to keep water temperature high and it takes its toll on the equipment. Leila agreed and said that it does now, but that's one of the reasons we want to upgrade and modernize, not just repair and replace. Nick likes the two-pool option so water aerobics and swimming lessons have their own spaces. He thinks there may be added expenses and costs for maintenance of a hot water pool.

**Gloria Michau, Reston Resident**, said that she had a miserable back problem and the thing that saved her was the water isometrics program run by former RCC instructor Vicky; it is now called Deep Water Aerobics. She said deep water classes are always over-subscribed and that we need a deep water area for those with osteoarthritis - they walk differently and need to be suspended head to toe.

**Lucy Manheim, Non-Reston Resident**, said that she believes it's more expensive to renovate a pool than it is to build a new one. Since we're already closing down the existing pool, she asked if we've investigated tearing it down completely and rebuilding. She also noted that the pool needs to stay in meters.

Leila said that the realities of the projected cost ranges are that RCC's budget does not include a spare \$8 million; if it did, RCC would owe the tax base some money. We do, however, have about \$3 million in capital reserves earmarked specifically for this sort of project. We also have \$1 million in the budget for

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the FY18-19 cycles that is already earmarked for equipment repair and replacement. Given that budget information, the financial reality is that we can pursue Option 3 at this time, or we can simply do the \$1 million in required renovations and plan for a larger renovation (Option 1 or 2) in the distant future. The costs needed for Options 1 or 2 would need to come from an increased tax rate or a bond issue. Even if taxpayers in Small District 5 agreed to this increase, it could not be implemented by summer 2018. It would need to wait until the money was available, at which point the price tag could be significantly higher.

**Jamie Scates, Reston Resident**, said there are many great things about the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center. Her children have had the same swim instructor since they were little kids and the consistency has been fantastic for them. She appreciates that the pool is not freezing cold, even if it's not her ideal temperature. She noted that they don't have highly competitive swimmers in her family yet, but they do have kids that swim. She is grateful for a place for young children to swim, high school swim team members to train and community members to enjoy.

**Maggie Myers, Reston Resident**, noted that we need more ramps; it's currently very difficult to get in and out of the pool.

**Vicky Shaffer, Reston Resident**, said that some lap swimmers require warmer water.

Leila said that our current pool temperature seems to be a temperature that everyone hates; competitive swimmers want it colder and therapeutic users and parents/young children want it warmer. She noted that Wayne Hughes has suggested that there's some progress in the area of changing temperature, but it still occurs overnight, not in a matter of two hours.

A patron said that Option 2 is the best option in her opinion, but reiterated that she would like the renovations to occur in the summer when RA pools are open.

Leila repeated that when we close, we will try to start at the end of May; the scope of renovations will dictate how long we stay closed, but we will do anything we can to get options for our patrons during the closure. The patron also noted that saltwater pools are much better for your skin. Another patron added that you cannot compete in saltwater pools. Leila suggested that perhaps it could be an option for the spa.

An attendee asked if the spa is included in the warm water area, does that still accommodate 10-15 people. Leila said Wayne will need to answer that. He will also need to comment on the depth of the warm water therapy pool. She knows that separating that therapeutic/teaching area from the lap pool is necessary in order to control temperature. She added that the lap pool will still reach a minimum depth of eight feet in order to facilitate Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor training.

**Julie Gray, Reston Resident**, said that in order to get kids into the pool, we need a shallower water area and much better lifeguard coverage; one lifeguard is not enough when the pool is full of kids.

**Lynn Cordts, Reston Resident**, said she offers a few perspectives: money is always a challenge, but if we go with the lowest cost option, we're not going to meet the needs of all the people currently not being served. She said she has two high school swimmers. The South Lakes High School team practices at the RCC pool but team members are encouraged to practice at private clubs because the RCC pool can't accommodate the whole team. She also noted that they need yards, not meters. As another attendee mentioned, they also need gutters and blocks, as well as 12-foot depth for divers.

Leila said that when the Park Authority's facility at Reston Town Center North opens, it will include a serious fitness training environment designed to meet the needs of competitive swimmers. RCC is not trying to build a facility to meet those needs. We're trying to ensure our facility is complementary to that facility. An attendee noted that she's disappointed that the high school team is practicing in an inadequate facility. There was a suggestion that the lap lanes could be built to achieve a graduated depth of 12 feet.

**Mike Foxworth (residency unconfirmed)** said he is a 55+ swimmer; his wife thinks the temperature is too cold. But his biggest concern hasn't been mentioned – the social factor. When people take class together, they become friends and find ways to see each other outside of class. For him, this is a very

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important aspect of his social life. However we design these pools, he would like everyone to recognize that it isn't just exercise of the body, but exercise of the soul. There was agreement from others in the room.

**C. Denver Lovett, Reston Resident**, said there are a few patrons who have supported this facility for decades. There is another group who want to increase their performance by milliseconds. The group that has been here for decades depends on this for their health, they're not trying to increase performance by seconds. He urged the Board to consider those senior citizens who have supported RCC for decades. If it comes to tradeoffs, he believes the senior citizens should be favored.

Leila said that the ultimate goal is for Reston to have wonderful facilities to meet the full spectrum of aquatic needs, but that RCC cannot be the sole provider of all these facilities. That is why we are working closely with Wayne and the Park Authority to coordinate planning efforts.

An attendee urged the Board to consider the lost constituent. She said her heart breaks because our South Lakes High School home team has to go to Herndon for home swim meets. The Park Authority facility is years away from her kids being able to benefit and isn't a true solution. She wants to be able to stay in this community and spend her money in Reston until the new Park Authority facility is available.

Leila recognized the RCC staff present and said that RCC's value to the community is due largely in part to their dedication and service to the community. She noted that no other public facility is open as much as RCC; that is intentional because we know our patrons want to swim every day and recreate on holidays. When we close the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center, she wants everyone to be excited about the facility to which they will return. She assured everyone that the Park Authority is in the planning process for the indoor recreation facility and that she believes it will be built. RCC wants to be strategic and smart about this opportunity so that our facility is complementary to that larger facility. We don't want to harm people. We want our constituents to be included. She reminded everyone to please sign in and provide us with contact information so that when we have the session with Mr. Hughes, he can answer more technical questions. We're going to need to make decisions in the March-May timeframe because we need to start budgeting for it by June. Either way, the pool will close in May 2018 for at least four months.

Below is a summary of the input given to the RCC Board over the course of the meeting.

1. Closure timeline: Leila assured everyone that the minimum four-month closure will occur in the summer when RA pools are also open. Staff will work to make alternative arrangements with any Reston partners whose pool might be available to RCC patrons during the closure.
2. Various user groups have competing water temperature needs. The fitness/competition swimmers want cooler water. The therapy swimmers want warmer water. The lessons population leans toward warmer temps.
3. Therapeutic deep water users want warm, deep water where their body weight is almost completely displaced. They also want to be sure the pool is large enough to accommodate the current class sizes.
4. Parents of school-age swim and dive competitors don't want to take their kids to Herndon for meets.
5. Regardless of the option we choose, parents of the school-age swim team participants want competition-level gutters and blocks.
6. All users would like to vastly improve air handling – current conditions are unbearable and the evacuator hasn't sufficiently ameliorated chloramine build-ups.
7. Need to achieve greater accessibility at both ends of the pool. Possibly consider a graduated depth to the deepest level.
8. Consider that this pool serves both health and social needs.
9. Consider a saltwater option for either the spa or one of the pools.
10. Explore how to fund the two-pool option.

### **Next Steps**

Leila thanked everyone and reminded them that we will reconvene in one month on March 13. She asked everyone to ensure they signed in and provided their contact information so we can reach out to you regarding focus groups and the additional meeting with Wayne Hughes. If you have additional comment or think of new comments, she requested people please send it to us to be included in the public record.



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# Reston Community Center

Community Relations and  
Program/Policy Joint Committee  
Meeting

February 13, 2017

# Welcome

RCC Board of Governors

Chair – Beverly Cosham

Community Relations Chair – Bill Keefe

Program/Policy Chair – Michelle Moyer

RCC Executive Director – Leila Gordon

# Agenda

## **Update to RCC Strategic Plan 2016-2021**

*Facilities* – Brief overview

*Building Community* – Brief overview

*Programs* – Discussion

*Branding & Messaging* – Brief overview

*Internal Capacity & Financial Planning* – Brief overview

## **Aquatics Facility Capital Projects**

*Background*

*Hughes Group Architects*

- Observation-based Analysis of Existing Facility Conditions
- Programming for a New Aquatic Layout
- Conceptual Models

## **Next Steps**

- Staff continue to research program concepts, aquatics facility options
- Board, staff and community reconvene March 13 to discuss feasibility, financial impacts, process intersections with FY19 budget and calendar planning

## **Public Comment**

Individuals – Three minutes      Organization Representatives – Five minutes



# Facilities

## **Performing Arts venue planning:**

### *Master Arts Plan Task Force*

- Market Study and Needs Analysis 2017
- RCC looking to development processes for realization of a new venue; RTC or RTCN

## **Indoor Rec Center planning:**

### *Fairfax County Park Authority*

- RTCN Phase 2 development

## **RCC Facilities Rental Pricing:**

- Continuing merge of Founding Partner and Reston rates; non-profit discount to 10%

# Building Community

## Reston Marketing Initiative (RMI)

- RCC participating in Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce effort
- Purpose: to rebrand and position Reston as a premier location for business, residents and visitors
- Involves leadership from civic, non-profit and business interests in Reston
- Community Calendar
  - Web-based; adaptable to mobile
  - Includes major events
  - RCC committed to achieving this whether in RMI or on our own

# Programs

## Conduct a Leisure/Culture/Aquatics Needs Assessment

- To understand competitive context
- To get input on individual and family leisure-time priorities
- To better focus partner efforts
- To establish RCC role priorities

# Programs

## Innovations and Content Areas Being Explored

### **Offsite and online:**

- Taking programs to neighborhoods and community complexes
- Establishment of eLearning option for online certifications
- Expansion of offerings in Reston schools

# Programs

Innovations and Content Areas Being Explored

## **New Program Concepts:**

### – Therapeutic Recreation

- Adding therapeutic recreation options in existing programs
- Creating new socialization, arts and fitness options to support people with disabilities
- Not a medical therapy option

# Programs

Innovations and Content Areas Being Explored

## **New Program Concepts:**

### – Digital Media, Film and Video

- Teaching curriculum – offsite studios, school residencies for teens and adults; create student-produced films and videos
- Feed RCC digital platforms and YouTube Channel
- Create products for Reston non-profits and businesses

# Programs

Innovations and Content Areas Being Explored

**Adjust Current Adult and 55+ Offerings**

– **Establish as “Lifelong Learning”**

- Sharpen content focus; expand participation in both types of content – broadly appealing and more concentrated content for older adults
- Age range – 13 or 18 and older
- Age range 55 and older – more specifically geared to that population’s concerns and interests

# Programs

Innovations and Content Areas Being Explored

## **Adjust Current Adult and 55+ Offerings**

### **– Administrative Changes**

Make discounts and enrollment practices equitable and consistent for all age groups

- Aquatics 50 percent discount goes to 20 percent

- No enrollment period exclusion for Reston patrons

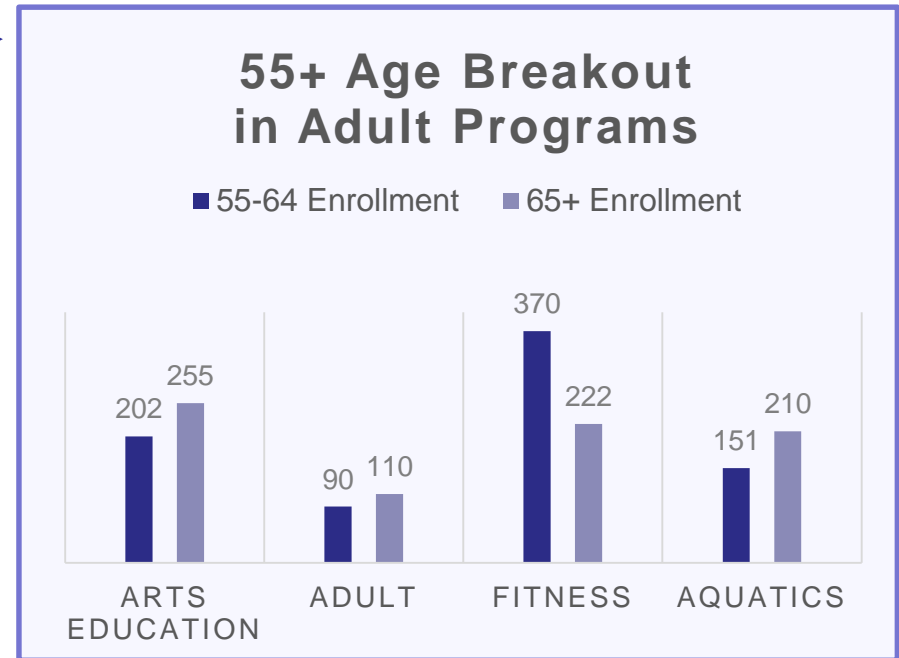
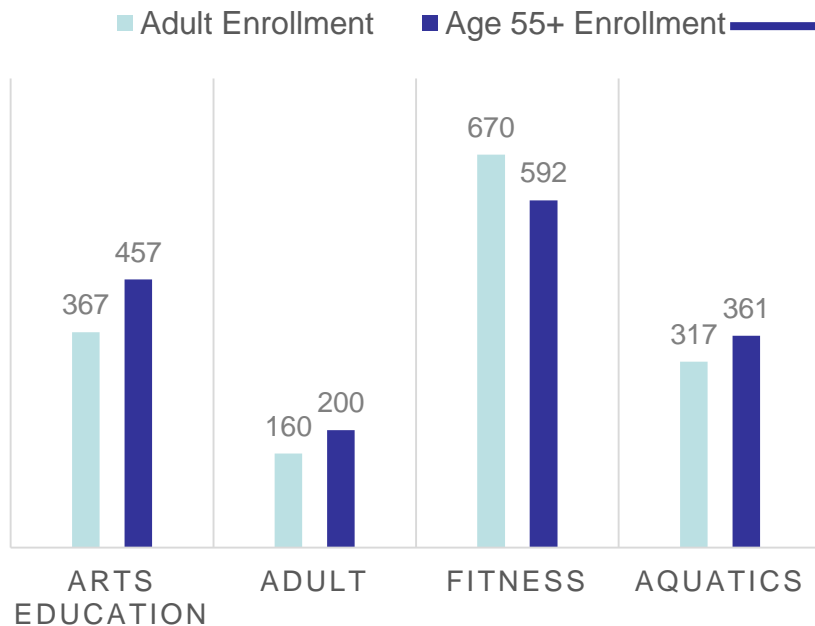
*What does that look like to our patrons?*



# Programs: 55+ Participation Analysis

## 2016 Total Enrollment in Adult Programs

(does not include 55+ programs)



*Enrollment figures suggest 55+ patrons are comfortable participating in Adult program offerings. 55+ patrons also account for 96 percent of drop-in aquatics pass usage for ages 18+.*

# Programs: Lifelong Learning Pricing

CURRENT STATUS OF ADULT or 55+ PROGRAM				LIFELONG LEARNING ADJUSTMENT		
Program	Past Age Range	Past Price (Reston)	Past 55+ Discount/Price	New Age Range	New Price (Reston)	New 55+ Discount/Price
Aqua Burn	13 and up	\$66	50%/\$33	13 and up	\$50	20%/\$40
Water Aerobics Pass	Adult	\$5.25	None	Adult	\$5.25	None
Water Aerobics Pass	Youth (under 18) or 55 and older	\$3.25	None	Youth (under 18) or 55 and older	\$3.25	None
Stained Glass	18 and older	\$180	20%/\$144	18 and older	\$180	20%/\$144
Learn to Play Mahjongg	55 and older	\$42	None/\$42	18 and older	\$52	20%/\$41.60
Medicare and Medigap Explained	55 and older	\$5	None/\$5	55 and older	\$6	20%/\$4.80
Library of Congress Trip	55 and older	\$20	None/\$20	18 and older	\$25	20%/\$20
55+ Ceramics – new title: Creative Hands	55 and older	\$60	None/\$60	18 and older (program title will change)	\$75	20%/\$60

# Programs: Lifelong Learning Offerings

## Programs Remaining as 55+

Cohort	Actv #	Activity Description	Time Period
Lifelong	509605	American Mah Jongg	9:30A-12:00P
Lifelong	509603	Bridge Mondays	10:00A- 2:00P
Lifelong	505551	Bridge Tuesdays	10:00A- 1:00P
Lifelong	509610	Current Issues Discu	10:00A-12:00P
Lifelong	505533	ESL I	1:00P- 2:00P
Lifelong	505565	ESL II	2:00P- 3:00P
Lifelong	505534	ESL III	1:00P- 2:00P
Lifelong	500399	ESL IV	2:00P- 3:00P
Lifelong	500402	Medicare 101	2:00P- 3:30P
Lifelong	509609	OAM event	2:30P- 4:30P
Lifelong		OLLI classes	Varies
Lifelong	504989	Open Pinochle	10:30A- 1:00P
Lifelong	500365	St. Patrick's Day So	12:00P- 2:30P
Lifelong	Varies	Senior Socials	1:00P-3:00P
Fitness	306106	Gentle Movement	10:30 - 11:30A
Fitness	304995	Gentle Yoga	9:45 - 12:00P
Fitness	398523	Gentle Yoga II	9:30 - 12:00P
Fitness	300129	Joint Friendly Fitness	12:15 - 1:15P
Fitness	300169	Slow Flow Hatha Yoga	1:15 - 2:15P
Fitness	301059	Strength Training for Seniors	9:00 - 10:00A
Fitness	306001	Zumba Gold	9:00 - 10:30A
Fitness	305636	Hi/Lo & Strength	10:00-11:00A
Arts Ed	402615	Encore Chorale of Reston for Singers 55+	2:00P- 3:30P

# Programs: Lifelong Learning Offerings

## Changing from 55+ to 18 years and older

Cohort	Activity#	Activity Description	Time	Comments
Lifelong		All the Classes with the exception of those listed above	Varies	Most of the current 55+ classes are free or have a nominal fee. Pricing will only need to be slightly modified if at all.
Fitness	300014	Fitness Fusion	12:00-1:00P	New Price - \$110. After 20% discount the price will be \$88, which is equivalent to current 55+ fee
Fitness	306025	Tai Chi Chuan - Eight Ways	11:30A-12:30P	New Price - \$100. After 20% discount the price will be \$80, which is the current 55+fee
Fitness	306010	Tai Chi Yang Style Short Form	11:30A-12:30P	New Price - \$100. After 20% discount the price will be \$80, which is the current 55+fee
Fitness	306011	Tai Chi Yang Style Short Form - Continuing	10:15-11:15A	New Price - \$100. After 20% discount the price will be \$80, which is the current 55+fee
Fitness	300145	Strength & Conditioning	6:30-7:30P	New Price - \$56. After 20% discount the price will be \$44.80, which is equivalent to current 55+ fee
Arts Ed	452509	55+ Ceramics	10:00A-12:30P	New title - Creative Hands (18 years and older). \$75 with a 20% discount to 55+ making the price \$60
Arts Ed	455011	Acrylic Painting for Beginners	10:00A- 1:00P	Now 18 years and older. Cost to patron will be \$56 with a 20% discount to 55+ making price \$44.80
Arts Ed	455012	Intermediate Watercolor Painting	1:30P- 3:30P	Now 18 years and older. Cost to patron will be \$56 with a 20% discount to 55+ making price \$44.80
Arts Ed	455526	Watercolor for Beginners	1:30P- 3:30P	Now 18 years and older. Cost to patron will be \$56 with a 20% discount to 55+ making price \$44.80
Aquatics	Daily/Pass	Fit After Fifty	10:00-10:50A	The offering will have a new name. This is a drop-in daily or pass class so the price points won't change, the audience is just broadened.
Aquatics	Daily/Pass	Senior Water Exercise	11-11:50A	The offering will have a new name. This is a drop-in daily or pass class so the price points won't change, the audience is just broadened.

# Branding & Messaging

Continue refinement of our print publications  
Continue expansion of our digital tools

# Internal Capacity & Financial Planning

## **Adoption of new Fee Waiver Program parameters**

- Expanded income eligibility ranges
- Increased individual account limit

## **Accreditation effort**

## **Capital Project and Reserves Management**

- Review scope of repair & maintenance costs against renovation potential in Aquatics
- Continue to manage cost recovery in a balanced budget structure

# Aquatics Facility Capital Projects

## Background

RCC total cost for replacement of nearly all Terry L. Smith aquatics facility systems over the next two-year cycle: approximately \$1.2M

*Can a renovation project more effectively meet our current and future needs?*

# Hughes Group Architects

- Analysis of Existing Facility Conditions
- Programming for a New Aquatic Layout
- Conceptual Layout and 3D Models



# Next Steps

- Staff continue to research program concepts and refine aquatics facility options
- Board, staff and community reconvene March 13 to discuss feasibility, financial impacts, and the process intersections with FY19 budget preparation and RCC calendar planning

# Public Comment

- Individuals: Three minutes
- Organizations: Five minutes

Please also provide a written version of your statement to: [RCCContact@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:RCCContact@fairfaxcounty.gov).

That will assure our record of your input will be accurate. Thank you for participating tonight and always in planning for RCC's future.

*Reston Community Center  
Strategic Plan  
2016 – 2021*

*Adopted by Reston Community Center's Board of Governors  
June 6, 2016*





## VISION

Reston Community Center enriches lives and builds community for all of Reston.

## MISSION

To create positive leisure, cultural and educational experiences which enhance the quality of life for all people living and working in Reston by:

- Providing a broad range of programs in arts, aquatics, recreation, enrichment and life-long learning.
- Creating and sustaining community traditions through special events, outreach activities and facility rentals.
- Building community through collaboration and celebration.

## VALUES

In accomplishing our Vision, RCC will be:

- A respectful organization that supports and nurtures its constituents, patrons, volunteers, board and staff;
- A welcoming community resource committed to improving citizens' quality of life in Reston;
- A builder of Reston's sense of place and community traditions;
- Celebratory of people's traditions and cultural and recreational aspirations;
- An active partner with other Reston organizations;
- An organization free of physical, financial and cultural barriers;
- An accepting and open organization; and
- A responsible and accountable steward of community resources.

## Reston Community Center Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021

### INTRODUCTION

Reston Community Center underwent extensive discussion and community engagement to craft this Five Year Strategic Plan. Every January, board and staff gather for a Strategic Planning weekend to examine how we are performing and look ahead to coming challenges and opportunities. In January 2015, we anticipated the conclusion of our existing Strategic Plan and what issues we might address or continue to address in this Strategic Plan. During that year, we spent monthly Finance Committee and other Board Committee meetings considering not just performance but also trends that ought to be informing the 2016 – 2021 framework.

With January 2016's meetings, we embarked on engagement with our community and our partners to obtain their feedback and input and this Strategic Plan reflects the bounty of creativity and thoughtful consideration they provided. We approach the years ahead confident that our partners will be with us; making Reston true to its foundational values and using them to provide the highest quality of life for all who live and work here.

Building on the success of the 2011 – 2016 plan, we look to the future with renewed commitment to these overarching principles of our work:

- RCC will expand Reston's access to cultural and recreational amenities, programs and services.
- RCC will leverage the strength of partnerships and collaborations with other Reston and Fairfax County agencies or organizations to serve the community.
- RCC will remain flexible in responding to changing trends and emerging community needs.
- RCC will deliver programs and services with superb and skilled staff using the best practices for stewardship of Reston's investment to maintain the public's trust.

The Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021 incorporates goals and objectives in the following focus areas:

- Facilities
- Building Community
- Programs
- Branding and Messaging
- Internal Capacity and Financial Planning

Ultimately, we want the people we serve to see their own future in this plan and to be excited about the possibilities it offers for their enrichment and enjoyment.

## FACILITIES

**Goal:** *RCC facilities are flexible, technologically advanced, beautiful and environmentally friendly. RCC facilities are considered within the context of other community assets and planning for facilities.*

Objectives:

- a. To conduct market surveys and feasibility studies to determine optimum facilities and facility functions that will serve a growing and changing community. RCC's competitive context is becoming more complex and RCC facilities should be considered within increasing numbers of public and private options for recreation and cultural pursuits.
- b. To include existing users and community considerations as renovations and facility enhancements or new facilities are contemplated and implemented.
- c. To evaluate existing RCC facilities for their potential to meet market demands suitable to RCC's mission and to maximize their utilization.
- d. To maintain and renovate existing RCC facilities in responsive approaches to community needs.
- e. To incorporate and continuously update technology available to users that supports program and rental patron needs.

**Update: January 2017**

- Engagement planning for existing users and patrons launching in February 2017.
- Master Arts Plan Task Force: will conduct a comprehensive market and needs analysis consultant delivered study in 2017.

## BUILDING COMMUNITY

**Goal:** *RCC reaches the broadest possible levels of participation in civic life by seeking and implementing strategic partnerships with other Reston/County organizations to achieve collective impact for Reston. RCC's approach to collaboration is managed within an institutional framework that strengthens the community, leverages the partners' respective strengths and is consistent with Reston's founding values.*

Objectives:

- a. To coordinate efforts that assure Reston residents and businesses have broad knowledge of RCC programs and services and how those may appeal to employees and visitors.
- b. To identify and implement systems and resources that intersect with community initiatives that are supported by RCC's mission and coordinated with our partners.
- c. To be particularly attentive to cultural, health and wellness concerns developing in the community.
- d. To reach out to new neighbors and under-served areas of the broader community with programs and services delivered where people are and to

leverage those experiences to inspire these “micro-communities” to engage deeply with the broader community.

- e. To support development of a community calendar of important event and activity dates in conjunction with our partners.

**Update: January 2017**

- Participating in Reston Marketing Initiative – March, 2017 deadline to resolve future of this undertaking.
- Sponsored the “RestON: Opportunity Neighborhood” Launch event in October 2016.
- If Reston Marketing Initiative folds efforts, prepare to stand up a Community Calendar as a function of RCC Community Building objectives.

**PROGRAMS**

***Goal:** RCC programs evolve and adapt to a changing community; programs are delivered both in RCC facilities and other community settings to assure RCC offers programs where people are living, working and playing. RCC programs serve diverse interests and are high quality, well attended and affordable.*

Objectives:

- a. To use market analysis/needs assessment results to inform programming design and decision-making.
- b. To preserve the broadest possible access to offerings.
- c. To develop a system to bring programming into neighborhoods and private settings such as multi-family dwellings and businesses.
- d. To balance services to neighborhoods within Reston with programming that brings the community together and fosters a sense of belonging to the community as a whole.
- e. To explore the potential for RCC to sponsor intramural sports leagues for ages 12 and older.

**Update: January 2017**

- Recreation and community capacity building needs analysis to be designed for delivery in 2017. Will investigate intersections feasible with Park Authority efforts related to indoor recreation facility planning for Reston and will seek differentiation from Reston Association efforts to date.
- Fee Waiver program expanded in 2016; individual limit increased to \$250; income eligibility thresholds increased.
- In 2016: Launched eLearning (5 enrollees in first 6 months, 2017 goal to increase to 30).
- Expanded Langston Hughes Middle School after-school drop-in programming (increased by adding cooking workshops, fashion sewing workshop, Zumba fitness in addition to the Game Day offering. September through December: 3,053 drop-in visits).
- October to December 2016: offered four Minecraft clubs at Dogwood Elementary School serving 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders. September through December: 269 visits).
- Sponsored purchase of a garden tiller for Dogwood Elementary outdoor education program.
- Sponsored a Green House for Terraset Elementary outdoor education program.
- Presented a Yoga Workshop for residents of Harbor Park. Well attended; will continue pursuit of similar offerings there.
- Outreach to Harrison and BLVD pending.

- Planning to coordinate program offerings with Cornerstones for their Youth Summer Series to be able to support their Cedar Ridge, Southgate, Crescent and South Glade communities.
- Continued support of the YMCA Reston Kids Tri; expanded connections to youth triathlons to include training sessions for Amy's Amigos in 2016.
- Expansion of summer concert series to add a new Sunday series at Reston Town Center and a Friday series at Reston Station at Wiehle Avenue.

## BRANDING & MESSAGING

**Goal:** *RCC is recognized as an essential ingredient of the Reston lifestyle. RCC is a trusted community partner in achieving broad civic engagement and efforts that enhance Reston's cultural, recreational and leisure-time experiences.*

Objectives:

- To build on market and needs analysis results to target marketing to appropriate audiences.
- To highlight RCC's strengths and positive impacts on community life.
- To increase awareness of RCC through external and internal branding and marketing strategies that reinforce a distinctly "RCC" image.
- To use all available platforms to communicate – including digital, multi-language and traditional print.
- To develop and deploy an "app" for RCC and Reston – to be used on the spur of the moment by residents, employees or visitors to participate or enroll.
- To coordinate RCC marketing across and among partner platforms.
- To ensure messaging consistently reflects our vision, mission and values.

### Update: January 2017

- Continuing to evaluate and refine existing print publications.
- Expanded social media outreach; continue efforts to use social media to launch communication products (2016: two monthly e-newsletters).
- Evaluating CMS for current website; possible transition to WordPress.
- Expansion of social media and digital outreach; increase in digital media relationships (e.g., Viva Reston, Reston Now, Reston Patch).

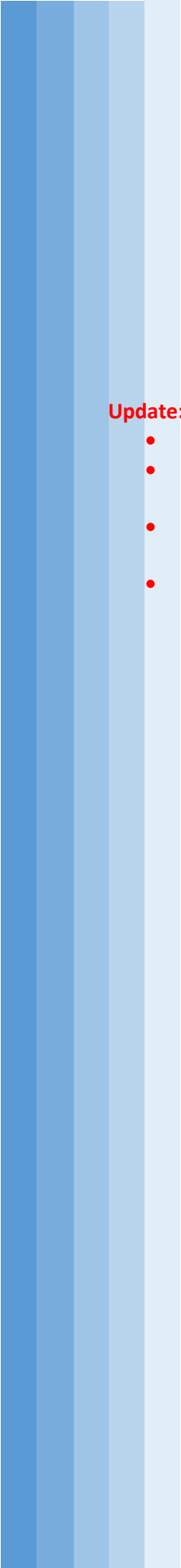
## INTERNAL CAPACITY & FINANCIAL PLANNING

**Goal:** *RCC achieves accreditation from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) demonstrating that we employ best practices with sound governance and stewardship to deliver the optimum results for our community. RCC financial planning considers facility development impacts within a ten-year time horizon.*

Objectives:

- To assure that equitable access and practices are principles applied to programs, services and facilities.



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- b. To add tools, processes and systems approaches that are consistent with NRPA accreditation requirements to existing policies, procedures and governing documents where necessary.
  - c. To employ user-friendly online enrollment and/or purchasing options.
  - d. To develop and deploy easy-to-use feedback loops for programs and services evaluation.
  - e. To consider long-term facility-related demands and other relevant factors in financial planning for capital projects, core budget considerations and reserves management.

**Update: January 2017**

- Adopted new Fee Waiver program practices.
- Accreditation efforts underway; staff to attend NRPA workshop in February 2017 (coordinated via Park Authority). Employee Manual draft in progress.
- RecTrac upgrade scheduled in February 2017. Achieved new gateway processing contract in 2016.
- Refinement of Capital Project and Reserves strategies in January 2017.



## METHODOLOGY

To meet the Goals and Objectives of the Reston Community Center Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021, the Board and staff establish annual work plans/budgets and associated criteria for success. Measures we use annually across programs and services areas tell us that our direction and activities are sound, e.g., participation, cost recovery within targets, patron satisfaction feedback and community meetings or other types of engagement. There are also specific measurable objective outcomes associated with the five focus areas of this plan. The staff reviews our plan objectives and the associated activities with the Board of Governors every January. From February through June, culminating with the Annual Public Hearing for Programs and Budget, the Board and staff report our progress in achieving our objectives; gather new information from the community; adjust if needed to changing circumstances; and produce the next budget and capital improvements/maintenance plans accordingly.

### **General Evaluation/Measurement Tools**

These data points are benchmarks that will be reflected in our budget documents and Annual Reports.

- a. Participation and Program Highlights
- b. Customer Satisfaction Surveys – Programs and Services
- c. Cost Recovery
- d. Business Systems Performance for Patrons – Use of e-commerce; social media metrics

### **Facilities**

Outcomes to be measured with respect to “Facilities” Goals and Objectives include:

- a. Market surveys and feasibility studies are completed (addressing both recreational and cultural/arts environments). Results are shared with the community and stakeholders.
- b. Renovation and capital project/maintenance plans for existing facilities include updated technology, address current and future program participation and provide for high levels of utilization.

### **Building Community**

Outcomes to be measured with respect to “Building Community” Goals and Objectives include:

- a. Participation in RCC programs and services by the community, particularly Reston employees, is increased.
- b. RCC outreach to various Reston neighborhoods is established.
- c. A Reston marketing campaign with multiple partners is established that includes a community calendar function.



## **Programs**

Outcomes to be measured with respect to “Programs” Goals and Objectives include:

- a. Market analysis and needs assessment provide direction to program planning and implementation.
- b. Agreement frameworks are established that outline the relationships between RCC and partners or program sites.
- c. Reston’s “Opportunity Neighborhood” initiative reaches under-served youth across the community to improve their health, academic performance and wellbeing.
- d. The best role for RCC to play to foster more youth involvement in intramural sports activities is determined.

## **Branding and Messaging**

Outcomes to be measured with respect to “Branding and Messaging” Goals and Objectives include:

- a. Communication platforms expand and feature new inclusion strategies such as use of non-English language formats.
- b. RCC has communications strategy agreements with its partners.
- c. The RCC “app” to promote enrollment and/or involvement is deployed and use can be measured.

## **Internal Capacity and Financial Planning**

Outcomes to be measured with respect to “Internal Capacity and Financial Planning” Goals and Objectives include:

- a. RCC is NRPA accredited.
- b. Online transactions comprise a significant level of enrollment and other purchasing.
- c. A Ten Year Capital Project/Maintenance Planning Framework is established that includes funding strategies.

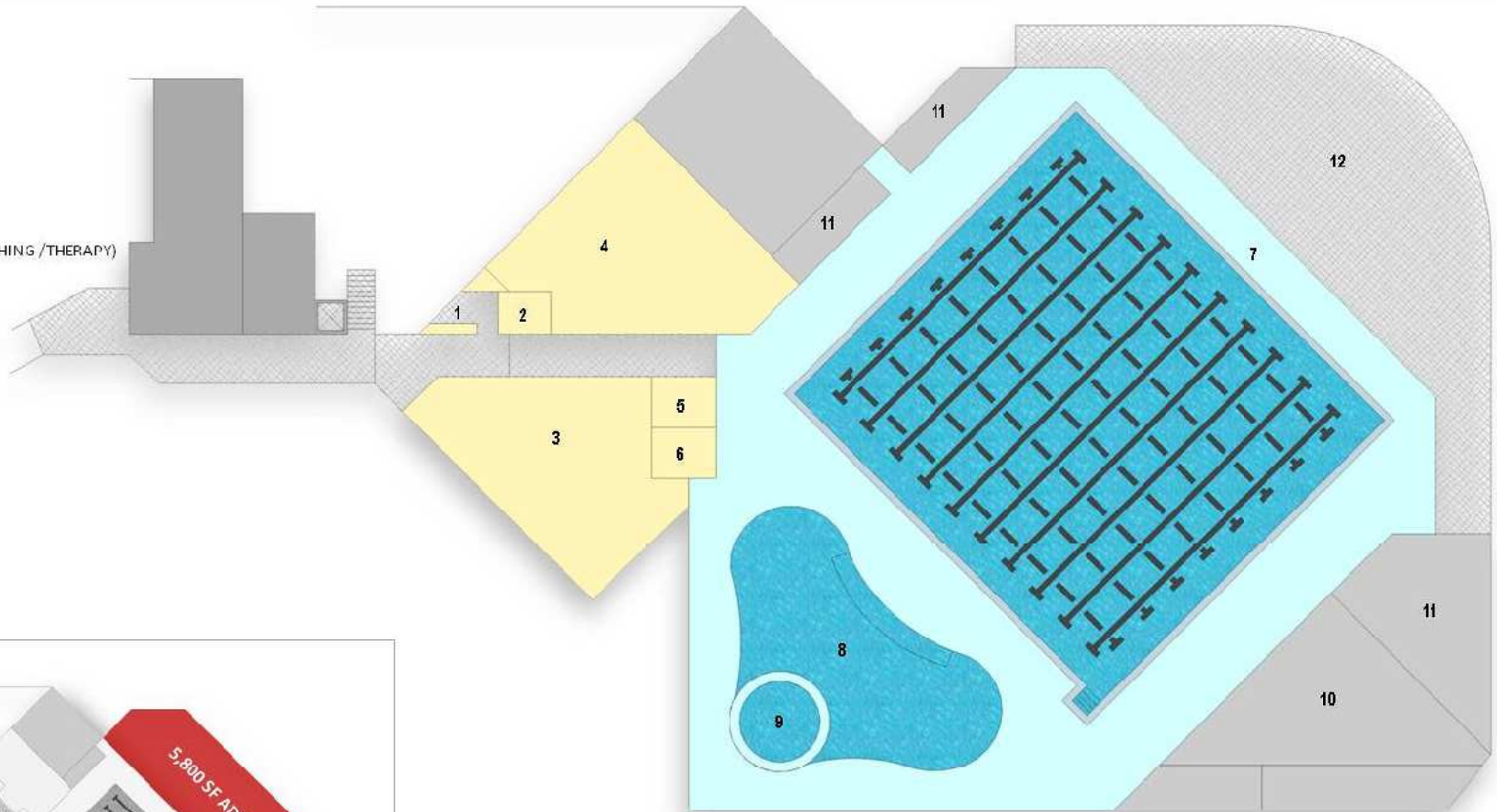
## **CONCLUSION**

Strategic planning is an approach to marshaling resources to achieve a common good with purpose and efficiency. This plan is not set in stone – it is intended to be a guide to help us stay on course, adjust course or change course as our community circumstances may prescribe. It’s a plan that will seek involvement from the people we serve and reflect their interests and contributions. We look to the future with excitement and are mindful of the period of change ahead for Reston. Given the Reston hallmarks of inclusivity, creativity and imaginative planning, we are confident the years ahead will be Reston’s best – for the people of our great community and their community “center.” Let’s get started!



## RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER POOL STUDY

- 1 AQUATICS SERVICE DESK
- 2 OFFICE
- 3 WOMEN'S LOCKER ROOM
- 4 MEN'S LOCKER ROOM
- 5 FAMILY CHANGING ROOM
- 6 SAFETY CENTER
- 7 25-M X 25-YD LAP POOL
- 8 WARM WATER POOL (TEACHING /THERAPY)
- 9 SPA
- 10 POOL FILTER ROOM
- 11 STORAGE
- 12 OUTDOOR DECK



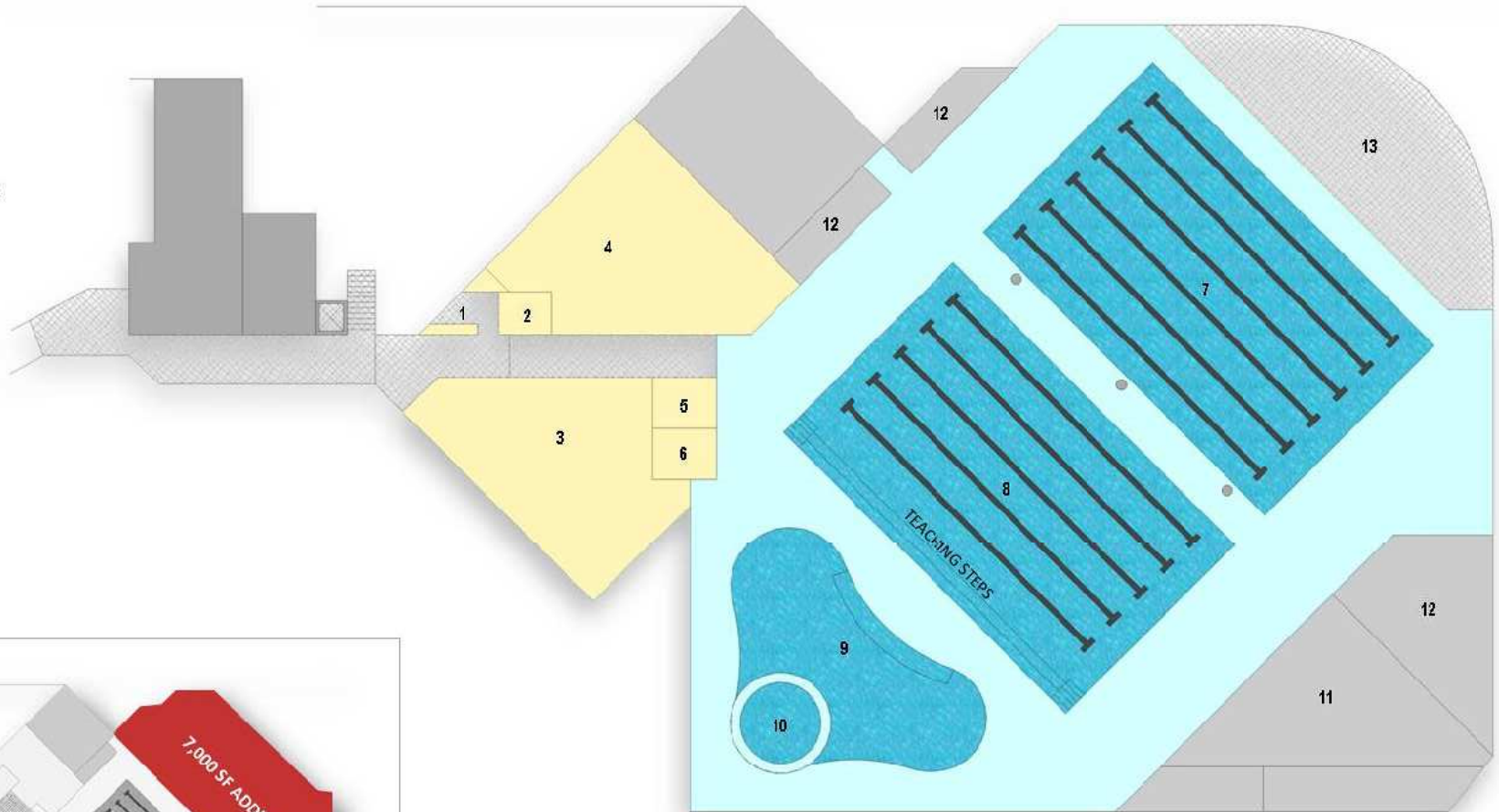
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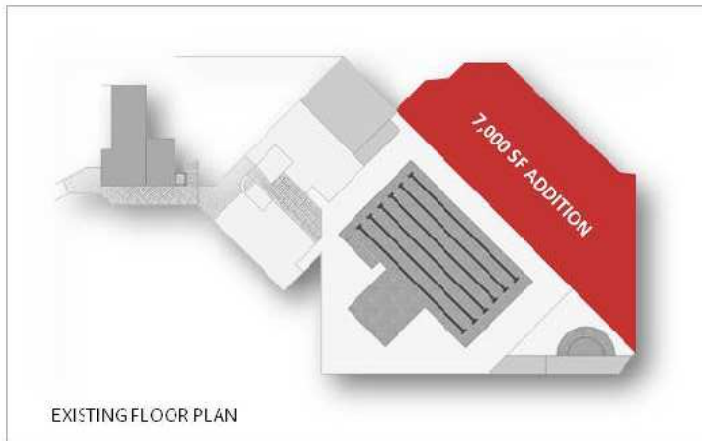
# RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER POOL EXPANSION

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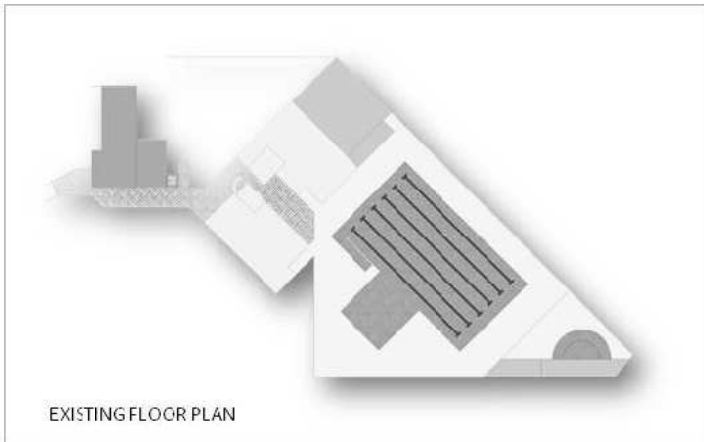
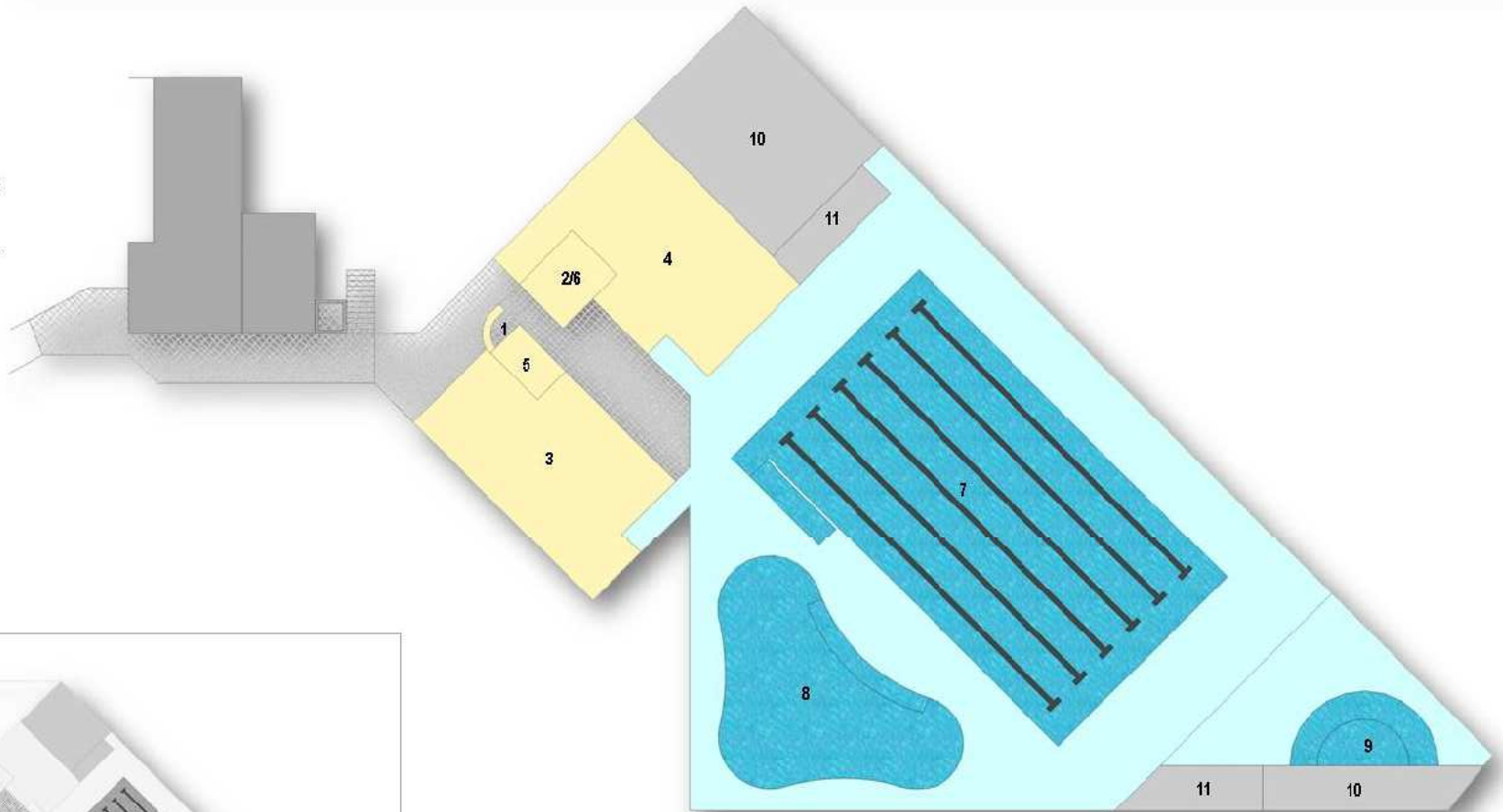
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 TEACHING POOL= 84 - 86 F  
 THERAPY POOL= 86 - 88 F  
 SPA= 103-104 F



# RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER POOL EXPANSION

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PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN SCHEME 3

WATER TEMPERATURE:  
 6-LANEX 25-YD LAP POOL= 78 - 83 F  
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# RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER POOL RENOVATION ONLY



**RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
FEBRUARY 27, 2017**

**Present were:**

- Gerald Zavala, Committee Chair
- Bev Cosham, Board Chair
- Bill Bouie
- Michelle Moyer
- Bill Keefe
- Paul D. Thomas (via phone)
- Vicky Wingert (non-member)
- Bill Penniman (non-member)

**Attending from the RCC Staff:**

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Barbara Wilmer, Executive Assistant
- Renata Wojcicki, Finance Director

Gerald called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. Paul joined via the telephone. Leila noted that a quorum is present as well as two Board members – Vicky and Bill P. – who are not members of the Finance Committee.

Leila gave an overview of the financial worksheets and report notes (information through the end of January), remarking that generally RCC finances are in good shape.

Regarding revenue, we have more than the allocated tax and expected interest income, as well as extra performing arts monies from the Professional Touring Artist Series. We are already ahead of our ticket income projection. Theatre rental fees will be on target when the Reston Community Players pay their final invoice in late May. Aquatics is a little behind in gate and registration revenue. If you add fee waiver amounts to cash receipts, the performance looks better and is close to our established revenue target. Activity will go up in May and June because their class schedule runs right through the end of June. Some of the shortfall may be resulting from lower participation in private lessons. The Fitness cost center total is good. Our highest level of fee waiver participation is in Teen/Family; we have shifted focus from revenue generation to the importance of participation numbers in this cost center. Our 55+ programs are performing well. Fee waivers are used by older adults to swim in significant numbers and participation from fee waivers in the camps is also quite robust. Revenue for Community Events and Arts Education cost centers is ahead of targets.

Michelle asked about Aquatics rental amounts being so far ahead; Leila responded that the payments are made in line with actual use; Michelle also recalled that the Masters Swim Team doesn't use the RCC pool during the summer. The projection will be closer to the target amount by the end of the year.

Regarding Personnel for RCC, the new Collaboration and Outreach director will be coming on board March 20. This was a Fairfax County promotional hire with a two-grade promotion, so no salary negotiation was required; the employee receives a 10 percent increase. The position reports to the L&L director – who has been doing double duty by arranging outreach programs at Reston Town Center and places like BLVD and the Bozzuto property Harbor Park.

Will Sanchez was in an “acting capacity” for the Facilities Supervisor position (replacing Patricia Farrell). He has now been hired into the position permanently. We have shifted one position from the Maintenance cost center to the Building Engineer cost center for various ongoing facility repair projects. Leila reminded the group that in Leisure and Learning and Arts Education cost centers, there are expenditure bumps in the summer.



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Operating expenses are tracking very close to where we are in the fiscal year. The budget overrun in Fitness was approved by Leila – all the fitness mats were replaced as they had deteriorated and customers complained. The year-to-date numbers also reflect the spending down on purchase orders that are fully encumbered at the beginning of the fiscal year. The bottom line numbers are tighter than in previous years because the RCC budget is now more closely aligned with actual expenditures; however, there will still be some cost savings at the end of year.

Regarding Capital Projects spending, Leila reiterated that we will likely carry over projects to the next fiscal year's budget due to our calendaring issues with respect to when major projects can be scheduled. That said, she pointed out that the Motor Control and Loading Dock Replacement projects are complete and the savings (approximately \$13,000 total) will return to the fund balance at the conclusion of FY17.

Leila also briefed the members on the status of the investigation of installation of solar panels on the roof. The vendor with whom we are discussing this will be sending a draft agreement to us for County review. Our advice from the Department of Procurement and Materials Management suggests that we can either ride the vendor's existing contract terms with Albemarle County or we can sole source the vendor on the basis of doing a significant "pilot project."

Leila reviewed our anticipated Third Quarter savings which indicated that we may underperform our overall revenue target by approximately \$60,000. Leila is confident the actual revenue performance will be closer to the total amount estimated. She also believes that when Fee Waiver Program participation is considered it puts our actual participation numbers into alignment with the basis for our revenue projections. The total of estimated savings in the area of Personnel is projected to be \$334,282; in Operating the estimate is \$80,721; thus total Third Quarter review suggests a return to the fund balance of \$415,003.

Leila discussed possible personnel issues she will bring to the Board's Personnel Committee when we are closer to understanding the impact of the potential for an Aquatics renovation project as well as when we need to address the retirement of Deputy Director Thomas Ward. These will be issues that intersect with both the Personnel and Finance Committees.

Leila has been in contact with the Fairfax County's Chief Financial Officer and debt financing specialist to investigate financing options for an extensive renovation of the natatorium that would exceed our available resources. For Options 1 and 2 a bond issue would be required – the time necessary to investigate the parking restrictions issue (six to nine months) and creating the bond/ballot question (12 or more months) would mean the earliest point at which a bond question might be on a ballot would be 2020. Debt service would be an added cost as well in terms of the RCC core budget.

Moving expeditiously with Option 3 would get us the best construction cost – considering the projections for construction and development in Reston in the near future, it will be much more expensive the longer we wait. Leila anticipates that we may receive detailed analysis of the financing issues from our County colleagues but that nothing they will send us will provide a fiscally sound path forward from which to pursue Options 1 or 2.

Board members discussed the best approach to focusing the discussion with the community on March 6. Consensus was reached that Leila should provide the logic regarding the bond financing being too costly and too time-consuming at the beginning of the meeting to eliminate further conversation around options we can't realistically pursue. Board members suggested that Wayne's presentation should show the original Option 3 image again but then enumerate the added features/changes that have been made on the basis of the public engagement process.

There was hope that Wayne could provide price points for various features that may or may not be included in Option 3. Leila suggested that might be more likely – if it is in fact feasible in the scope of his work at this point – in a subsequent presentation that could include further refinement based on the input we get from the March 6 meeting. She also noted that she is hopeful we can pursue achieving a contract with Hughes Group Architects either via the existing relationship they have with the Park Authority or through sole source justification. Pursuing a process requiring an RFP would be extremely costly in terms

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of time and could also represent added costs because of lack of familiarity with our facility. She will keep the Board informed of progress in this effort.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:16 p.m.

Reston Community Center  
 Revised Budget vs Actuals Worksheet  
 31-Jan-17

100%/12\*7mos=58.30%

	Revised FY17 Budget	Dec	Jan	YTD (does not incl. Fee Waiver amounts)	REMAINING BALANCE	YTD % actual	YTD Fee Waiver (unrealized revenue)
Revenue							
1 Administration:							
Taxes	7,075,090	1,332,657	9,725	7,120,820	(45,730)	100.65%	
Interest	8,993	5,441	5,330	29,269	(20,276)	325.47%	
Vending	1,616	339	134	1,081	535	66.91%	
Facility Rental	152,385	19,145	13,968	154,625	(2,240)	101.47%	
2 Performing Arts-Theatre Admiss.	55,854	4,540	4,200	56,730	(876)	101.57%	170
3 PA Theatre Rental	33,124	21,635	-10,818	18,172	14,952	54.86%	
4 PA Misc Revenue	0	666	184	3,981	(3,981)	0.00%	
5 PA Equip. Sale Revenue	0	21		337	(337)	0.00%	
6 PA Cultural Activities/ Arts Org	0	-22,805	16,640	4,677	(4,677)	0.00%	
7 Aquatics Classes/drop-in	314,992	48,890	17,539	177,500	137,492	56.35%	23,114
8 Aquatics Rental	21,000	8,138		22,658	(1,658)	107.89%	
9 L&L Fitness	120,636	35,154	9,961	101,350	19,286	84.01%	2,328
10 L&L Teens/Family	73,000	2,352	961	32,890	40,110	45.05%	30,960
11 L&L 55+	81,553	17,609	2,601	53,086	28,467	65.09%	12,672
12 L&L Youth	132,984	2,210	962	107,105	25,879	80.54%	29,716
13 L&L Adult	35,589	4,126	3,750	21,951	13,638	61.68%	468
14 Community Events	3,525	600	630	3,805	(280)	107.94%	
15 Arts Education	219,899	51,561	8,980	190,109	29,790	86.45%	3,808
<b>Total RCC Revenue</b>	<b>8,330,240</b>	<b>1,532,278</b>	<b>84,746</b>	<b>8,100,146</b>	<b>230,094</b>	<b>97.24%</b>	<b>103,236</b>

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	Revised FY17 Budget	Dec	Jan	YTD	REMAINING BALANCE	% Budget Used Ytd
<b>Personnel Expenses</b>						
1 Administration	553,827	33,177	33,899	228,562	325,265	41.27%
2 Booking	203,991	11,531	12,280	84,788	119,203	41.56%
3 Comptroller	406,259	30,493	30,580	207,288	198,971	51.02%
4 Customer Service	515,095	37,162	37,023	253,184	261,911	49.15%
5 Facility Engineer	179,238	8,749	46,758	97,839	81,399	54.59%
6 Maintenance	409,972	34,109	-4,474	199,351	210,621	48.63%
7 IT	138,520	10,744	10,345	72,637	65,883	52.44%
8 Media/Sponsorships	408,713	29,359	29,333	200,806	207,907	49.13%
9 Community Partnerships	0			0	0	0.00%
10 Performing Arts	527,278	46,476	44,790	272,497	254,781	51.68%
11 Aquatics	680,448	45,445	42,219	308,650	371,798	45.36%
12 Leisure & Learning (L&L) Admin	232,070	19,309	19,368	129,411	102,659	55.76%
13 L&L Fitness	98,308	8,116	4,121	45,424	52,884	46.21%
14 L&L Teens/Family	133,666	2,787	611	37,094	96,572	27.75%
15 L&L 55+	143,799	9,307	8,660	62,684	81,115	43.59%
16 L&L Youth	192,610	8,069	7,795	117,051	75,559	60.77%
17 L&L Adult	127,909	7,291	7,688	54,998	72,911	43.00%
18 Community Events	138,809	9,637	8,700	65,985	72,824	47.54%
19 Arts Education	330,491	15,547	10,412	190,409	140,082	57.61%
<b>Total Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>5,421,003</b>	<b>367,308</b>	<b>350,106</b>	<b>2,628,657</b>	<b>2,792,346</b>	<b>48.49%</b>

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	Revised FY17 Budget	Dec	Jan	YTD	REMAINING BALANCE	% Budget Used Ytd
<b>Operational Expenses</b>						
1 Administration	64,544	769	905	17,387	47,157	26.94%
2 Board	57,820	1,939	465	36,412	21,408	62.97%
3 Booking	98,305	1,291	43	77,317	20,988	78.65%
4 Comptroller//LA Lease/Admin	357,223	941	5,674	283,595	73,628	79.39%
5 Customer Service	1,000		93	327	673	32.75%
6 Facility Engineer	183,435	2,748	12,608	89,226	94,209	48.64%
7 Maintenance	419,865	4,112	3,970	389,057	30,808	92.66%
8 IT	96,127	39,058	3,921	61,511	34,616	63.99%
9 Media/Sponsorships	400,474	56,730	4,597	274,241	126,234	68.48%
10 Community Partnerships	113,000			93,280	19,720	82.55%
11 Performing Arts	303,855	12,085	15,472	267,883	35,972	88.16%
12 Aquatics	76,398	2,272	1,058	36,560	39,838	47.85%
13 Leisure & Learning (L&L) Admin	6,100	320	(180)	2,713	3,387	44.48%
14 L&L Fitness	19,906	16	23	23,083	(3,177)	115.96%
15 L&L Teens/Family	127,635	4,090	16,423	82,817	44,818	64.89%
16 L&L 55+	84,280	1,579	12,887	57,927	26,353	68.73%
17 L&L Youth	121,184	1,237	15,131	88,550	32,634	73.07%
18 L&L Adult	12,153	8	1,076	9,392	2,760	77.29%
19 Community Events	153,342	4,319	9,426	103,119	50,223	67.25%
20 Arts Education	82,787	3,126	496	52,402	30,385	63.30%
<b>Total Operational Expenses</b>	<b>2,779,432</b>	<b>136,641</b>	<b>104,084</b>	<b>2,046,797</b>	<b>732,635</b>	<b>73.64%</b>

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	Revised FY17 Budget	Dec	Jan	YTD	REMAINING BALANCE	% Budget Used Ytd
1 RCC Improvements CC-000001	892,587			259,510	633,077	29.07%
2 RCC Facility Enhancements CC-000002	30,000			0	30,000	0.00%
3 RCC HW Enhancements CC-000003	128,159		-2,646	112,923	15,236	88.11%
4 Theatre Enhancements CC-000008	302,058	(13)		18,209	283,849	6.03%
5 RCC Natatorium Mech. Sys. Upgrade CC-000009	50,000			0	50,000	0.00%
6 RCC-Motor Control Panel CC-000012	4,026			0	4,026	0.00%
7 RCC-Rear Loading Dock CC-000013	9,537			0	9,537	0.00%
<b>Total Capital Expenses</b>	<b>1,416,367</b>	<b>(13)</b>	<b>-2,646</b>	<b>390,642</b>	<b>1,025,725</b>	<b>27.58%</b>
<b>Total RCC Expenditures</b>	<b>9,616,802</b>	<b>503,937</b>	<b>451,544</b>	<b>5,066,096</b>	<b>4,550,706</b>	<b>52.68%</b>

Type	Revised FY17 Budget	FY17 YTD	Remaining Balance	% Budget Target
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>6,403,707</b>	<b>6,403,707</b>		100.00%
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Taxes	7,075,090	7,120,820	-45,730	100.65%
Interest	8,993	29,269	-20,276	325.47%
Vending	1,616	1,081	535	66.91%
Aquatics	335,992	200,157	135,835	59.57%
Leisure and Learning	443,762	316,382	127,380	71.30%
Rental	152,385	154,625	-2,240	101.47%
Arts and Events	312,402	277,811	34,591	88.93%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>8,330,240</b>	<b>8,100,146</b>	<b>230,094</b>	<b>97.24%</b>
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>14,733,947</b>	<b>14,503,853</b>	230,094	98.44%
<b>Expenditures:</b>			0	0.00%
Personnel	5,421,003	2,628,657	2,792,346	48.49%
Operating	2,779,432	2,046,797	732,635	73.64%
Sub-Total Non-Capital Expenditures	8,200,435	4,675,454	3,524,981	57.01%
<b>Sub-Total Rev. less Non-Cap Exp.</b>	<b>129,805</b>	<b>3,424,692</b>	<b>-3,294,887</b>	<b>2638.33%</b>
Capital Projects	1,416,367	390,642	1,025,725	27.58%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,616,802</b>	<b>5,066,096</b>	<b>4,550,706</b>	<b>52.68%</b>
Revenue less Total Expenses	-1,286,562	3,034,050	-4,320,612	-235.83%
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>5,117,145</b>	<b>9,437,757</b>		<b>184.43%</b>

**FY17 Revised Budget includes:**

- 1. Beginning Fund Balance:** FY16 agency balance of \$751,565 brought forward into FY17 increasing the beginning Fund Balance to \$6,403,707.
- 2. Operating Expenses:** An increase of \$21,396 made to account for FY16 Carryover purchasing obligations related to the agency's operating requirements.
- 3. Capital Projects:** A total increase of \$945,067 encompassing \$284,430 for encumbered purchasing; and \$660,637 for unencumbered capital projects' balances.

**Revenue  
comment**

**General Note:** Revenues totaling \$284,031 collected prior to July 1 in 2016 were reversed and recorded as FY17 program revenue as those activities occur after July 1, 2016 (the beginning of FY17.) Winter/spring initial program registration started December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

1. **Administration:** The Administration revenue includes tax, interest and facility rental revenues. Facility rental revenue is combined T-Mobile antenna and room rental revenue. We have collected 100.65% of tax revenue, 101.47% of estimated Facility Rental revenue (which also includes T-Mobile antenna revenue) and 325.47% of estimated interest revenue.
2. **Performing Arts Theatre Admission:** Theatre admission ticket sales from Professional Touring Artist Series shows.
3. **Performing Arts Theatre Rental:** Theatre rental payments are made on an irregular schedule depending on when performances occur.
4. **Performing Arts Misc. Revenue:** Revenue from processing fees for online ticketing; new terms negotiated with Tickets.com returns a small amount to RCC. Revenue from this stream was not projected for FY16 or FY17 as there was little predictive data upon which to base the estimate.
5. **Performing Arts Equipment Sale:** Auctioned equipment sale proceeds; no revenue is predicted for this category as we can't be sure that surplus equipment will sell.
6. **Performing Arts Cultural Activities/Arts Organizations:** The community arts box office receipts and payments clearing line. Correction to the balance in the amount of 12K posted in January 2017.
7. **Aquatics Classes/drop-in:** Year-to-date revenue represents daily gate fees, summer, fall and initial winter/spring program registration revenue. Revenue is lagging last year's performance. This partially a result of fewer private lessons enrollments due to more limited instructor availability.
8. **Aquatics Rental:** Year-to-date revenue represents natatorium rental payment.
9. **Fitness:** Year-to-date amount includes summer, fall and initial winter/spring program registration revenue.
10. **Teen/Family:** Year-to-date amount includes summer, fall and initial winter/spring program registration revenue. Most of this cost center's revenue is realized during the summer. Programming in this cost center has shifted to drop-in social and more free-of-charge activities to sustain and grow participation levels. Fee waiver program participation in this cost center is significant.
11. **55+:** Year-to-date amount includes summer, fall and initial winter/spring program registration revenue.
12. **Youth:** Year-to-date amount includes summer, fall and initial winter/spring program registration revenue. Most of this cost center's revenue is realized during the summer.
13. **Adult:** Year-to-date amount includes summer, fall and initial winter/spring program registration revenue.
14. **Community Events:** Revenue is collected from booth fees and book sales associated with the Reston Multicultural Festival and MLK luncheon ticket sales.
15. **Arts Education:** Year-to-date amount includes summer, fall and initial winter/spring program registration revenue. Summer revenues from LARK and YAT contribute significantly to this cost center's revenue.



## Personnel Expenses

**General Note:** Payroll posting lags two weeks behind the calendar; therefore the percent of the year elapsed and the percent of the budget expended will not align. Summer personnel costs also reflect the fact that there is a split typically for pay period 14 that requires accounting for the amount of personnel costs that belong in the prior fiscal year and those that belong in the current fiscal year. Typically – because of our programming calendar – we get a fairly true picture of the personnel costs related to summer and fall programming cycles by the end of December. Staff monitor summer camp personnel expenditures against projected expenditures on a pay period by pay period basis for Youth, Teen/Family and Arts Education cost centers because of the larger percentage of personnel funds that will be spent in the summer for those cost centers. Some savings are anticipated as a consequence of vacancies in the Aquatics and Booking cost centers. These are being managed at present with “acting capacity” promotions. The Leisure and Learning Administration cost center will incur added expenses due to the reclassification of that position from P/R Specialist III to P/R Specialist IV (S23 to S25 level). The Leisure and Learning cost center vacancy (Collaboration and Outreach Director) will create some savings; hiring has been completed and the new employee will start in March. Overall agency personnel expenditures will likely be closer to our estimate than in previous years although some savings will occur due to vacancies and program cancelations.

1. **Administration:** Administration's allocated budget is typically under-spent; funding provides for OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) costs.
2. **Booking:** Personnel costs are at the expected level; a merit vacancy is being filled by part-time staffing.
3. **Comptroller:** Personnel costs are at the expected level.
4. **Customer Service:** Personnel costs are at the expected level.
5. **Facility Engineer:** Personnel costs are at the expected level. One full time position's budget allocation and related to-date costs were transferred from Maintenance to Engineering.
6. **Maintenance:** Personnel costs are at the expected level. One full time position's budget allocation and related to-date costs were transferred to Engineering.
7. **Information Technology:** Personnel costs are at the expected level.
8. **Media:** Personnel costs are at the expected level.
9. **Community Partnerships:** No personnel costs are anticipated in FY17.
10. **Performing Arts:** Personnel costs are at the expected level.
11. **Aquatics:** Personnel costs are at the expected level. One full time position is being filled at an “acting capacity” status; the cost center's third position is remaining vacant during this period to preserve our options regarding the acting capacity promotion. This creates some savings as well.
12. **Leisure and Learning Administration:** Personnel costs are at the expected level.
13. **Fitness:** Personnel costs are at the expected level.
14. **Teen/Family:** Personnel costs are at the expected level. Personnel costs include summer camps' labor costs which occurred in July and August.
15. **55+:** Personnel costs are at the expected level.
16. **Youth:** Personnel costs are at the expected level. Personnel costs include summer camps' labor costs which occurred in July and August.
17. **Adult:** Personnel expenditures are at the expected levels.
18. **Community Events:** Personnel expenditures are at the expected levels.
19. **Arts Education:** Personnel costs are at the expected level. Personnel costs include summer camps' labor costs which occurred in July and August.

**Operating Expenses:**

**General Note:** Reservations for multiple months' expenses are made at the beginning of the year; funds are spent down from them. The net effect of either stand-alone expenses or spending down reserved amounts is shown in the column marked "YTD."

1. **Administration:** Current month expenses are for team building activities and training.
2. **Board:** Current month expenses are for hospitality costs.
3. **Booking:** Current month expenses and reservations/payments are for security, storage rental and supply costs.
4. **Comptroller/LA Lease/Admin:** Current month expenses and reservations include bank fees, postage and office supplies costs.
5. **Customer Service:** Current month expenses are for supplies.
6. **Facility Engineering:** Current month expenses and reservations/payments include facilities' repair and maintenance costs.
7. **Maintenance:** Current month expenses and reservations/payments include utility costs, facilities' maintenance, and custodial services and supplies costs.
8. **IT:** Current month expenses and reservations are for DIT PC replacement and phone billing, cellular phone service and IT supplies.
9. **Media:** Current month expenses and reservations/payments include printing and advertising costs. Funding and expenses transfer for an off-year sponsorship was posted in January.
10. **Community Partnerships:** No current month expenses recorded. A funding transfer for an off-year sponsorship was posted in January.
11. **Performing Arts:** Current month expenses include program operating costs and supply costs.
12. **Aquatics:** Current month expenses and reservations/payments are for pool supplies.
13. **Leisure and Learning Admin:** Current month expense includes a cost transfer to Administration.
14. **Fitness:** Current month expenses and reservations are for program contract delivery. The negative remaining balance reflects an unanticipated expense to replace our existing exercise mats (due to condition/age).
15. **Teen/Family:** Current month expenses are for transportation costs.
16. **55+:** Current month expenses and reservations/payments are for program transportation, recreation activities and program supplies.
17. **Youth:** Current month expenses and reservations/payments are for program transportation and supplies.
18. **Adult:** Current month expenses and reservations/payments are for program operating costs.
19. **Community Events:** Current month expenses and reservations/payments are for program contract delivery, transportation and program supplies.
20. **Arts Ed:** Current month expenses and reservations/payments are for program operating costs.

**Capital  
Project**

**General Note:** Because of scheduling, RCC Capital Improvement Projects frequently carry over from one fiscal year to the next. Hidden columns each month include activity (plus or minus) that has already occurred; the net in the remaining balance column includes prior months' transactions.

1. **RCC Improvements/CC-000001:** Back Stage RTU (Roof Top air-conditioning Unit) replacement, public areas' energy-efficient lighting installation and HW Roof Replacement Phase 1. There are a total of 3 Phases involved with the roof replacement schedule.
2. **RCC Facility Enhancements/CC-000002:** LA customer service counter redesign.
3. **RCC Hunters Woods Enhancements (Community Room)/CC-000003:** Community room lighting. The chandelier fixtures' refurbishment is essentially complete; a small number of punch list issues remain. This project will remain open during the warranty period.
4. **RCC CenterStage Enhancements/CC-000008:** This project includes funding for the CenterStage floor replacement and rewiring/replacing the sound system projects (completed). The YTD expenditures reflect A/E costs for the floor replacement project and sound system rewiring/replacement costs. The floor replacement will not occur until August of 2017; related funding will be carried forward.
5. **RCC Pool Mech. Sys. Upgrade/CC-000009:** Needs analysis related to new dehumidification system in TLS Aq. Ctr.
6. **RCC Motor Control Panel/CC-000012:** This project is complete and delivered under budget.
7. **RCC Rear Loading Dock/CC-000013:** This project is complete and delivered under budget.



**RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER  
LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY BRIEFING REPORT  
MARCH 6, 2017**

**Present were Board of Governors members:**

- Michelle Moyer, Committee Chair
- Bev Cosham, Board Chair
- Bill Bouie
- Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
- Bill Keefe
- Bill Penniman
- Vicky Wingert
- Gerald Zavala

**Absent and excused was:**

- Paul D. Thomas

**Attending from the RCC Staff:**

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Eileen Boone
- Joe Leary
- Fred Russo
- Renata Wojcicki
- BeBe Nguyen
- Linda Ifert
- Brian Gannon
- Harun Rashid
- Cheri Danaher
- Barbara Wilmer

**Attending from Hughes Group Architects:**

- Wayne Hughes
- Lynn Reda

**Welcome**

Beverly Cosham, chair of the RCC Board of Governors, welcomed participants at 6:37 p.m. She said the Board members all expected a spirited conversation about the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center. Bev stated that RCC appreciates everyone's attendance and that it was great to see so many people involved. She also expressed thanks for the Board members' volunteer service and noted that Paul D. Thomas is not present due to his travel for work. We are discussing how best to upgrade the RCC pool for now and in the future. RCC has received significant feedback to date and is ready for more. Michelle Moyer, chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, will describe the format of this feedback session. Then Leila Gordon will talk about financing issues and Wayne Hughes and Lynn Reda will walk us through their most recent iteration of the renovation plan, which takes into account suggestions from community members and RCC staff. Following the presentations, attendees may ask questions and make comments. Bev reminded everyone that we need all speakers' full name and street addresses for our public records.

**Format**

Michelle explained that the Hughes Group will go through the current, tentative concept plan for upgrading the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center and that participants should jot notes and questions down on the handouts provided. After the architects conclude their presentation, attendees who indicated they would like to speak on the sign-in forms will be called in turn to come up to the microphone. Individuals may speak for three minutes; representatives of organizations may speak for five minutes. Michelle then introduced Leila Gordon, RCC Executive Director.

**Update to Finance Issues**

Leila explained that community members had inquired about options for financing the more elaborate options provided by Hughes Group Architects at the February 13 meeting of the Program/Policy and Community Relations joint committee meeting. She spoke with colleagues in the County's Department of Management and Budget, who described two possibilities for financing extensive capital projects.

The first would be to pursue a bond referendum process, meaning obtaining support from voters to incur debt via the sale of bonds. The second choice would be to go to another “issuing authority” – which for RCC would mean the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. While that process would be similar, the difference would be that the cost of the debt service would be significantly higher for non-voter supported debt.

The timeline for a bond referendum would first involve obtaining agreement with the shopping center owner to allow RCC more spaces for parking. Then we would need to try and change Fairfax County’s code regarding the number of parking spaces allowed in the parking lot, or to give RCC relief or a variance from codified allocations. The time required for both those efforts would be four to six months, bringing us to the end of this fiscal year. If our efforts were successful, we could begin the required substantial cost analysis regarding the scope and cost of the project. Then a bond question would need to be crafted, after which the geography of the ballot distribution would need to be designed for the widest possible participation within the Small District 5 (Reston) while limiting the access to that ballot question to just SD5 voters.

These processes would push the actual appearance on the ballot to November 2020. It would take several more months for the sale of the bonds. The process of estimating final costs, bidding out construction and building the renovated facility might be accomplished by 2023. This is too lengthy a period of time to wait for critically needed improvements. Debt financing for expansion is estimated to cost between \$711,000 and \$723,000 annually on a 20-year repayment plan or between \$602,000 and \$612,000 on a 30-year repayment plan. Any of these amounts added to our core budget would be impossible to support without significant impacts to other RCC programs and services.

The reality we confront is that RCC, in about 15 months, will have an unsafe and potentially inoperable aquatics facility. We will have to shut down for a minimum of four months to make fundamental equipment systems and infrastructure replacement. Our conversation tonight is about taking the money that we actually have to spend on those efforts, and add to that capital reserve funds, to undertake a renovation project that would deliver a significantly better facility to serve all our user groups now and well into the future. Thus, the Board instructed Hughes Group to focus their efforts on the “Option 3” concept of a renovation that would preserve the existing building shell structure. In addition, they were provided feedback from our February meeting, written inputs, water exercisers and RCC staff.

Leila then introduced Wayne Hughes and Lynn Reda of the Hughes Group Architects.

**Revisions to Concept Plan: Option 3 for Renovation of the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center**

Wayne explained that his group specializes in aquatics centers and that Lynn is a master swimmer – she swam from Alcatraz to San Francisco twice – “they caught her the first time.” She also swims at RCC and is very familiar with the pool.

Wayne said they were grateful that Leila asked them to come in for this project and that they were eager to fix some of the issues affecting the aging space. They understand that there are monies that can be allocated to this renovation, which is preferable to repeated repairs for a space whose systems are at the end of their useful life. They assessed the existing facility and seek to reprogram space to satisfy all users to a higher degree. They also looked at how they could reduce the compromises that are currently made because there is just one body of water.

Their observations are that the pool has settled; the gutters are flooded and there is probably a lot of cavitation under both the pool and deck, making it hard to maintain the integrity of the pool. In addition, they are aware that there is dissatisfaction with the air quality and distribution. In asking those attending who was satisfied with the air quality, five of the 60-plus people seated in the room thought the air quality is satisfactory. Other issues Wayne highlighted were:

- Lighting – LED lighting would be preferable and more energy efficient.
- The clerestory windows are single-paned and not energy efficient and the condensation is affecting the integrity of the lower frame.

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- The exterior environment shell elements are in terrific shape – meaning the last major project resulted in an excellent paint job.
- Acoustics should be addressed (concrete used in gutters, not stainless steel).
- A second, warmer water pool for those who need warmer water could be established to address needs of people needing therapeutic exercise and the very youngest needing to learn swimming skills (five- to eight-degree difference between the two pools).

The key design issue was to focus on how the renovation can broaden utilization – to provide upgrades that appeal to each of RCC's current user groups but also expand the pool complex's appeal to families and others for whom it's not currently meeting needs. One way would be to improve access with teaching steps and zero depth entries. Upgrading the changing rooms would accommodate fathers-with-daughters and LGBTQ needs. Also we would address privacy issues by providing shower stalls in the men's locker rooms and changing areas extended from the shower stalls in both locker rooms.

The pool is 41 years old. When initially designed in meters, the architect team thought US swimming would soon transition to metric competition. That not having happened quite as envisioned, Hughes Group is suggesting a change to 25-yard lanes rather than 25-meter lanes so fitness and competitive swimmers can train for an American competition. And two bodies of water mean two temperatures can be maintained.

Lynn explained more of what the slides illustrate with respect to key features and depths. The existing pool would have an accessible ramp added. We could add some play features (spouts, patterns on floor). It's possible to add a little heat into the main pool ramp area water, which would be good for swim classes. The lap lanes temperature would be for fitness swimming. As is currently the case, there is no diving. The therapy pool is organic in shape and access is by ramp or the teaching steps. We could increase the size of this pool and add depth. Different exercise/swimming authorities suggest varying depths; our illustration is for a maximum 5.5 ft. depth – this is a matter for discussion. For the locker rooms, we are considering converting one family room to be accessible from the hallway. As Wayne noted, we show converted showers in both locker rooms for more privacy and extend them so they are big enough for changing, too.

Everyone, however, should be prepared for trade-offs – this is not a complete solution to the competing needs of all of RCC's swimmers. There are both space and financial limiting factors that will come into play as we explore our options.

### **Comments/Questions – Public**

Leila announced that she would call for speakers, in order, from the sign-in sheets and reminded all that the time limits are three minutes for individuals and five minutes for organization representatives. Wayne added that what they have described does not preclude expansion at some distant time in the future if conditions warrant; it is the prudent concept to discuss with the limit of roughly \$4M as a ceiling for cost. The estimated amount of time for constructing this option is approximately nine months. He was asked where the children's lessons would be taking place (voice from the audience unidentified) and answered that the answer is not restricted – that they could be given in different places, but that the zero depth ramp areas would be ideal for infants and toddlers.

**Jane Anthony, Reston Resident**, asked what was wrong with a 25-meter pool and Wayne answered that there is nothing wrong with it. He said the US competitive swim distance is 25 yards. Lynn said that changing from meters to yards gave the architects enough space for the zero depth ramp area. Wayne said the deep end of the lap pool can accommodate life safety classes and starts. Jane said having two pools is a great idea. She asked if there would still need to be swimming lessons that preclude lap swimming and Leila responded that yes, programming would still require juggling interests. Jane said she appreciated the consideration of the various group needs in the plan. She also referenced that she has provided written input as well.

**Pat Coshland, Reston Resident**, explained she takes deep water aerobics and she didn't think 7-8 people could fit in that therapy pool area and that there are 14 in her class. Also, she stated that five feet is not deep enough.

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**Brian Evans, on behalf of Reston Master Swim Team Association**, said he is the Masters president and that they enjoy swimming at RCC. He is glad to see that the architects have addressed the issues of water and air quality. He asked about the possibility of blocking off that opening between the zero-depth entry area and the lap lanes; Wayne replied that was impractical.

**Sally Beth Fellers, Reston Resident**, said that deep water aerobics participants need deeper water than the concept plan showed. She described that she is not eager for much warmer water as her exercise feels better in the current temperature since she works out vigorously.

Leila stated that programming overlaps will not disappear with the upgrade and that users will still experience them. We cannot add a day to the weekend – the reality is that the pool has to be shared. She said that depending on the intent and age cohort for a particular program, offerings could be in warmer, cooler, deeper or shallower water. She noted that it could be that two or three lanes would not be available sometimes to lap swimmers so lessons or other programs could occur. Leila noted that between 1:30-3:30 p.m., the pool is often empty. She described how RCC could provide pricing incentives to increase use in those times. People responded that they don't necessarily want to break up their days with a swim but rather prefer to start or end them with their workout.

**Julie Fitzpatrick (residency unknown)** said that lap swimming helps her with her disability and asked if the lap width would remain the same (the answer was yes). Julie would prefer 25 meters. She stated that the architects have not provided a good solution to the shower situation. If people have enough room to change in the shower stalls, the waits will be longer and there are already lines for showering. She asked if it was possible to eliminate some toilet stalls. Wayne and Lynn both mentioned in this discussion that architects have no control over plumbing codes and regulations. They also reiterated that the needs of lap swimmers and aerobics exercisers vary with respect to the length of a lap lane.

**Mike Foxworth, Reston Resident**, echoed the previous sentiment and felt like he would have to take a number for a shower stall if they were private and that inviting people to change clothes there will slow things down even more. He also stated that he needs a railing when he gets into the pool; Wayne answered that there are railings on the zero-depth entry. Mike added that he anticipated the walk from the zero depth entry point to a lap lane might be a long walk for him, but he'd likely adjust.

**Gordon Gerson, Reston Resident**, said he would like Bill Bouie to provide a status report on the Fairfax County Park Authority's new indoor recreation center. Bill B. explained that the Park Authority is in the early planning stage for this facility and there is no definite time frame for its realization. The Park Authority is currently waiting for the release of the RFP for Phase 1 Reston Town Center North and once that process gets underway, the follow-on Phase 2 and development processes could occur. A new rec center could be built five-six years from then, possibly between 2023 and 2025. Reston Town Center North is a large area to redevelop with significant rezoning involved.

**Estelle Guttman (residency unknown)** said in looking at the 10-foot depth in the lap pool illustration, she would like to know how anyone could work out in the deep end if there are lap swimmers. Wayne responded that the second, organic pool would be available for individuals exercising. In response to Estelle, he said the temperature would be around 86 degrees. The lap pool temperature will be 82 or 83 degrees.

Leila reminded participants that their frustrations with programming will endure, but the pool conditions will improve. She said that having two different pools would not mean that the larger pool would be configured entirely for lap swimming all the time.

**Sandra Helig, Reston Resident**, said that she is pleased with this presentation; she is glad the pool is still partitioned so there are more people able to use the water they want. She asserted that midday is unpredictable with respect to whether or not classes will be taking place. Her problem with the shallow end is that she has problems with her feet and knees and needs the buoyancy of 4 to 4½ feet to lessen the impact of her exercise on her joints.

**Lyn Jagger, Reston Resident**, said that she does both deep and shallow aerobics and asked if there would be deep water classes in the therapy pool or the deep end of the large pool. Wayne answered that

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they could take place in both and that Hughes Group is trying to provide more options so RCC can accommodate different needs.

Wayne said users should consider the smaller pool as one big ramp. He added that the latest depth for competitive swimmer entry is 4 feet; it is no longer 3 feet. The 5.5-foot depth of the smaller pool could be deeper – proper sloping creates opportunities for various uses. The debate between temperature preferences of 84 or 86 degrees will go on throughout this project's duration and long after it is actually operational.

**Maureen McKinney, Reston Resident**, said that she works out in deep water which is important for her mobility. She voiced concern about how many people could be accommodated in the smaller pool since between 12 and 14 people take the classes offered now. Wayne said there was sufficient room for that many participants. He also pointed out that the ramp entry was a significant improvement for all of them because they'd no longer be climbing in and out from the wall.

**Gloria Michau, Reston Resident**, announced she has been using the pool for more than 30 years, first for lap swimming and now for deep water aerobics. She took an informal survey of swimmers who swim when she does and received 25 responses regarding six criteria. Results included a temperature of at least 84, a depth of 6.5 feet to allow for bobbing on noodles, space for 12-15 people without bumping into each other, and a shape that allows exercising in circles or being able to go from one side of pool to the other. For all these areas, responses in affirmation of these needed criteria were in the 20-25 range. She added other suggestions: access via a hydraulic chair lift in one of the pools, the ability of the instructor to teach from both the pool and the deck, flipping the pool schematic so there could be 15 in a deep area and five or six in the shallow part. She gave her written information to Wayne.

**Dick Stillson, Reston Resident**, stated that there have been many problems mentioned, but he wanted to offer that he has no problem with lap swimming. He asked if there would be changes to the spa and Wayne answered that it is possible the wall between the spa and pool areas might be taken down or altered to integrate it into the other spaces and there might be ways to improve accessibility. Dick also mentioned that he swims during the day and can sometimes swim in the afternoon for 2.5 hours with no one else in his lane. He requested that RCC keep the ability to do fitness laps when it's not too crowded.

**Robert Stites, Reston Resident**, said that he is a 20-year swimmer and the activity helps his type 1 diabetes – and that the spa is great so please don't change it.

**Judith Newman, Reston Resident**, thanked the Board and the architects for listening. She said the deep water aerobics users are wearing red tonight. She stipulated that activity schedules being what they are, retired people are not necessarily available to swim in the middle of the day. She asked that we keep classes in the morning. Leila said we will but that we could try offering other timeframes as well. Judith said some of them exercise quite strenuously and to please divide the shallow and deep water more equitably in the therapy pool.

**Lisa Groves, Reston Resident**, said she's identifying herself as representing all kinds and ages of team swimming. Team swimmers are people aged 6-86, in large groups and small, who swim laps; many use RCC. She stated she understands the financial constraints. She pointed out that with all the churning water during lap swims, large amounts of chloramines build up in the 18 inches above the water surface. She assumes new systems and HVAC will provide oxidation, filtration and UV lighting to get rid of chloramines and evacuate them off the surface. And she observed that swimmers would not be able to do turns in the open bulkhead lane with 6-8 swimmers in the lane – Wayne thought that was a revealing observation. She said she appreciated the addition of the swimming blocks. She understands that RCC will not be able to provide for the diving team and requested two more lanes if they could fit. Lisa wanted to remind all that from November through February, the SLHS swim team season is in yards and they need to time their splits in yards.

**Jane Ross, Reston Resident**, said she likes the ideas illustrated for the large pool. The warm pool could just be the current diving well, walled off and heated up. The locker rooms are optimal now; maybe put tabletops on the toilets since people change in those stalls. She mentioned that little kids need warm water. Jane questioned why this much work has to be done at all.



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Wayne reiterated that the most important reason the renovation project is proposed is because the pool has shifted and settled and so has the deck – RCC needs to address those problems and others.

**Lyn McPherson, Reston Resident**, asked what the current area of the diving well is. Wayne said that is a good benchmark and he would estimate 900 square feet. The small pool in Option 3 is double that. Lyn mentioned that the changes to the shower room are a big problem. Wayne said the architects will accommodate the needs for swimmers as best they can.

**Naomi Schick, Reston Resident**, said she'd give her time to the woman sitting next to her.

**Liz Hambrick (residency unknown)** said that she is confined to deep water aerobics exercise because of her mobility issues, and her opinion is that the shape of the therapy pool should take advantage of every square inch of space and be more of a triangle or larger. Her class moves around in circles and can't get the same level of exercise when remaining stationary.

**Clark Rumrill, Reston Resident**, said he has been swimming three times a week for 18 years and that he is happy with the pool and that it works well – although the temperature could be warmer. He understands there needs to be a compromise. He added that when you have arthritis, you have to keep moving. The nine month anticipated closure time terrifies him. He also wanted to mention a group that isn't represented here: mothers with children and babies – for whom colder water would be major problem. He is not persuaded that such an extensive project is needed.

**Rick and Ellen Lewis, Reston Residents**; Rick said he was curious about the finances and any relationship to homeowners. Leila clarified that RCC is not a General Fund agency but is financed with tax revenues from property owners in Small District 5 (Reston) – if those voters endorsed a bond to finance a renovation project, it would be those same resources that fund that renovation. At the Board's request, she reiterated that there are no plans to pursue a bond question or debt financing because of the cost and time factors she described earlier in the evening.

Ellen said she has multiple sclerosis and she likes deep water exercise, but she cannot do what fitness aerobics exercisers do and she prefers warmer temperatures, which enable her to move.

**Sandy Helig, Reston Resident**, requested time to speak on behalf of people not here who live in the Fellowship House, many of whom are Asian. She stated that RCC should make sure they know what is going on and make an effort to get their input. Sandy commented on her experience swimming yards versus meters.

**Tom Snider, Reston Resident**, said he only uses the deep end. He sees little advantage to any of this plan and that in the therapy pool the architects are trying to make room for aerobics that just isn't needed because the current configuration is fine. He believes the air in pool area is remarkably good and that there is very little chlorine smell or content. He asked for the measurements that prove any problems with the quality of the air or water. Wayne responded that they would do an extensive analysis and that the mechanical systems are coming to the end of their useful life and need to be replaced; they don't adequately recirculate air as a consequence. Tom and Wayne discussed the effect of the recently installed Paddock Evacuator having been sufficient to address any air problems; Wayne again stated that the air handling equipment for the entire pool complex is going to be out of commission in the near term and requires replacement. Tom asked that there be sufficient engineering and other analysis to assure that money isn't being spent on non-existent problems.

There were no further comments or questions from people attending.

Leila reminded attendees to come to the Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee meeting next Monday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. and that the meeting would be a report out on a number of areas in addition to the aquatics project. She stated that there will be no subtraction from what RCC offers now; that RCC will do the best with what is available; and that we will make a difference in the quality of the aquatics experience for all users with our decisions on capital project spending for the pool facility. She repeated that there will be no pursuit of a bond issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



# RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER



**Reston Community Center Board of Governors  
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting  
March 6, 2017  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Meeting Agenda**

**Welcome**

Beverly Cosham, Chair  
RCC Board of Governors

**Format**

Michelle Moyer, Chair  
RCC Board of Governors' Long Range Planning Committee

**Update to Finance Issues**

Leila Gordon, Executive Director

**Revisions to Concept Plan: Option 3 for Renovation of the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center**

Wayne Hughes and Lynn Reda  
Hughes Group Architects

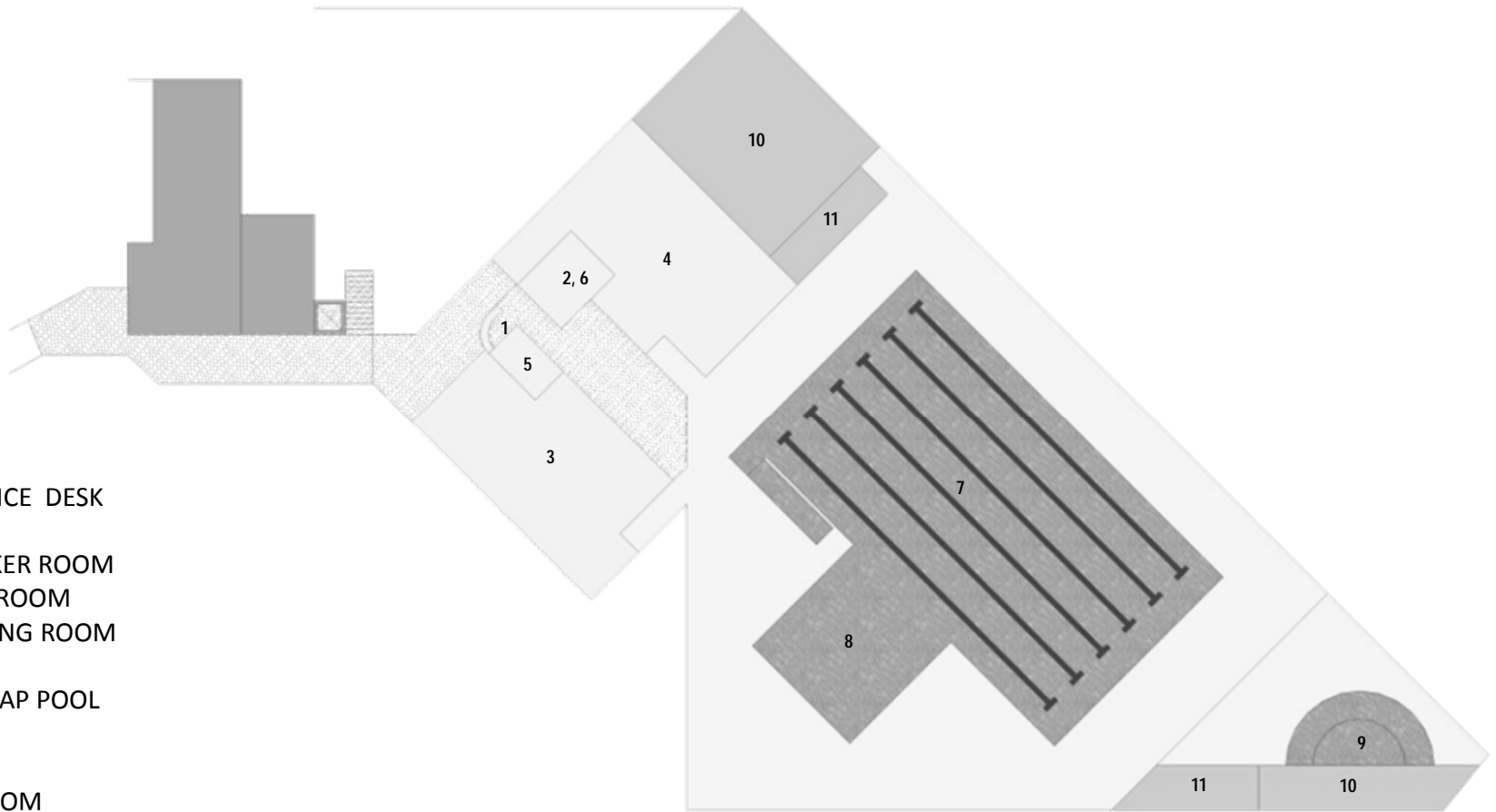
**Comments/Questions – Public**

(Will be called in turn from sign-in sheets; time limits: 3 minutes for individuals, 5 minutes for organizations)



# Pool Improvements

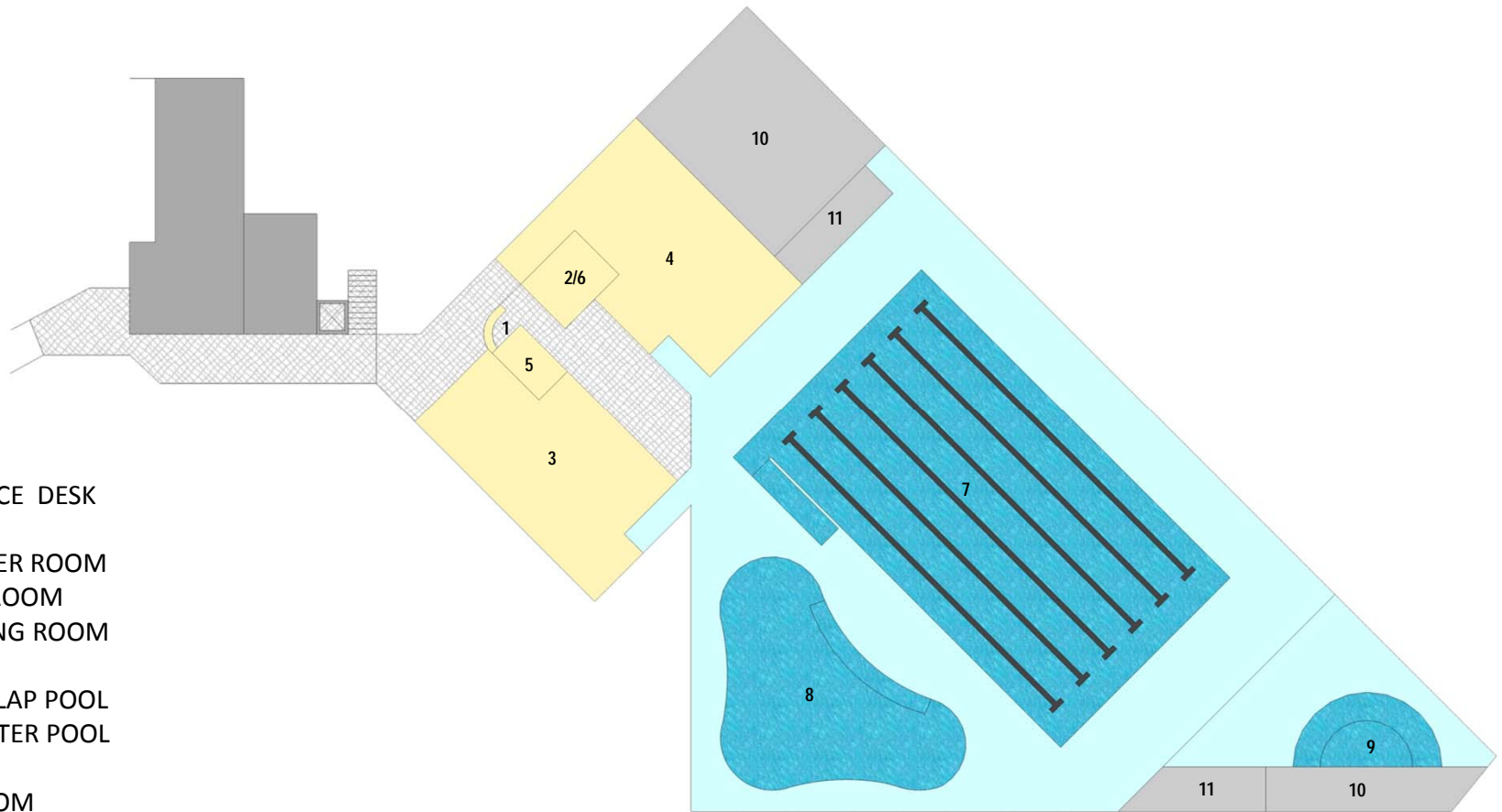
- Larger deep (5') water area in warm water pool
- Family area, zero depth entry incorporated into lap pool
- Possible patio and/or windows along northeast wall
- Additional Family Changing room
- Private showers with changing in both men's and women's locker rooms
- Improved quality of light, air, and water
- Improved acoustics



- 1 AQUATICS SERVICE DESK
- 2 OFFICE
- 3 WOMEN'S LOCKER ROOM
- 4 MEN'S LOCKER ROOM
- 5 FAMILY CHANGING ROOM
- 6 SAFETY CENTER
- 7 6-LANE X 25M LAP POOL
- 8 DIVING WELL
- 9 SPA
- 10 POOL FILTER ROOM
- 11 STORAGE

EXISTING POOL AREA FLOOR PLAN

WATER TEMPERATURE:  
 6-LANE X 25M LAP POOL= 78 - 83 F  
 SPA= 103-104 F



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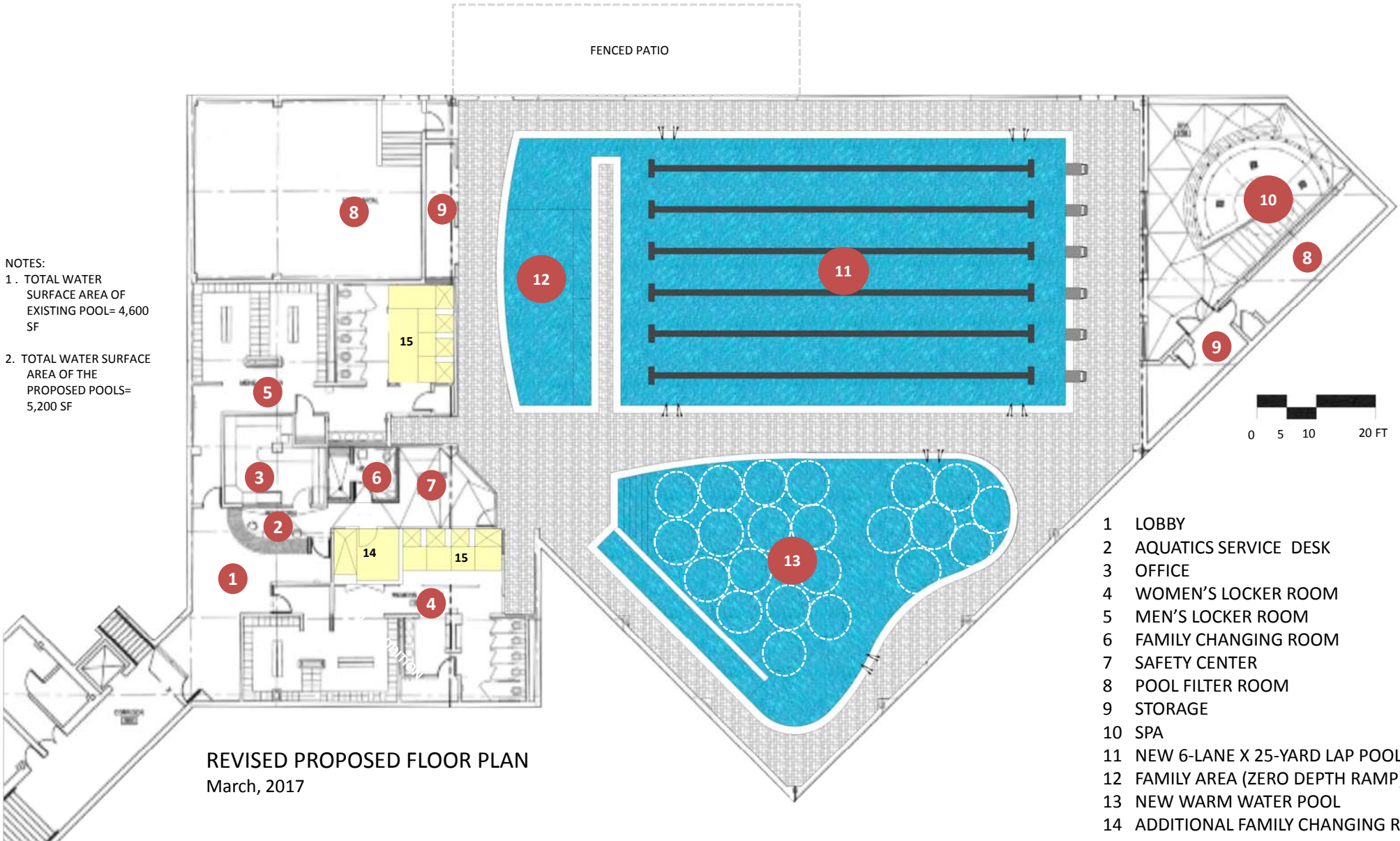
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 THERAPY POOL= 86 - 88 F  
 SPA= 103-104 F

INITIAL PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN  
 February, 2017



## RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER POOL STUDY

March 6, 2017



NOTES:  
 1. TOTAL WATER SURFACE AREA OF EXISTING POOL= 4,600 SF  
 2. TOTAL WATER SURFACE AREA OF THE PROPOSED POOLS= 5,200 SF

REVISED PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN  
 March, 2017

- 1 LOBBY
- 2 AQUATICS SERVICE DESK
- 3 OFFICE
- 4 WOMEN'S LOCKER ROOM
- 5 MEN'S LOCKER ROOM
- 6 FAMILY CHANGING ROOM
- 7 SAFETY CENTER
- 8 POOL FILTER ROOM
- 9 STORAGE
- 10 SPA
- 11 NEW 6-LANE X 25-YARD LAP POOL
- 12 FAMILY AREA (ZERO DEPTH RAMP)
- 13 NEW WARM WATER POOL
- 14 ADDITIONAL FAMILY CHANGING RM.
- 15 RECONFIGURED SHOWER STALLS WITH CHANGING AREA



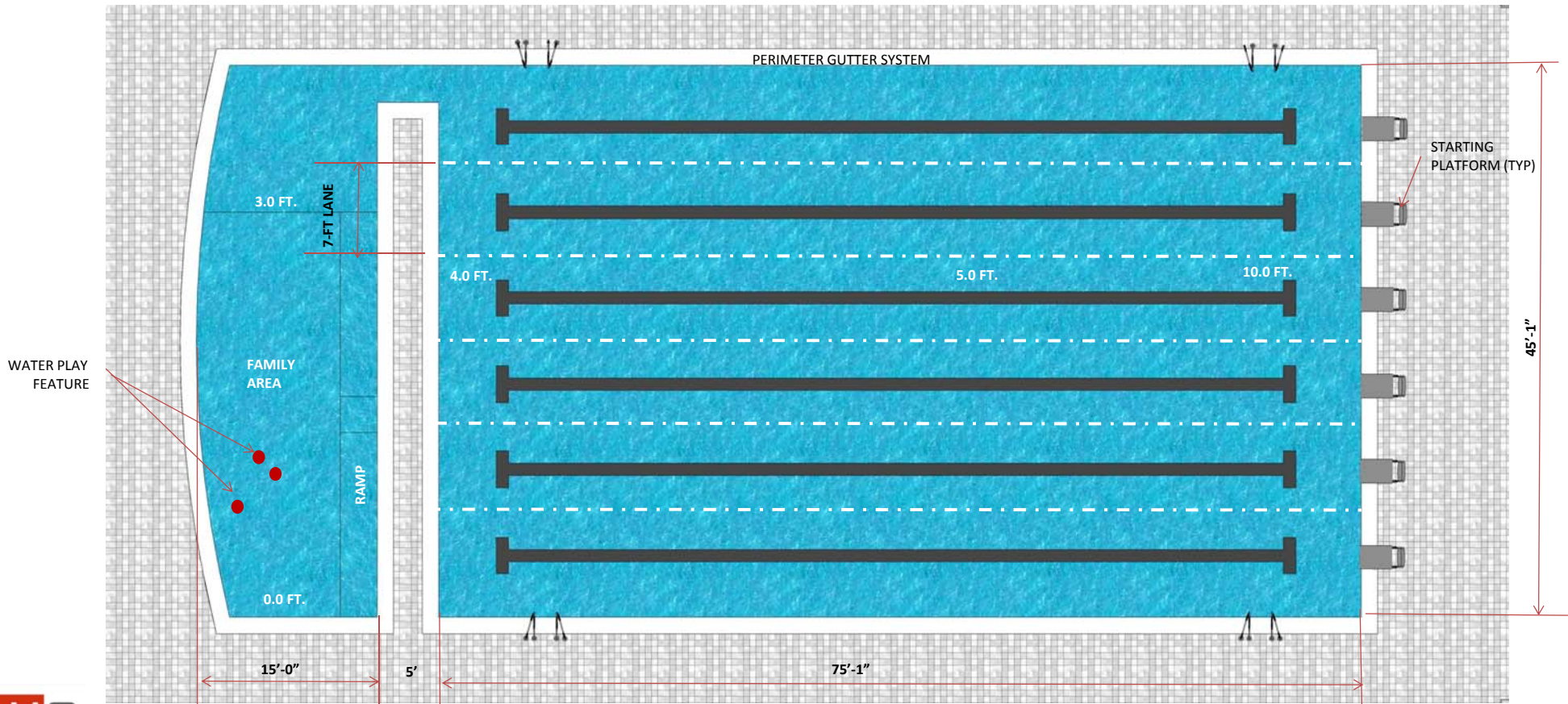
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- NOTES:
1. LAP POOL WATER SURFACE AREA= 3,400 SF
  2. WATER TEMPERATURE= 78F TO 83F

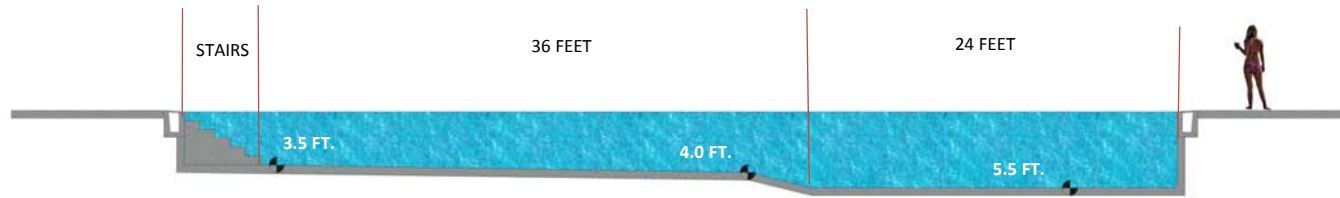
LAP POOL PLAN & SECTION



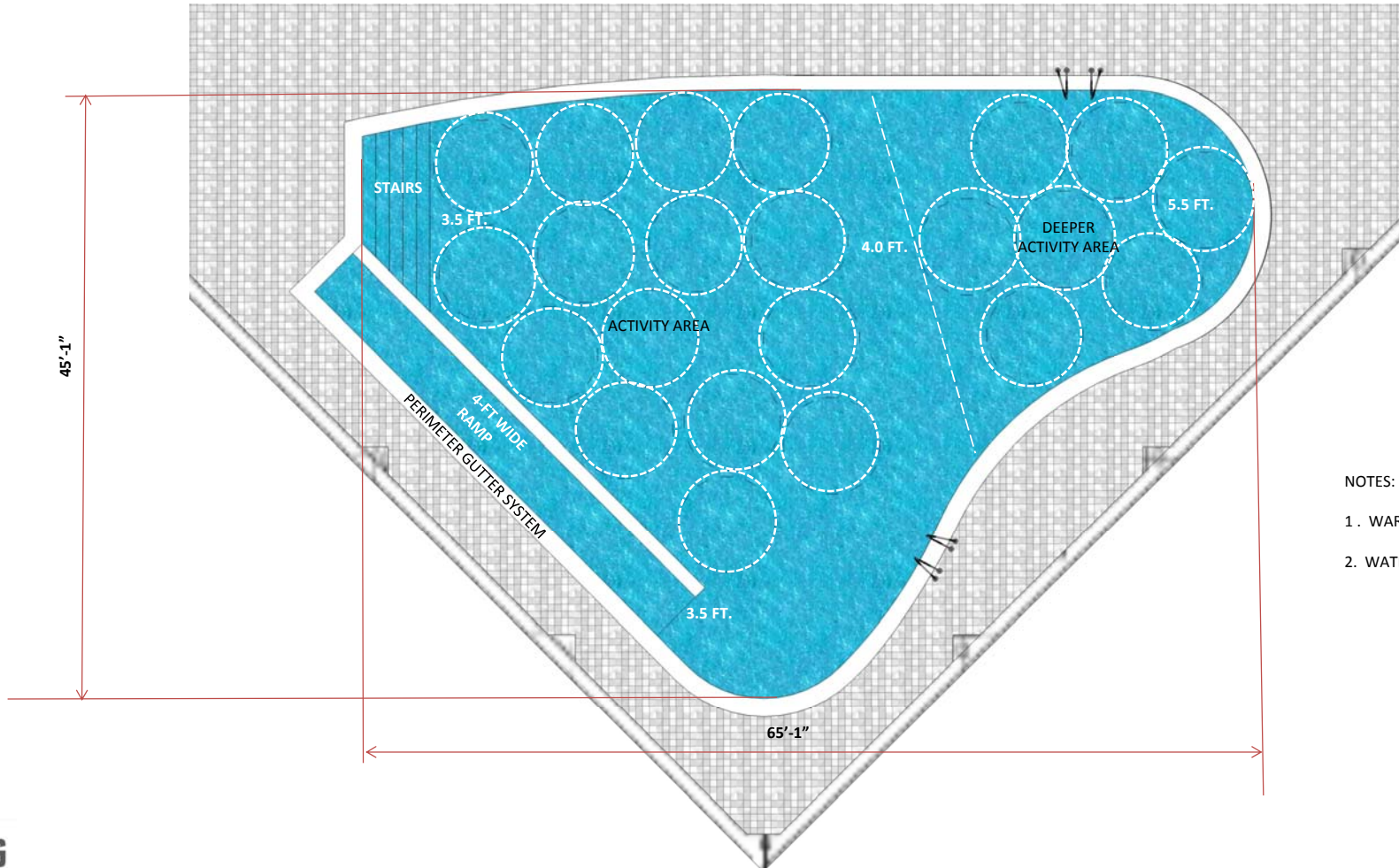
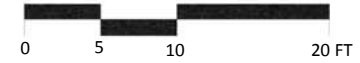
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WARM WATER POOL PLAN & SECTION



NOTES:

1. WARM WATER SURFACE AREA= 1,800 SF
2. WATER TEMPERATURE= 86F TO 88F

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# Public Comment

## **Criteria for Deep Water Exercise Pool**

(Please put a tick [I] after those you feel are necessary.)

The figures in blue on the left indicate how many votes of a total of 24 felt this criterion was important.

**20/25 Water temperature of at least 84°**

**25/25 Depth of at least 6 ½ feet to allow for bobbing while standing on a noodle and not touching the bottom**

**24/25 Space for a class of 12-15 people to exercise without bumping into each other**

**23/25 A shape that would allow the class to exercise in a circle and also be able to cross from one side of the pool to the other for a more robust workout without bumping into each other (such as the current rectangular shape not triangular)**

**23/25 Access not just by ladder and hydraulic chair lift, but also either ramp, steps or just by floating in from the larger pool as we can do now after entering the larger pool via the ramp**

**20/25 Ability of the instructor to teach/demonstrate for a deep-water class from the pool deck (if the deep water is only in the middle of a larger pool, the instructor cannot teach from the deck.)**

Please add any other criteria you think might also be necessary below, then on the back.

- Shortest length of closure possible.
- Better hand holds on the side of the pool

Names of signatories\*:

Judy Newman  
Janet Griffith  
Heather Wimble  
Kimberley Driscoll  
Azam Khazeni  
Clark Rumrill  
Mary Jo Marchant  
Nadine Monaco  
Ruth A. Toxopeus  
Debra Tanner  
Giselda Ogbac  
Shirley Sacco  
Sally Beth Fellers  
Geri Seack  
Suzanne Walter  
Tom Snider  
Emily McPhie  
Marilyn Mason  
David Bausman  
Sandra Clark  
Pepper Buckley  
Laney Glene  
Maureen McKinney  
Pam Love  
Gloria Michau

\* Please note that the spelling of some names may be incorrect as it was difficult to read some signatures, especially of people the tabulator did not know by name.



**RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER  
PUBLIC INPUT RECORD  
FEBRUARY 2, 2017 – MARCH 2, 2017**

*The following comments were submitted to RCC for consideration by the Board of Governors between the dates of February 23 and March 2, 2017. All text in red is Executive Director Leila Gordon's response to input.*

**Jane Anthony, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

We totally need more access to options for swimming via the Reston Community Center. Many groups share this small pool and we need to increase access for all groups.

Thanks for letting us know your concern – it would be great if you could elaborate on what you envision. For example, do you feel that more than one pool is needed, for whom the pool should be designed, etc. And we are planning ahead in the context of a high degree of certainty that a new comprehensive Wellness Center with extensive aquatics components will be realized by the Park Authority in Reston Town Center North within the decade. Any thoughts you have that offer more detail are welcome. And of course, importantly, funding issues are a big part of our considerations. We will also reconvene in March to report back from the work done in February – so you could put March 13 on your calendar if that would work for you to attend to hear the staff report to the Board then.

I will not be able to attend the February 13th meeting and would like my comments included in the feedback on the RCC Pool. I am a regular lap swimmer at the RCC pool, a former member of the Reston Masters and have trained for the swim portion of three Reston triathlons at RCC. My family has lived in Reston since 1977 and we have all enjoyed multiple aspects of the RCC pool. I understand that there are major repairs to the mechanical system of the RCC pool that are needed which are both costly and will close the pool for an extended time starting in the summer of 2018. I also understand that Fairfax County Park Authority will be building a recreation/fitness center in North Reston sometime in the future. I also am aware that the RCC Staff, Board, and community are exploring a number of options to reconfigure and have a separate, smaller pool in that area that may be used for lessons, classes, etc. This will allow the two pools to have different temperatures and the remaining lane pool to be cooler. This is a wonderful opportunity to have cooler water for workouts and warmer water for therapeutic classes and is well worth the investment. Reston is a growing community and we need both to enlarge and re-configure the present pool to service our full community - competitive swimmers, swim classes, high school teams, diving teams, and recreational family swim. In addition I understand that a deep water pool is required to train life guards and for dive practices. Training lifeguards is needed to staff not only RCC, but the outdoor summer RA pools. Members of the Reston Community are in a special tax district that has contributed to the pool and has provided access to residents at reasonable rates. We need to continue having a Reston pool at Hunters Woods with reasonable rates that meets all of our residential needs. Re-configuring the RCC Aquatic area will serve more of our residents. The pool is always busy with all the competing needs. Paying a RCC special tax allows Reston residents to have access to a pool at reasonable rates meeting the myriad uses and needs of the Reston swimming community. For sure Reston's growth will also support a Fairfax County Park Authority facility - we need both an RCC enhanced Aquatic Center and a FCPA recreation/fitness center. I hope arrangements can be made that there is not a hiatus in pool availability while under construction.

**Ruth McWilliams, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

I am writing in regard to the planned renovation of RCC programs and policies. I take several courses a year at RCC. In addition, I regularly attend a weekly water aerobics class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. I would hope that if there is to be a complete overhaul of the indoor pool for an indefinite

period of time that there will be sufficient attention paid to an alternative to the RCC water aerobics classes at a comparable price at a nearby pool. I will be following this with great interest.

Thank you for sending us your thoughts. Regarding the closure period for RCC's pool – we have to replace all the pool's major systems in the coming 12-18 months. If all we do is replace in kind, we will need to close our facility for about 4-6 months. If we pursue a path that will allow us to significantly improve the pool facility through renovation, our current estimate is that it will require 12-18 months of down time. Either path will require that we attempt to work with our community partners to have our patrons accommodated. As in past lengthy facility closures, our efforts will entail patrons temporarily using Park Authority, Reston Association and/or YMCA pools. We won't be able to control for the pricing in those environments – but we will do our best to work out arrangements that will be easy for our patrons, and we will endeavor to give our patrons as much lead time as we can to make their plans. Please let us know if you plan to attend next Monday; in either case, we will include your message in our record of feedback to our planning.

**Judith Newman, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

I am a senior with spinal disease and chronic pain. I use the pool every day for exercise to maintain strength and flexibility. I realize that work is needed on the pool, but I am hoping that closing the pool won't be necessary. If closing is needed, please limit the duration. I'm so grateful for the wonderful benefits of the community pool and the staff who run and maintain it.

Thank you for sending us your thoughts. Regarding the closure period for RCC's pool – we have to replace all the pool's major systems in the coming 12-18 months. If all we do is replace in kind, we will need to close our facility for about 4-6 months. If we pursue a path that will allow us to significantly improve the pool facility through renovation, our current estimate is that it will require 12-18 months of down time. Either path will require that we attempt to work with our community partners to have our patrons accommodated. As we have during past extended closures, that will entail working out temporary use of Park Authority, Reston Association and/or YMCA pools. We won't be able to control for the pricing in those environments – but we will do our best to work out use that is as affordable or close to our pricing as we can achieve. And we will endeavor to give our patrons as much lead time as we can to make their plans. Please let us know if you plan to attend next Monday; in either case, we will include your message in our record of feedback to our planning.

**Susan Meeks-Versteeg, on behalf of Reston Chorale**, submitted the following comments via email:

The Reston Chorale would also like to hear about the status building a performing arts center in Reston.

Thanks for your RSVP. Attached is the Strategic Plan Update; we will discuss briefly where we are on the performing arts venue front on Monday.

**Kendall Jamison, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

I take water aerobics and find it essential to my health and wellbeing.

I went to the meeting Monday night. Below are several comments and questions:

1. I echo the many comments about the essential nature of the shallow and deep water aerobics. I am 69 and, after a land exercise injury, osteoarthritis in my right knee abruptly curtailed my ability to walk even short distances. Water aerobics have enabled me to gain strength and endurance while my knee was healing. I need to continue this work as I will continue to have some level of pain and disability for the rest of my life. My quality of life is greatly improved because of water aerobics.
2. I believe your staff may have confused the MS and ARTHRITIS deep-water classes, which have limited enrollment, with the 8am & 9am drop-in, deep-water aerobic classes. We need lots of different water aerobics classes.
3. I want to echo the need for both depth as well as graduated shallow WARM water.
4. Clearly plan 2 gives the most flexibility for years to come.
5. It was clear at the meeting that there is a constituency for a cooler pool for laps and some graduated depth in that cooler pool. The teaching steps are very desirable in the warm pool.
6. Please add 1-2 ramps in the warm pool.
7. What is the depth in the therapeutic pool?
8. What is the goal of the therapeutic pool? It does not seem big enough for physical therapy or a class.
9. If work on one pool at a time in Plan #2 saves time, will it save money because construction costs can be staggered?

10. Where will the money come from?
11. Please make sure the floor tiles in the dressing rooms and around the pool are SAFER. Check out sport and health at Reston for attractive, simple use of tiles and paint.
12. The family room in the Women's locker room is a GREAT idea.
13. The Women's locker room needs to be the larger space. Men are much quicker and more agile in changing. They spend less time there and use less room.
14. There need to be more showers in the Women's space. Women are more cognizant of chlorine.

**Sumi Vintimilla, RSTA Winter Swim Program Chair**, submitted the following comments via email:

I'm in charge of RSTA Winter Swim. We are very happy to be able to use the pool at RCC and we appreciate your strong support for us. Unfortunately, I won't be able to join the meeting on Monday, but could you please send me a copy of what you share at the meeting? You can send to this email address or you can leave it at the front desk at the pool because I go to the pool every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. Our Vice President will attend the meeting, so she can speak out for RSTA, but as RSTA Winter Swim Chair, we are very happy the way it is now. We would like to have lap lanes, so we can have the efficient practices. Preferably, not have a (b)each entry and have a deeper diving well.

If I understand your message below correctly, you are indicating your preference for a lap lane-only configured pool without two features: beach entry or a deep end. We will incorporate your input below to our record of feedback on the pool issues. I am attaching the updated RCC Strategic Plan. The materials distributed at the meeting Monday will be posted to our website following Board approval of the committee meeting minutes at their March 6 meeting. You will be able to then access them on our website. They are not distributed or official until the March 6 meeting timeframe.

What I meant is no beach entry, but nice to have a deep end for diving.

**Denise Kelly, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

Like many seniors I have been coming to RCC drop in classes for decades, and have paid the small district tax to Fairfax County. If the pool does close for a while, I want to be sure the alternative accommodations will be built into the Strategic Plan, and that Seniors will not feel any financial burden. These Senior drop in classes are aerobic and essential for good health. These are the only aerobic opportunities most of us can afford.

Your input below will be included in our records of feedback. We will be exploring the RCC Strategic Plan on Monday as well as the future of the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center. Whenever we have closed for an extended period of time, we have tried hard to create alternative arrangements with our colleagues at Reston Association and the YMCA to allow our patrons to access their aquatic facilities. We are mindful of how economical our facility and programs are for our patrons but we can't dictate that other facilities use our pricing. In the past, the Y in particular has been very understanding about our patrons' needs and I have no reason to believe they won't be in the future.

**Julie Gray, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

I have read your strategic plan, and have a few questions: What does RCC plan to do to achieve its goals? You document past communications and other Reston organizations, but do not describe what you would like those relationships to look like, or what desired outcomes you would like to achieve. A good strategic plan covers budget as well, and addresses how spending will be used to achieve stated goals and desired outcomes. There are a lot of community resources in Reston, which are currently diluting each other by competing for resident time and attention. The Reston Community Center can add a lot of value by connecting the school system, Reston Association, Reston Town Center, the Nature center, Fairfax County government, police departments, YMCA, Girl/Boy scouts, Cornerstones, and local companies, religious organizations, and non-profits. I might suggest a starting point would be single website that pulls information from all community resources - trail maps, calendars, policy documents, contacts, etc. For example, a searchable, filter-able website with schedules, cost, ages, location, etc on all the available summer camp options (or after school programs, swim lessons, holiday events) in Reston would be tremendously valuable. I had also hoped that the RCC strategic plan would clearly prioritize equal access to all community resources, and discussed how this would be achieved. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute ideas, and hope to meet you at the meeting on Monday.

Thanks very much for your feedback. Strategic Plans come in many different formats with varying degrees of specificity. We are comfortable that the inter-related materials we produce reflect the balancing of ongoing core mission-related programs and services and the initiatives we take in furtherance of our strategic vision. I am happy to discuss details with you. Achieving a merge of all the

information you list in one website would be a daunting enterprise and such a website would be very challenging to maintain. We are committed to supporting a calendar on the web that contains major events of community interest and that seek a broad audience. We can see how that works and build upon it. Our organization and the others you cite do work collaboratively to achieve the goals you mention. Our latest focus is on doing so in the Reston Opportunity Neighborhood undertaking which is just beginning. I am very hopeful that will produce strategies for achieving the access for youth and families that you describe. I look forward to meeting you on Monday, Julie!

**Estelle Guttman, (residency unknown)**, submitted the following comments via email:

The pool, as it is configured, works well for so many people. Please don't fix what isn't broken!! If it needs repairs, then do it in the summer when the outdoor pools are open. Closing the pool for a year or more would be severe hardship for all those who use it regularly. The pool is used all day long by many, but it's never too crowded. We don't need a second pool. I have been getting my only exercise in the pool for more than 20 years. In fact I started using the pool so long ago that for years I paid only \$17 for 20 visits. More than one doctor has told me the best exercise for my body is in the pool. For years I took classes. But now I put my old arthritic body only in the deep water where there is no bouncing on the floor, and no stress on the bones and joints. I can move my body in water in ways that I cannot on land. Working out in deep water is the best medicine for the bones and joints. Please don't take it away. The Hunters Woods pool is one of the best benefits of living in Reston.

Thank you for sending me the note below. I appreciate very much how passionately attached our patrons are to the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center. Regardless of which path we determine to take, the pool complex will indeed have to close for a substantial period of time – at a minimum – replace the aging systems that have outlived their capabilities. We anticipate that work will require a minimum of 4-6 months. We are investigating the potential to use the funding for replacement of all the pool systems to explore a more thorough renovation project instead to make the pool more useful over a longer period of time. Your input will be included with the feedback we receive this evening and beyond as we formulate the best approach for achieving the outcome that will best serve our patrons and community.

**Margaret and Tom Carter, Reston Residents**, submitted the following comments via email:

We strongly oppose any proposal that would decrease the discount given seniors who attend aquatic programs at the Reston Community Center. As you know, the duration of each session of our class (Aqua Burn) went from four weeks to three weeks at the beginning of 2017, which constitutes an effective increase in fees per session of about 25 percent. Add a reduction in the senior discount on top of that, and I fear that you will see seniors opting against taking this and other aquatic classes. (And, we should point out, Aqua Burn and the deep-water water aerobics class that immediately precedes it on Mondays and Wednesdays, whose attendees also are primarily seniors, recently had a five-month hiatus when a qualified instructor could not be found.) To us, it appears that the Reston Community Center is attempting to balance its budget on the backs of seniors. That is not right. We have been loyal patrons of the Aqua Burn class for over seven years. While younger attendees have come and gone, a dedicated core of seniors has continued, session in and session out. Again, we oppose any decrease in the senior discount.

Thank you for sending your thoughts regarding our planning. We have for consideration this evening a pricing approach to achieve consistency and equity in our discounting practices across all our programs - whether in the water or on land. The proposal will shift the cost of the registered aquatics classes for seniors by \$1.17 per hour for seniors. This is a proposal that is not being presented to balance our budget on the backs of seniors, but rather to bring the aquatics programming into alignment with all the rest of the programming offered by RCC. Across all the programming offered, we are trying to achieve broader choices and participation and to maintain pricing that is as neutral as possible in its impact for seniors currently involved in our programs. We embarked several years ago on a gradual phasing and adjustment of pricing to bring our overall agency cost recovery to a level that would put our core budget back in balance. We have moved from a cost recovery percentage overall of about 12-13 percent to cost recovery that is about 15-16 percent. The RCC financial policy is to achieve cost recovery from fees that is no more than 25 percent of our operating and personnel costs. By comparison to the Park Authority, Reston Association and the Y, our offerings remain substantially lower in price; for seniors the costs are even more significantly lower. We very much appreciate how important the programs we offer are for our patrons - especially those who may be challenged economically to balance all their financial needs with their recreational and fitness needs. Your input will be included in our records and carefully considered as we investigate the best strategies to achieve our goals. Thank you very much for taking the time to send it



to us and you can look forward to results of our explorations being further discussed on March 13 when staff presents recommendations to the Board for upcoming FY2018 and FY2019 planning. That meeting will occur at the same time in RCC HW.

**Denise Hogan and Robert Goudie, on behalf of Reston Town Center Association**, submitted the following comments via email:

On behalf of Reston Town Center Association (RTCA), we wanted to write in connection with Monday's public meeting to thank you for another strong year of partnering together to deliver quality programming for our community. As in years past, RCC's participation in our weekend children's activities in the park, and your invaluable sponsorship of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival (a core community event at the Town Center), were deeply appreciated and valued. Seeing the smiling faces on the hundreds of children who show up for the weekend events, and watching the typically tens of thousands in our broader community who interact with the over 200 artists from across the country who are part of the fine arts festival, tells all everything you need to know about how successful these partnerships have proven. And we were especially pleased, with your help, to bring back to Town Center for a "Night of Dance" two of the ballet troupes you had so thoughtfully selected for site-specific performances at the festival (those performances were, sadly, rained out on festival weekend). The "Night of Dance" was so beautiful and drew such a nice crowd – well over 300 for the performance at the Patrick Dougherty sculpture and a large gathering at the Reston Rondo sculpture as well – that this may well be something we want to consider on a more regular basis going forward. But this past year also marked an expansion of our partnership with the addition of the new chamber concert series with the Shenandoah University Conservatory (SUC) on Sundays in July at the park. The five shows were a terrific success, averaging around 200 attendees. Thanks to RCC's relationship with SUC, we have created not only a unique, open-air event, but one of unrivaled quality. And we are very excited that our teams have been able to work together to expand this to nine shows with SUC this coming summer! We have every confidence that over time this is going to grow into one of the most anticipated cultural events on the local calendar. So we write to thank you not only for past successes, but for being creative and collaborative with us in thinking through new ideas, like the chamber concert series. The community is daily enriched by the leadership you are providing. We are looking forward to another highly successful year together of delivering quality programming for our community.

Thanks Denise and Robert for your thoughtful and kind comments. They will be entered into our official record of input. We also value the strong partnership we have with Reston Town Center – it has helped us significantly reach out to others to "build community."

(From Denise) Thanks, Leila. As I say every year, Reston Town Center's partnership with Reston Community Center is not considered work at all but a real pleasure from the Holiday Parade, Frosty Follies and special holiday and summer performances and working with valued not for profit events. We are very much looking forward to March's "Spring Into Giving." The RCC family always goes the extra mile and with that special smile as we get our happy holiday families down the street.

**Robert Goudie and Lily Siegel, on behalf of the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE)**, submitted the following comments via email:

We are sorry we cannot be at your planning meeting this evening. In lieu of being there personally we at least wanted to send you this note letting you know how deeply appreciative we are at the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) for the robust partnership we have with RCC. First and foremost, we simply could not put on our annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival without your Signature Community Sponsorship. This past year was a bit of challenge with the weather, but the festival remains a place where "the 'art stars' of the outdoor art fairs vie for spaces." (*Art Fair Insiders*, 2015.) Your involvement, of course, goes beyond the sponsorship and includes the incredible performance art that you deliver to help round out the festival experience. The site-specific dance performances that you have arranged for each of the past two years – and, we are enthusiastic to hear, that you will be delivering again this year! – have been nothing short of phenomenal. We are so proud to identify RCC as one of our top sponsors for this marquee cultural event. Add to this the adult educational programming that we partner on, and RCC's incredible and unhesitating support as a Platinum Sponsor of our new Biennial Campaign, and there is a simple reality that becomes apparent – a big part of our success is thanks to RCC's vision and leadership as such a strong partner. We have taken to adding the tag line "Make Art Happen" on some of our community communications. Well, RCC makes art happen! We think that what we are doing with our Destination GRACE vision is helping fulfill Bob Simon's ambition of making Reston an ever more

complete community. It is not just that, with our partners like RCC, we are helping to create a compelling cultural proposition that will get people taking the Metro not only east but west. But once here at this destination we are transporting our audience to another, a place of wonder, imagination, and inspiration. Every year we touch more people with our core exhibition, educational, and festival programming as our Destination GRACE vision gains momentum. And that is possible in large part because we have such a strong and dedicated community partner in RCC. Thank you, and we are looking forward to another successful year of working together to Make Art Happen.

We highly value our strong relationship and continuing work with GRACE. Your organization is a real Reston treasure and we are very pleased to offer our support. All the activities you list and the ever-present beauty the GRACE gallery lends to Reston are pillars of what makes this such a special place. We consider GRACE to be a part of our arts family.

**Luda Draganova, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email

- 1.) I've been enjoying the RCC pool for many years; I like the way it looks and what it has to offer now! It's a lovely, cozy pool that serves the local community well. I come here 2-3 times a week for lap swimming and spa. If there is a need for some renovations, that's OK, but I would prefer the pool is not shut down for a long time. **Regardless of the scope of repair/systems replacement efforts, the minimum amount of time we will need to close the pool next year to accomplish our minimum needs for its systems and structure is about 4 months. We are considering renovation options that extend from 4-6 months to 12-15 months.** I don't want it to be turned into a big industrial/professional 50-m monster, with a lot of money spent during the overhaul and then - during its maintenance! If there is a thought that the pool is too vacant during the day time (I like that, but I see how this can be a concern), then how turning it into a bigger pool would attract day-time visitors? So, in a nutshell, my vote is for preserving the status quo, with any required (but not drastic!) renovation. **There is no consideration of installing a 50 meter pool.**
- 2.) If the decision is made to perform a complete overhaul of the pool (to achieve whatever new shape and form), then I would like to know:
  - What will be offered to the RA residents as an alternative during the reconstruction period? Will there be an arrangement with, say, Herndon pool to treat us as Herndon residents or to accept our RCC pool passes there? **We have not initiated discussions with RA, the Y or any other pool as yet. Herndon would have no policy avenue from which to consider treating our patrons as Herndon residents or to accept our pool passes. It is highly likely that any arrangement we make will be with our local Reston partners – RA and the Y – and will be identical or similar to arrangements we have made in the past.**
  - What will our Reston residents' pool entrance fees be after the renovation? **Fees to use our pool will continue to rise gradually to attain the level we are targeting – (no higher than 75% of comparable Park Authority fees). We won't know precisely the fee schedule we will reopen with until we are closer in time to that date. It will however continue to be the case that our fees will remain substantially lower than the fees charged by other public facilities as a consequence of the tax paid by Reston property owners. Regardless of the scope of replacement undertaken the pricing will continue to evolve in this fashion.**
- 3.) I would like to be added to the distro list of people that you inform of any decisions/changes regarding the pool. If such a list does not exist and will not be created, then please let me know how I can stay informed regarding this matter - decisions, future meetings, etc. **We are happy to add you to our distribution list.**

**Thank you for your note below; if you would be kind enough to provide us with your residential address, we will include it in our records of feedback/input to this issue. We will also add your email address to our distribution list for notice regarding upcoming meetings to consider the aquatics facility capital projects issues. I have inserted some responses in the message below in red. (Report note: comments included in red ABOVE.)**

Thank you so much for taking the time to write a prompt and thorough response; I appreciate it! I had a chat today with a participant of yesterday's meeting, so I have some idea what options were discussed. Some comments: I would hope the necessary renovation (at least - the bulk of it) will start when the RA outdoor pools are open. (Is this what you meant by the partnership with RA? I believe, they don't have any indoor pools to offer.) In this case it would be really nice if the RA summer season is extended by a couple of weeks: recently the first half of October has been very mild and warm! As for the Y, that would be helpful if there is some deal with them for the after-outdoor period. I am not aware of similar deals in the past, so cannot comment on that. Thanks for adding me to the distro list.

Yes, we are targeting the start of the work for the start of the swim season outdoors. I will keep your ideas about the October season in mind when I talk with RA. Thanks very much for your input and we will keep you posted on the upcoming meetings

**Sandra Helig, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

Maintaining a senior/handicapped / disabled accessible pool and water activities for health and wellness.

I am a long time resident of Reston (1988-current) and have used the pool at various times over the years for health and/or rehabilitation.

In years past, when employed full-time, I used to swim laps during my lunch hour or after work on occasion (I had school age children at the time). Currently I attend the Mon, Wed, Fri water aerobics classes which are held in shallow-to-shoulder-depth water and sometime include suspended/supported exercises in the deeper part of the lap lanes. I also swim laps after the class and on occasion will come to just swim laps. I prefer the drop in classes where I am not signed up for/ committed to-- sessions of classes where I may not be able to attend every class for one reason or another.

I have, in the past, registered for evening water aerobic classes in the diving well but prefer the drop in for morning classes.

Regarding the demographics of pool use:

AGING IN RESTON!!: I am one who is aging in Reston. I have osteoarthritis and must have the water exercises as regular stretching, & mobilization of my joints. The guided classes are structured and moderated by a very well qualified instructor (Maggie). When I don't include water low impact exercise, I experience much more pain and am less likely to be active outside of my home. There are many senior citizens in the classes — many who are quite a bit older than I am (66)... I have been in the 8:00-9:00-10:00-11:00 classes — all of which are usually crowded. Some people come from the nearby Friendship House. I also see other many other senior men and women who I believe though not in classes, utilize the pool and hot tub for health reasons.

FUTURE:

1. I hope to see the pool continue to have drop-in water aerobics for seniors and people with mild to moderate forms of disability. I appreciate the classes running the timeframe of the entire morning since it takes me time to warm up my muscles/joints in the morning (8:00 would be near impossible to get to, 9:00 doable but I go to the 10:00 class. )

2. I hope that you keep the size of the EXCELLENT and very large hot tub where there is room to walk and stand or sit without being in other people's faces. I do stretches in the hot tub. I don't care about the jets because they ruin my bathing suits but I do like that the jets are powerful when I have used them for an ailment. I don't have a usable tub at home that allows for the range of motions; the small circular one also are a joke. This hot tub gets full — other pools — even the Herndon Community Center hot tub have hot tubs that are way too small!

3. I hope to see at least three the lap lanes continue to be open throughout the day when the kids are in school and hopefully there will be one or two at any given time.

**Ms. Helig** also provided the following written comments at the February 13 meeting:

- Regarding Facility Use: Fairfax Park Authority has priced most programs out of my ability to pay. I have to exercise – I would LIKE to take courses for personal growth and enjoyment.
- Regarding Fees: When I want to bring my grandchild to an RCC class (2 under 10). I want to pay my resident fee.

Thank you very much for sharing your concerns regarding RCC aquatic facility capital projects. We will include them in the official record of input to this matter and we will include your email address and contact information to alert you regarding upcoming meetings to discuss the issues further.

**Kim Brightwell, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

To the RCC Board, Thank you for your service to the community! To Lisa and Michelle, who I know personally, I couldn't have any better people than you representing my interests! I attended this evening's meeting hoping to simply gather information. I raised my hand to speak out but was not called on. Still, I would like to add my voice through this email. I am in favor of providing several pools of different temperatures to accommodate different users. I would also like the option in scheme 1 or 2 to have more than 6 lap lanes. I am willing to consider creative financing even if some of it comes out of my own pocket. I swim at the RCC pool four times each week as a member of the Reston Masters Swim Team. The team not only provides a great fitness opportunity for men and women ages 18 to 86 (the current age of our oldest team mate), but it is also a 'family'. We work out to stay healthy but also to compete and to

work to get those 'seconds' and 'milliseconds' faster to be better than we ever thought we could be. We cheer each other on in workouts and in swim meets. We represent Reston at local meets, the Colonies Zone meet, National Meets, and even international meets. We are also a terrific group of friends who have celebrated with each other through marriages, raising children (some of whom have then swam with us once THEY turn 18!), birthdays, new jobs, retirements, yes and even deaths. The RCC pool is our home. We feel very passionate that it should continue to be so. I know that you feel that way, too.

Thank you for your message below; it will be included with the official record of feedback to our work on the Aquatics facility and the Board members will all receive the entirety of that record. I am blind-copying Lisa and Michelle to share your very kind remarks regarding their service. (RCC doesn't share private email addresses of our Board members). We greatly appreciate how passionately our users feel about the pool and our intent is to restore an aquatics facility that is improved vastly but that still serves the social, recreational, fitness and therapeutic needs of our patrons to the greatest extent feasible. We will of course keep those who have provided their contact information informed regarding this very important undertaking. Many thanks for taking the time to join us last evening and going forward.

**Elena Simonenko, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

I received the email below, and will try to attend the meeting on Friday, February 17th. However, I also wanted to email you my opinion on RCC program improvement, so it can be added to the agenda beforehand. I'm a resident of the Small District 5, and has been living in this area for over 10 years. As a parent, I'm really grateful to have the opportunity to enroll my daughter into various educational and development programs. However, this was a privilege when my child was 5-11yo, and then we ran into a problem that swimming classes are offered only for younger kids. Level 6 was and is the highest offered class that my daughter could attend and had to take it over and over again in order to have some swimming practice. She loves to swim and would continue taking classes, but then felt uncomfortable being the oldest kid in the group. Also, for all other programs, there is a big age gap that offers classes for ages in categories of 1-12yo, and 16+yo. As a resident and a taxpayer of the Small District 5, I would really appreciate if RCC would consider to extend programs to all age categories. In particular, I would like to see swimming classes offered on weekends or evenings for teenagers with swimming skills (Level 6, strokes or butterfly styles, etc). Also, we got an overwrite to attend art classes (16+) for my 14yr old, but the majority of people there is at 40-50th age. She attends the classes, but not so enthusiastic to be not around her peers. All in all, please consider to add programs for teenagers!

Thanks very much for your suggestions and ideas below. And I apologize that there was confusion regarding the date for our Community Engagement meeting – it was last night. The event on Friday is for older adults looking for new relationships – that doesn't appear to apply to you! The two dates were originally mixed up and correcting that mistake has clearly led to some added confusion. I can't win for losing! I appreciate your comments very much regarding more options for teens. That is our most challenging age cohort. You may be aware that the "adult" category of classes for swimmers begins at age 13 – not 16 – but it still doesn't address your very legitimate concern for having something available for teens who like to swim but who may not be on a swim team. I will pass this along to our Aquatics staff. I also understand your note about the art classes. We are continuing to refine our programs for arts enthusiasts and hoping to attract a broader age range to those classes. We'd love to have your daughter's suggestions for ways she would advise we reach more teens with these content areas. We will include your comments in our official record of input to our Board. If you could please provide your address for that purpose we'd appreciate it. Thanks and stay tuned—we will be hosting more meetings to discuss the pool issues in the weeks ahead.

Thank you for your prompt response and attention to this matter. I'm sorry that I missed the meeting, but will try to attend the future ones. I'll double check on the swimming programs, but per my understanding, even though the adult category is 13+yo, the classes are only for the beginners. Perhaps, I'm not sure how to get onto the swimming team (would appreciate if you can provide me with some guidance on it), but it would be great just to have regular swimming sessions for teens. Thank you for passing this recommendation to Aquatics staff. In regard to art classes, my daughter likes pencil drawings and painting, and currently is taking an Abstract Painting class. We have teens in our neighborhood, who also like to draw, so, they might be interested too. I guess, if the class would exist or age bar would be lowered this might gather popularity among teenagers. Thank you for your efforts and I look forward to see more educational programs for teens.

Thanks very much – this is quite helpful information. Our programming team members are copied and I assure you we will explore the ideas you have presented. I also will be sure you are included in notices about future meetings. Thanks again for your valuable input!

**Gordon Gerson, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

You did your usual splendid job presenting and explaining RCC's concerns and plans vis-à-vis the pool. I would like to chime in with a few comments. You presented the three possible design "solutions" as really being one (#3) due to the potential costs of # 1 and 2. Unfortunately #3 will solve your problem but not ours. I have been a member of Reston Masters Swim Team for 33 years. There are only two or three whose tenure exceeds mine. I have, as you well know, also presided over the team for a long time. Brian Evans has relieved me and is doing an excellent job. I am devoted to supporting our team and expanding our future growth potential. I think you are aware that what we (RMST) really need is the new Reston Recreation Center complete with a modern competition level pool. Until that time we need a pool that will provide us with air and water that is appealing to our members, not driving people away. We have many members who prefer swimming with us outdoors for this reason. I understand that the cost factor is what is driving you to design number three. However since there is little likelihood that would be of better value to us than the current design I think what is needed is re-focusing on the cost issue. Reston has become the home of many large corporations. I don't know how many of these (if any) have been solicited for sponsorship of a new and improved pool facility for RCC. I know that I have brought this issue up with you in the past to no avail but I want to do so again because I consider it the only real solution to the current problem. I am appealing to you not to settle on design number three but to refocus on design #2 and go find some sponsors willing to chip in.

Thank you for your super efforts on our behalf.

Thank you for your kind words; you make me blush when you butter me up! I want to assure you that I am keenly interested in achieving a new pool facility that has vastly improved water and air quality and has sufficient options for those who want significantly warmer water that we may consider the option of lowering our set point in the lap pool a bit – my hope is that the combination of these improvements and others will achieve an overall quality of improvement that is significant and that your members will find worth the investment and time needed to accomplish them. I urge you and your team members to remain engaged as we continue to explore the options available to us. I will explore the options for financing with the county as a function of due diligence—I don't have high hopes for that. Further, there are profound difficulties in this community in raising dollars for the plethora of non-profit organizations in Reston; it would be very difficult in that context for RCC – with its significant public resources – to go out and compete for those funds. And for what it's worth, the single path to facility funding these days by default seems to be the path of proffers. And there is a community "plan" in that regard that includes the Park Authority complex. We will continue to explore the optimum solutions to the many challenges having the one building, the one source of funding and the several competing audiences to serve create. I remain very optimistic that we will arrive at a good solution that you and your constituents will participate in achieving. Stay involved! Let me know if you'd like your comments below included in the "official" record for the meeting last night and our engagement on this subject. If so, just add your address by reply.

Yes, please make them part of the "official" record.

Happy to do so; please send your address so we can include that too.

**Brian Evans, on behalf of Reston Masters Swim Team Association**, submitted the following comments and attachment via email (attachment included in its entirety at end of meeting report):

Please see the attached letter regarding RMST, as an organization, input on the upcoming changes to the RCC aquatics facility. Thank you for holding Monday's meeting and we look forward to the March 13th meeting.

Thanks, Brian. We will include the statement in our official records and are continuing to explore the optimum solutions for the aquatics complex. We will appreciate your continued involvement in these efforts and are confident that together we will get to a good outcome.

**Laurence Paulson, Non-Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

While I realize that competition and fitness users represent only part of your constituencies, the RCC pool as currently configured is less than optimal. The current typical water temperature is too high for competition and fitness purposes. The air quality has been reported as poor for many years; causing some members to quit RMST and join other teams with better training facilities. In addition, the pool size is very limiting for completion and training (6 lanes x 25 meters); 8 swimmers per lane is very crowded for a serious training workout; while all RMST members (approx. 100) do not attend all workouts, it's crowded. And there are no provisions for starting blocks, making completion not an option. While it's noted that a Fairfax County Recreation Center in Reston may occur within 10 years; and may include a

true completion-level pool facility. Proposing this facility as a solution is very tentative for team-based activities and does not address issues for the next 10 years. I'm hoping this Aquatics Facility Capital Project can address some of these issues in a nearer term. – RMST member since 2003

Thank you for writing and sharing your views with us. Please (reply to all) provide us with your address so it can be included in our record of input. We will use this email address to communicate with you regarding future meetings on the issue. I assure you we are very keenly interested in significantly improving air and water quality and better-serving all our aquatics constituents.

It occurred to me last night that all your constituencies would be better addressed if you changed "Proposed Floor Plan Scheme 2" by expanding separate Lap Pool from 6 lane x 25YD to 25M x 25YD thereby providing more training space and an actual competition pool with provisions to swim both Short Course Yards (SCY) and Short Course Meters (SCM) both official sanctioned competition formats. And Scheme 2 would also provide adequate space for swim lessons in a separate pool at a water temperature warmer than Lap Pool and suitable for water aerobics and therapy. Just a thought.

Thanks for your ideas, Laurence. We will include the below in our record of input.

**Eileen Li, Non-Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

This is a short note for the board meeting held on 2/13 evening. First of all, I want to thank for all board members and people involved with creating RCC programs for Reston community. Your efforts to the community are widely appreciated. Regarding to the proposal of new swimming pool, I would vote for option 2 with additional inputs:

1. The pool should have a separate kids area for training and practice.
2. The new pool should focus on water quality and air quality. Myself and many people I knew who have multiple physical symptoms after swimming due to high chlorine level.
3. If it is possible, RCC should consider to get one salt water pool. I understand that the salt water pool could be more expensive. However, the health benefit for the arthritis disease and beyond are huge.

Thanks for the consideration. - RMST Member

Thanks for sending us your views. Please (by reply to all) provide us your address so we can include that in our records of your input. Your email address has been added to our list to send out notice of upcoming meetings to discuss the pool further.

**Margaret Shapiro, Non-Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

I have lived 1.5 miles from Reston Community Center and enjoyed its many program offerings for the past 12 years, even though I am not a Small District 5 resident. I wanted to share my opinions on the situation with the aquatics facilities, because I feel strongly that RCC is in a position to make a big change to help the community. I owned a family-operated business in Reston for 13 years (Potomac River Running stores) and have worked with thousands of local runners and walkers in the area, many of whom I have referred to the pool facilities at RCC for training. I have used the pool for physical therapy, and my physical therapists at Virginia Therapy (partnered with Virginia Spine) have used it for rehab classes for patients. I have friends who take and teach the water aerobics classes, and my children's friends are members of the Reston Swim Team (which uses the facility for practices indoors when it's not seasonable to swim outside) and South Lakes High School swim team. I recognize that the facility is used for a variety of purposes serving many needs. Because of the disparate needs within our community, I support:

- A redesigned aquatics facility needs to address issues with water temperature and air quality. It is very difficult for competitive swimmers to train effectively in the warmer temperatures. We do plan to address water quality, air quality and water temperature. For water and air we intend to achieve far better quality than is presently the case. Regarding water temperature, we are continuing to explore how we can better accommodate the needs of all swimmers.
- RMST serves the Adult and Senior Adult populations in Reston. Swimming is a life-long sport. We need to meet the needs not just of the adults seeking warmer temperatures (for water aerobics and therapy purposes) but also those competitive adult swimmers (like myself and our large Reston Masters Swim team) who seek a productive place to train within the community. We agree.
- RCC should plan for a growing Reston population in the next several years. Since we have so many more housing complexes going in and anticipate major population growth (they've been talking about it in the schools, too), we need to have appropriate pool spaces to meet the demand. That's true, however, it's also true that many new residential buildings being built in

Reston contain their own pool facilities. So the challenge of meeting the needs of a substantially larger population are significantly offset by this well-established trend. It's also true that a number of private sector enterprises have stepped into the indoor aquatics arena and so some demand for lessons and fitness are being met there as well. The issue of competitive context is an increasingly complicated one and one that we will be exploring deeply to assure we build/renovate in a fashion that will address needs appropriately.

- There is no guarantee a Fairfax County Recreation Center in Reston will occur even within 10 years. Offering this facility as a solution shouldn't be used as a solution for team-based activities and does not address issues for the next 10 years. In addition, Fairfax County Rec Centers are not as community-friendly as the RCC because of their prohibitive costs. People in Reston made it abundantly clear to us that they felt that the County Park Authority is obligated to provide a facility similar to others in Fairfax County to address our needs as a community. We support that and remain confident that this facility should be and will be part of the Reston landscape. That doesn't mean we will go away or that there aren't very specific Reston needs for aquatics programs that we can and should continue to meet. We are no longer operating in a vacuum however and we have to take those issues into account as we plan. It's also true that we are a multi-faceted community center with many programming and services sectors to support. That too has ramifications for our building planning.

I hope you will consider these ideas when formulating a strategic plan for the next ten years. I am a proud resident of this area and enjoy the wonderful services RCC provides. We greatly appreciate your involvement and support. We are passionately committed to continuing our high-quality and affordable programs and services for Reston. Thank you for sending us your input below. I have inserted some comments below in red. Please send us your address so we can include it with the comments record. We are continuing the discussion with the community and will use your email address to send you information about upcoming meetings. (Report note: comments included in red ABOVE.)

**Anne Delaney, on behalf of Public Art Reston**, submitted the following comments via email:

I reviewed the Strategic Plan 2016-2021 and am very excited by RCC's goals and objectives. I wish to express our gratitude for RCC's support and continued commitment to Public Art Reston. I am particularly grateful for the areas of collaboration: support to community public art projects and related educational programs; public art and speakers program at CenterStage; support to present public art films program as part of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Jo Ann Rose Gallery last fall; support to and presence at ChalkFest at Reston Town Center; support to promote Chalk on the Water; to name a few. It is a pleasure to work with you and RCC's staff notably PD, Kevin, Karen and Mark Brutsche, BeBe, Linda, and Gloria with whom I have had the pleasure to work over the past year. I will be meeting with PD in early March to discuss opportunities for future collaborations and programming. As Maggie Parker mentioned at the board meeting last week, we are currently working on a strategic plan for future public art projects that we plan to discuss with our founding community partners. I welcome RCC's commitment to develop a Community Calendar. We will do our best to provide updated content whenever available and appropriate. Again, I am disappointed to have missed Monday's meeting.

Thanks, Anne, for your comments below. We will add them to our records of input to our plans for the future. We too greatly appreciate the powerful and strong collaborative relationship with Public Art Reston and look forward to it continuing to contribute to the vitality of this great community we share. Warmest regards and with hope you are feeling much better.

**Norman and Barbara Happ, Reston Residents**, submitted the following comments via email:

My wife and I attended the meeting on Monday night. Thank you for all your work and the great presentation. We have been using the CC pool since 1980. We swam with the Masters Swim team for over 10 years (1980 to early 1990s). When I was working, I swam at 6am. Since we are retired, we now swim three mornings a week at 7am (so that those needing to get to work can get the early times.) Our observation is that the majority of people swimming laps in the morning are seniors. And the water aerobics classes seem to be mostly senior, also. I am sure that you have the data on the demographics of who uses the pool. The major divergence in needs seems to be around the water temperature. Those of us who currently swim in the morning find it quite comfortable. If the temperature was dropped by 5 degrees, many of us would probably no longer be able to use the pool. My wife and I are in our 70s and some of the users are in their 80s. It would be a great loss to many of us if we could no longer swim at the CC. The HS swim team only uses the pool during the swimming season, whereas we use the

pool all year round. Most year round competitive swimmers are on teams that have pool time (I assume) in pools with colder water. Providing a community resource for residents who are swimming and using the pool for health and enjoyment reasons seems like it serves a much larger segment of the community than catering to the HS swim team and elite competitive swimmers. It also sounded like the new county facility was going to fulfill the needs of competitive swimmers.

Some other minor items and thoughts:

1. 25 meters vs 25 yards. Having swum in the CC 25 meter pool for the past 37 years, I would vote for a 25 meter pool. However, even us old guys can adapt if necessary.
2. Pool usage vs time. If you Google a place of business (for example Trader Joe's), they have a chart of popular times. This allows people to visit a less busy times. Could something like this be put on the CC website?
3. Pricing vs usage. As an extrapolation of displaying usage vs time, a next step could be pricing adjustments based on usage (similar to the beltway toll lanes). This could be done for card holders using a computer adjustment and could help to even out pool usage.

Thank you for sending this. It will be included in our official record of input to this important discussion. Your ideas are interesting and we will look at the potential for refining our schedule/pass access and pricing. It's unlikely to be something we'd implement prior to the capital project given how long we may be closed for either systems replacement or renovation. Thanks again for taking the time to participate – we will keep you informed about upcoming meetings as the conversation proceeds.

**Lisa Groves, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email and attachment (attachments included in their entirety at the end of this report):

Thank you for hosting the recent meeting on the RCC Programs, Planning, and Renovations to Aquatics. The presentation was informative, well done, and clear in message. We appreciate your effort to stay on published schedule, yet also hear attendee input and discussion. While my hand was up, I was not selected to talk before the 8 pm end-time. I write to you now to share my thoughts. I attended the meeting as a swimming advocate for all ages. I have worked and participated extensively with RMST, RSTA, and SLHS swimming. As a teen and young adult, I worked at RA pools for years. I swam at RCC when it first opened, and continue to swim there today. I commend you for keeping the facility maintained and open for many years. Unfortunately, Reston outgrew the RCC space a long time ago...and the Reston indoor swimming need continues to grow. For decades, I've seen RCC maintain a strong, ongoing tone for aquatic priorities. While RCC wants to be inclusive of all community, there is a strong priority to provide a welcoming, warm (literally air and water) aquatic facility to (1) families with young children or beginning swimmers, (2) disadvantaged, disabled or very new swimmers, (3) seniors who thrive with therapeutic, recreational, social, and affordable aquatics. RCC has also provided affordable access to community team swimming. Yet, RCC has struggled to accommodate the different needs of team and competitive training over its other priority groups. As a result, many swimmers in the community swim elsewhere. These swimmers are ALL ages - from age groupers to seniors. The swimmers who remain at RCC are strong advocates of RCC, but may still feel compromised. Competitive swimming requires lane space, non-turbulent water with gutter systems, excellent air flow and quality, low chloramine levels, excellent filtration and oxidation systems, and cooler water temps. Many Reston swimmers go to other pools because RCC cannot accommodate all needs. As a Reston team swimmer, parent, and official, I have tried to encourage changes or additions to our indoor swimming. For decades, I have heard talk of a Reston Rec Center run by Fairfax County. Now, there is an opportunity to finally build one. I sense an undertone that "team" swimming is better suited to this new rec center in North Reston. The fact that access is still at best 6-9 years away is underplayed. What should we do in the interim? **We are keenly aware that our pool will remain an important resource for the entire spectrum of swimming we currently attempt to support. Our hope is to achieve a project that will considerably – very considerably – improve the swimming experience for the entire spectrum of our users. That means better “water” conditions, pool conditions and temperature experiences across fitness/competitive swim practicing, senior exercise options, lessons and social swimming uses. The fact that we have to at a minimum replace our aging infrastructure represents an opportunity to determine if we can accomplish far greater improvement with a more significant renovation project than simple systems replacement would otherwise afford us.** RCC has three prospective pool renovation models, yet any significant change appears unfeasible due to funding constraints. Major maintenance must happen, but can new pool capacity really be added? Could we get a Small Tax District #5 bond referendum placed on the 2017 November voting agenda for an \$8+ million expansion? **In a word, no. It requires a minimum of 18 months to do the steps required of a bond**



**question.** If approved, could construction start on a full two pool model in 2018? **No.** How long would the facility realistically take to be operable? Are there additional parking, locker room space, and other facility impacts? **In all likelihood, these would add to the timeline significantly because we are currently at capacity with regard to parking spaces for RCC users. Adding to our facility participation capacity would necessitate opening a discussion with both the Hunters Woods Village Center ownership AND with Fairfax County Government. So in addition to the length of time for the renovation (12-15 months), there would be a preliminary period to determine IF such a renovation could occur with respect to the parking restrictions – let's say for the sake of discussion – 5 or 6 months – then the 18 months to put a bond question on a ballot – now you are in 2019; you probably don't want such a question on an "off-year" ballot, so 2020. Then the construction – so you'd be at 2022. In addition to these issues, there is the not inconsiderable issue of having to replace the systems anyway – so spending 1M would have to occur. You'd lose your opportunity to spend more for a better aquatics facility and conceivably end up having to spend that amount again if we turn out to have to renovate to the option 3 standard should parking not resolve positively. There are as you can see some considerable risks involved in pursuing options 1 and 2.** Leila emphasized the importance of RCC values and desires for community partnership. As another option, would it be possible for RCC to partner with RA on a (new) outdoor pool-bubble enclosure? A heated, bubble pool could be targeted for use by RMST, RSTA, SLHS and other fitness lap swimming. Could some RCC funds be considered for bubble & heating instead of going for the expansive pool expansion requiring a bond referendum? Understandably, there are operating hours and neighborhood considerations, but RA has an array of pools for exploration. Further, other constituencies might be able to participate in making this alternative feasible. **We have neither discussed this internally nor discussed this with our colleagues at RA. It's a separate and equally complex discussion in my view, but we can certainly apprise RA of this interest now being expressed.** Thank you again for your efforts, perseverance, and assistance. For the historical record, I am attaching two letters that I provided in years past on this topic. - USMS Swimmer with RMST; USA, RSTA, SLHS Swimming Official, Parent, Alum  
**Thank you very much for your thoughtful engagement with our investigation of indoor aquatics options – both now and in the past. We are very aware of how important our role is to Restonians who make swimming a key feature of their personal and family fitness and recreation. Regarding some of your questions below, I have inserted my comments in red and we look forward to continuing this important dialog with our community in the coming weeks. Thank you again very much! (Report note: comments included in red ABOVE.)**

**Lucy Manheim, Non-Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments:

Thanks for the informative meeting at the Reston Community Center on February 13 and all your work putting it together. As a long-time member of the Reston Masters Swim Team, I am very interested in the future of "our" pools—both the one at RCC and the possible one at RTC/N. All swimmers at RCC are interested in the quality of the water and the air. The water quality is carefully monitored and chemicals and water are added to try to maintain the purity. Some swimmers had to leave because of the chloramines in the air. A few years ago, the Aquatic Center's air conditioning system was replaced at a cost of ~\$70,000. **It was not the air conditioning that was replaced; we installed a Paddock Evacuator to improve air quality. It achieved some limited success.** A couple recent returnees told me they noticed a difference—and so do I. But it could be considerably better and I suggest we investigate the installation of a UV system (for example-- [http://www.cleanerpools.net/uv\\_benefits.php](http://www.cleanerpools.net/uv_benefits.php)) for both RCC and any new or reconditioned RA pool. The capital and maintenance costs (and health and safety benefits) far outweigh those of traditional chlorine, bromine, or ozone systems. Most Fairfax county pools use UV. **Yes. And our pool is currently among them.** Another of my concerns is the coating on the pool/spa surface. It should be a type that is guaranteed for 20 years (indoor pool) and is applied over a properly prepared surface. The company that applies it should be warranted to replace it at their cost and also pay for any downtime replacement might incur. Here are a couple sites for your information. **A renovation project would involve replacing the entire pool – shell and all.**

<https://blog.craneengineering.net/how-a-local-pool-cut-water-usage-by-92>

<https://www.superior-industries.com/products/specialty-products/swimming-pool-paint/pro-master-platinum.html>

Regarding the future configuration of the pool(s), I heard at the meeting—and since—that we could possibly start with one pool and "when we get the money, we could add the other" (to achieve the two-pool, second, configuration). Great idea, but maybe unpractical because costs go up and getting more money is not very likely (for example, Fairfax County is currently in trouble financially....). So I expect RCC to end up with #3. **Keep in mind that RCC is separately funded by a tax paid only by Reston property owners. So our decision-making is not strictly tied at all to the general fund considerations. I**

appreciate the opportunity to add my comments.

Thank you for your comments below my signature block. Please send us your address to include with your input. I addressed some of what you wrote in red below. (Report note: comments included in red ABOVE.)

**Tony Wynes, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

I was concerned to hear that the swimming pool infrastructure at Reston Community Center is reaching the end of its intended life and attended the February 13 community relations meeting interested to learn more about the problem. As a Reston resident for almost 20 years, I have used the RCC pool in various roles: Adult beginner, lap swimmer, Masters Swimmer, parent standing-by in the pool when my children were infants, and parent standing on the pool deck with my children in lessons. I've probably spent at least 5 hours a week in that pool, outside of the time when Reston Association's pools are open. At the meeting, I was glad to hear that the RCC board is looking into overhauling the facility and soliciting feedback from the user base regarding any changes that they would like to see in a refurbished pool. Having spent time in the pool, in a variety of capacities, I can honestly say the temperature is always an issue and usually an unsatisfactory compromise. The variety of activities that take place in the pool during the day do not provide time for it to heat up and cool down. One of the suggested reconfigurations proposed at the meeting was to extend the aquatics center and to add an additional teaching pool. I believe this would be the most satisfactory solution to address the temperature problem. Although a two pool solution would require significant capital outlay, a larger aquatics facility would be consistent with projections that Reston will continue to grow in population over the next several years. I do understand that Fairfax County has plans to build a Recreation Center in North Reston in the next 10 years. However, I believe that with the forecast population increases, and resulting traffic congestion, Reston can sustain both. I would like to see RCC provide a location for Reston's competitive swims teams to train and a location for leisure and therapeutic swimming activities both before and after completion of the Recreation Center.

Your comments below will be part of our record of input to this important discussion.

**Gloria Michau, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

I understand that there will be a meeting on March 6 at 6:30 p.m. with Wayne Hughes, to discuss his designs for the pool renovation. There are a number of patrons, like myself, that take deep water exercise classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and our concern is that Wayne may not be sufficiently aware of what we do in these classes in order to design a pool that would truly meet our needs. We would humbly like to suggest that Wayne come visit one of these classes before March 6 so that he will be better acquainted with what we do and therefore be better able to discuss and design a facility that meets our needs. As you may know, we have six classes a week: 8:00, 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays so he could have his pick of times to visit. We sincerely appreciate what you are doing to make RCC meet the needs of the entire community.

Thanks for your good suggestion below. I will be sure to share it with Wayne. I want to reassure you that what Wayne is doing at present is sharing concepts with us that illustrate how we might approach a renovation project. These are therefore basically "concept" drawings/models and not designs. There will be much more work ahead if and when the Board decides to pursue a comprehensive renovation project. I just wanted to reassure you that the opportunities to visit and assess the many factors that would need to be considered are not limited to the calendar between now and March 6. Please know also that I shared your comment regarding your need to be in water that is deep enough to support your body weight with Wayne. We will keep you posted regarding the planning process and I am confident that as we proceed all the various needs of our swimmers are being kept very much in mind.

**Barbara Gems, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

I want to second the ideas expressed by Gloria in her note to you. I am not enrolled in the deep water class right now, but I have often gone to the pool on Mondays and Wednesdays when the diving pod is free. I have bad hips and knees and exercising in the deep water is much more comfortable than jumping around in the shallow end. Please don't let the architect take away this vital area of the pool. The deep water classes are extremely popular - so popular that not long ago, we had to add another one. And, both classes are usually pretty full. I will be out of town, but otherwise would attend the meeting. I hope you and the architect will listen to the suggestions from those of us who rely on the deep water diving pod for exercise.

Thanks for your input below; please send us your address so we may include it in our records on this matter. Regarding the deep end of the pool – consideration of changing the configuration of our pool environment is being undertaken to expand the utility and attractiveness of the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center. The assets of the existing configuration are being carefully kept in mind as we explore new possibilities. We are keenly aware of the need for deep water for a variety of user experiences and will be careful to incorporate it in our future. Thank you again for your involvement.

**Mary Jo Marchant, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email

I plan to attend the briefing, thank you for the opportunity to have a voice in the planning. I am a member of the fibromyalgia, MS and arthritis deep water aerobic class, the warmth and depth of the water is vital to my mobility and managing my MS.

**Katherine Slater, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

I want to share that your March 6 meeting conflicts with the RSTA board and general members meeting as well as the SLHS Winter Sports Banquet. The timing of your meeting will by default limit the number of constituents from your "middle market - those aged 13-50ish -- who can attend. This will in all likelihood skew your meeting attendance to the constituents who represent the very young and retirees. I encourage you to not conclude that the lack of attendance from your middle market is in any way a lack of engagement in renovating the aquatics center to meet all constituents' needs. Please do NOT draw that conclusion, as it will be untrue. I would very much like to attend future meetings and stay engaged in the process, and would appreciate you setting future RCC meetings when they do not directly conflict with standing meetings for swimming clubs/organizations in our area. RSTA's meetings are published on their website at RSTA.org.

I assure you that we are well aware of the needs of our fitness/competition swimmers. It is our intent to continue to serve the full spectrum of our patrons – including that group of swimmers. We are also aware of the deficiencies in our current pool environment from their perspectives. The number and intensity of representation of various points of view at our public meetings is important but not dispositive in terms of the Board's decision-making on any aspect of our planning. They consider research, data, input from patrons and staff guidance before coming to conclusions regarding any policy, planning or capital project investments. Regarding when we set our meeting dates, it's impossible to coordinate meeting calendars in our community any longer. RCC Board meetings are always on Monday evenings; that is baked into our operational profile and represents facility utilization on our least crowded night of the week. I appreciate very much the disappointment that may be felt over having to choose between very important competing schedule demands. I assure you that any written input that you and your fellow swim team participants want to provide us will be given equal attention to the input provided at meetings. In addition, you will be able to view the meeting materials online at our website following the presentation from Mr. Hughes and have a chance as well to attend the joint committee meeting (Community Relations and Program/Policy) that takes place on March 13 if you'd like to see how your views/concerns were addressed in the further development of concept planning for a possible pool renovation project. I hope that alleviates your concerns and very much look forward to your continuing input and involvement in this matter.

**Sterling Pilette, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

I swim at the RCC pool as a member of the Reston Masters Swim Team. We work out to stay fit and also to compete therefore we spend a lot of time in the pool water. Please consider an alternative to chlorine. The chlorine affects some swimmers more than others but they shoulder on because they like to swim with the team and have no choice. I know some swimmers that have had to drop out of the sport due to the negative skin and breathing issues of the chlorine. A salt water system that uses sodium bromide salt instead of sodium chloride salt, producing bromine instead of chlorine may be a good choice. My research shows Bromine offers distinct advantages based on its relatively benign and even helpful by products. Special equipment is needed to apply bromine in pools which may mean more upfront expense. Another issue to bromine is educational but I think we should be able to reeducate our staff to handle bromine. Please ask the pool design manager/builder to analyze and look at alternatives and create the best outcome for our pool. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Thanks so much for taking the time to contribute your views regarding our pool. I will be sure to pass this along to Mr. Hughes. Regardless of the specifics, I assure you that the air and water quality are the primary objectives for vast improvement.

**Ruth Toxopeus, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

I plan to attend this meeting and fully support maintaining some deeper water and therapeutic temperatures.

**William Bartsch, Reston Resident**, submitted the following comments via email:

With regard to the meeting March 6th regarding plans for a renovated Aquatics Center, I will not be able to attend but have views on the subject. Basically, I don't see why the Center has to be renovated. At present it fully meets the needs of swimmers and others. As they say, "If it ain't broke, why fix it?" I'm sure a renovation would also entail shutting down the pool for an extended period, a great inconvenience, for where are we expected to swim in an indoor pool? (Pool user since 1982)

Thank you for your input. While I appreciate that you desire to continue to use our aquatics facility without interruption, that is unavoidable. We will need to close for a longer period this upcoming summer to adequately patch issues with our current pool shell and some other repairs. In the summer of 2018, we either need to be closed for a period of not less than 4 months (and likelier closer to 6 months) to replace the legacy systems for the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center that are at the end of their life. Alternatively, we may close for a longer period to accomplish a more comprehensive renovation. In any case, the status of our existing pool systems and shell are such that extensive capital project scheduling will be needed. We can't in fact fully, safely or appropriately meet the needs of our swimmers for much longer. Regardless of how we go forward, we will endeavor to obtain support for our swimmers from our colleagues at Reston Association and the Reston YMCA. While not a perfect solution to the problem created for our swimmers, we hope that with enough time to plan ahead, our patrons can figure out reasonable substitute activity to maintain their personal fitness or therapeutic regimens. If you would be kind enough to send us your address so we may add it to our record of input on this matter, we'd greatly appreciate it.

Thank you for your response to my email regarding renovation of the pool. I hadn't realized that it was in such need of renovation.

Thanks, Bill. Yes, it's a testament to the skill and tenacity of our staff and contractors that we have been able to continue with systems that are (in some cases) nearly 40 years old. But all good things do come to an end. <smile> Thank you for sending your address and the comments will be passed along to our Board with the other input we have gotten from our swimming community. It's wonderful to have such engaged and passionate patrons.



Dear RCC Community Relations & Staff,

Thank you for holding the community relations meeting at RCC and presenting the redesign options to the RCC Aquatics Facilities.

Reston Masters Swim Team (RMST) has been a part of the Reston community since 1974 and has enjoyed the aquatics facility at RCC the past 40 years. RMST is a swim training program under the United States Masters Swimming organization and provides training for members 18 and older. Over the years, RMST members have achieved success at the local, regional and national levels of competition, but mostly its 100+ members that enjoy the fitness benefits of swimming and comradery of a team. RMST is community itself.

Reston Masters is just one of the three RCC Founding Partners that use the RCC pool for lap swimming and training. Collectively, all three represent customer populations that RCC would like to increase its participation (Adults 55 & younger and teens), as presented at the Feb 13 meeting.

For RMST, the current water and air conditions do not meet our needs and we are encouraged that improvements are being considered to the facility. Water temperatures above 83° and inadequate air flow impacts performance and more importantly health of our members. The current aquatics environment has been a contributor to our declining membership for the past several years.

During the February 13 meeting, 3 options for reconfiguring the aquatics facility was presented. RMST feels option 2 (with 2 separate pools) allows each pool to have separate water temperatures would be the best solution for the ALL the RCC aquatics customers. As mentioned in the meeting, options 1 and 2 are not realistic options for several reasons mostly due to cost, and option 3 would be the likely option selected. However, as presented option 3 does not meet the needs of ALL customers that rely on the pool for swim training, especially if a solution for water temperature 83° or below cannot be achieved. In addition, a pool should have adequate depth for starts/diving and proper perimeter gutters for water return/filtering.

Pool space is very limited in Northern Virginia. Fairfax County Park Authority's plans for a recreation center in Reston is many years away (if at all), and will be at capacity upon opening. Forecasts of population growth around Reston will increase substantially in the next few years.

In recent years, RCC has increased its rental fees and RMST understands and appreciates the need to do so. As an RCC Founding Partner, RMST encourages the RCC to consider upgrading its aquatic facility to meet needs and concerns of ALL of its current customers and the growing Reston population.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Evans / RMST President

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**Sent originally and published in the Reston Connection...**

I've actively read recent news on the Reston Community Center (RCC) and its leaders, planning meetings, programs and facilities. While growing up in Reston, I've enjoyed many RCC classes, presentations, and special events. As parents, my husband and I have introduced our children to these wonderful offerings. We appreciate the RCC, its attractive appearance, and its south-Reston location.

My family swims, and uses the pool more than any other area at the RCC. Years ago, I trained and competed in it with the South Lakes High School Swimming & Diving Team. Today, I still use it for lap training. My kids have taken swim classes with RCC, from beginner through Stroke & Turn. It's a nice facility with friendly staff close to our home. Unfortunately, I do not feel the RCC has kept pace with the growth and demand for all levels of indoor swimming in Reston. We have outgrown this current indoor pool site.

Last spring, we were "regulars" at the RCC pool. We shared the busy facility with others in open swim, swim lessons, lap swimming, and water aerobics. My six-year-old had swim lessons after school. We felt very fortunate to have them. Over the last few years, we frequently were not placed in classes due to the high number of applications processed through lottery placements. While my son learned, my eight-year old daughter and I trained together in the designated "fast swim" lap lane. We shared the lane with other swimmers. This routine worked pretty well for all of us even though the pool was quite crowded.

One afternoon, a negative encounter led me to re-think our swimming strategy. Another lap swimmer stopped me to explain that my daughter and I were using the pool inappropriately. "The RCC wasn't meant to be a facility for aggressive or professional swimming. We were disrupting and distracting others." I politely accepted this advice and tried to clarify that we were very much

amateur swimmers. Then, I quietly told my eight-year old that we needed 'to tone it down'. However, we were stopped again and lectured a few more times during our workout. We left the pool trying to figure out what exactly had gone wrong. The experience stuck with me and influenced my future choice in pools.

This winter season, we've done most of our swimming at Oak Marr, a Fairfax County Recreational Facility. While it's not in our neighborhood, it has proven worth the drive. Its pools are large and accommodating to all ages and ability levels. Oak Marr provides classes, hosts numerous swim teams, offers open swim and many lap lanes. Major swimming and diving events are also hosted there.

This summer, my kids will join approximately 900 other swimmers in the Reston Swim League (RSTA). These swimmers will be ready to go in the Reston Association pools because many of them have prepped or trained in indoor facilities throughout Northern Virginia. For example, swimmers have been at Oak Marr, Spring Hill, Cub Run, Worldgate, the Herndon Community Center, the Dunn-Loring and Reston YMCAs as well as the Reston Community Center. This interest and dedication to swimming is outstanding and worth giving attention.

As Reston formulates its future community center, town and recreation plans, I urge citizens to voice their aquatic thoughts. **Why doesn't Reston have a major indoor recreation center that could host year-round developmental and competitive swimming?** The tremendous talent and demand within Reston would support year-round programs. A new facility would also enable Reston to train swimmers close to home, and may help us attract and develop knowledgeable coaches. Please join me in showing that Reston has the qualities to make swimming even more important in our town.

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Date: June 17, 2013

Re: Indoor Recreation Facility at Baron Cameron Park

I am a long-time Reston resident, strong community volunteer, and parent of age-group swimmers. I am also a nationally recognized swimmer and swimming official. I support an Indoor Aquatic & Recreation Facility at Baron Cameron Park.

This proposal indicates Reston's ongoing commitment to health, fitness, and sporting activities. I'm thrilled that Reston has supported recreation as it has grown and thrived. It's great that the Reston Community Center (RCC), Reston Association (RA) and RSTA (Reston Swim Team Association) have worked together to maximize benefit of pool facilities and aquatics programs.

I learned to swim very well in Reston. Competing with RSTA for many years, I perfected my strokes, starts, turns, and relays. My parents supported the sport by getting me to the pool, working meets and events, and bonding with other swimmer families. It was a great, healthy experience for the whole family.

As I grew, I received many benefits from swimming in Reston. I competed at the national level with Solotar Swim Team (later assimilated under Curl-Burke, now the Nation's Capital Swim Club). I was lucky to train with this AAU/USS team at Reston's Hidden Creek Country Club. While I attended South Lakes High School, I swam conveniently at the RCC. Ultimately, my strong Reston swimming background enabled me to swim on scholarship for the University of Virginia (UVA). Today, I still swim and compete. In addition, I officiate swim competitions for RSTA, South Lakes High & VHSL (Virginia High School League), and USA Swimming.

At all ages, swimmers develop valuable traits in and out of the water including good sportsmanship, team work, and mutual respect. Dedicated, busy swimmers learn strong organization and time management skills that help them throughout life. Yet, friendship is one of the most important benefits from swimming. Many of my closest relationships and people memories are tied to pool experiences.

As you evaluate proposals, I urge you to strongly consider need, usage and payback opportunities for a 50-meter pool facility dedicated to year-round developmental and competitive swimming. For over 40 years, Reston has demonstrated its commitment to swimming. While we have many outdoor RA pools, we outgrew the RCC facility decades ago. Most Reston swimmers access other facilities and swimming organizations during the majority of the year.



There is considerable interest within Reston for year-round swimming. There is also tremendous talent for it in our area, as described in "The Nation's Talent Pool" article <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/02/06/AR2009020603541.html?referrer=emailarticle>.

A new facility would enable Reston to train swimmers as well as attract and develop knowledgeable instructors, coaches, and officials. Growing up, I had the opportunity to visit and compete in many communities dedicated to swimming. I believe that Reston has the qualities to make swimming equally significant in our town.

As you consider options and opposition from other constituencies, I urge you to examine the Oak Marr and Audrey Moore properties run by Fairfax County. By aptly integrating recreation centers with open space, parking and accessibility, they cater well to swimming and other recreational interests of many members. I appreciate your efforts.

Thanks from LisaG - Dedicated Swimmer, Swimming Parent & Official

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Dear Mr. Butler,

Fall has definitely arrived! My family and I are really Reston's paths and fields with the leaves beginning to change in the crisp fresh air. We are especially looking forward to this month's nighttime activities in the Walker Nature Center. Thank you for providing great recreation for us here in Reston.

While we are welcoming fall, I want to thank you for a fun summer at the Reston pools. I liked visiting many of them for open swim, swim meets and parties. In addition, congratulations on opening the renovated Glade Pool this season! The slide is definitely worth the wait in line.

From local news articles, I understand that you are busy with a major initiative to update Reston's Recreation Master Plan. This effort indicates Reston's ongoing commitment to health, fitness, and sporting activities. As a resident who came to Reston in 1972, I'm thrilled that Reston has maintained its focus on recreation as it has grown and thrived over the years.

I am particularly impressed with the emphasis that Reston has placed on its pool facilities and aquatics programs. I learned to swim very well in Reston. Competing with the Reston Swim League (run by RSTA) for many years, I perfected my strokes, starts, turns, and relays. My parents supported the sport by getting me to the pool, working meets and events, and bonding with other swimmer families. It was a great experience for the whole family.

As I grew, I continued summer league swimming and moved on to compete at the national level with Solotar Swim Team. I was lucky to train with this United States Swimming (USS) team at Reston's Hidden Creek Country Club. While I attended South Lakes High School, I swam conveniently at the Reston Community Center (RCC). Ultimately, my strong Reston swimming background enabled me to swim on scholarship for the University of Virginia.

On each of my teams, I developed valuable traits in and out of the water. I swam fast, particularly in breaststroke, but also learned the importance of good sportsmanship, team work, and mutual respect. As my commitment grew, I mastered time management and became very organized. These skills have helped me throughout life. Yet, friendship was one of the most important benefits from swimming. Many of my closest relationships and people memories are tied to pool experiences.

As you formulate the new Recreation Master Plan, I urge you to include an indoor aquatic facility dedicated to year-round developmental and competitive swimming. For thirty plus years, Reston has demonstrated its commitment to team swimming. Over 850 children between the ages of six and eighteen swim for RSTA each summer. During the rest of the year, several hundreds of these kids participate in other swim programs at different locations throughout Northern Virginia.

There is tremendous talent and interest within Reston for year-round swimming. A new facility would enable Reston to train swimmers as well as attract and build knowledgeable coaches. Growing up, I had the opportunity to visit and compete in many communities dedicated to swimming. I believe that Reston has the qualities to make swimming even more important in our town.

I appreciate your efforts. Thanks!

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Enclosures:

I have attached some 2004 RSTA photos, including both group and individual selections. Shane Scoggins and Alyssa Avilov are two of Reston's many swimming stars.



## Executive Director Report February 2017

### Administration

This has been an extremely busy month for the administrative teams at RCC. Special projects they tackled were:

- Preparation for and uploading of the software upgrade of our RecTrac business system
- Attendance at a Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) training session on accreditation that was arranged and hosted by the Park Authority (special thanks to our agency leader Barbara Wilmer for shepherding our training involvement and keeping us on task with accreditation)
- Preparation for our periodic business and HR systems audit; it is scheduled to kick off in March (our last audit was in 2013)
- Distribution of guidelines to staff regarding core budget preparation of the FY19 budget
- Support for and tracking of public input regarding our Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center capital project planning.

The efforts of Tom Ward, Harun Rashid – and particularly Pam Leary – were critical to our successful RecTrac upgrade within the one-week time parameter we planned for it. There aren't enough words of praise available to say how superb their leadership was on this effort. Additionally, the Customer Service team and our Programmers were also very diligent in familiarizing themselves with the new software – it is such an extensive upgrade that it might as well be a new software program altogether. Congratulations are due to the admin folks who managed all these efforts over the past month and maintained their normal workload efficiency and cheery dispositions.

### Programs

The CenterStage was hopping in February. With the world premieres sung by the talent of New York Festival of Song kicking things off, the month was filled with music, dance and merriment. The spectacular co-commissioned project we supported with Dance Place, *What's Going On*, had the sold out crowd dancing in the aisles. Finally, our dear friends from Lúnasa once again tickled our Irish (and wannabe Irish) hearts in another sold out performance here.

The annual Diva Central dress drive was a resounding success. The proof will be in the pudding on March 25 when we make hundreds of young people's dreams come true. Table reservations for the March flea market are sold out with a pretty big wait list. The February art exhibits in both of our facilities elicited many compliments from patrons. Some extremely well-received programs for older adults occurred in February – the simulcast about "village" living that we hosted with Reston for a Lifetime was sold out and went off without a technical hitch. We also had a truly sweet pair of programs for our 55+ patrons with the screening of *The Age of Love* followed the next week by a "speed dating" event that was very well-attended and received. Who knows what other results may occur!

### Executive Director

Meetings/activities: Best of Reston, Public Art Reston, Human Services Leadership team, Pat Laney Memorial event, Length of Service and Rutledge Retirement events, Cap One Performing Arts Center/Master Arts Plan meetings, One Fairfax Policy Development team, Leadership Fairfax (asked to be the Emerald Team Subject Matter Expert).