

## **RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER**



### **Reston Community Center Board of Governors Monthly Meeting** September 9, 2013 8:00 p.m. **Meeting Agenda**

8:00 - Call to Order Beverly Cosham, Chair 8:02 - Approval of Agenda Beverly Cosham, Chair 8:03 - Approval of Minutes and Board Actions Beverly Cosham, Chair • Approval of July 1, 2013 Board Minutes (As Reviewed and Approved by the Board Secretary) Approval of July 1, 2013 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

8:25 - Committee Reports

• July 8 Building Committee Report Vicky Wingert, Committee Chair

July 22 Building Committee Report Vicky Wingert, Committee Chair

8:30 - Approval of Committee Reports Beverly Cosham, Chair

8:35 - Board Member Input on Activities Attended

8:40 - Executive Director's Report Leila Gordon, Executive Director

8:45 - Old Business

North Town Center Redevelopment

9:50 - New Business Beverly Cosham, Chair

8:55 - Adjournment

Reminders: **Event** 

Preference Poll Voting Preference Poll Candidates Forum October Monthly Meeting **November Monthly Meeting** 

Date Sept. 13 - Oct. 4 September 18 October 7 November 4

Beverly Cosham, Chair

7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

**Time** 

## RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES JULY 1, 2013

### **Present were:**

- Beverly Cosham, Chair
- Bill Penniman
- Vicky Wingert

- Lisa Ehrhardt
- Bill Keefe
- Cathy Vivona

### **Absent and Excused:**

- Gerald Zavala
- Bill Bouie
- Roger Lowen

### Attending from the RCC Staff:

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

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

### MOTION #1:

### Approval of the Agenda

Cathy moved that the Agenda be approved as written. Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### MOTION #2:

### Approval of the June 3, 2013 Board Minutes

Bill K. moved that the Board approve the June 3, 2013 Board Minutes. Cathy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### MOTION #3:

### Approval of the June 3, 2013 Board Actions

Cathy moved that the Board approve the June 3, 2013 Board Actions. Vicky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Chair's Remarks:

Bev welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming, despite the heat. She wished everyone a wonderful summer and hopes that everyone is taking advantage of the summer activities at RCC.

### **Introduction of Visitors:**

Attending the meeting were Tammi Petrine and Carrie Sawicki who were welcomed by the Chair and Board members.

### **Citizen Input:**

None

### **Committee Reports:**

### June 3 Long Range Planning Committee Meeting Report

Bill P. said the Long Range Planning Committee met on June 3 for a report presentation by Craig Levin of Brailsford & Dunlavey. Details of the presentation, including public comments, are included in the full meeting report which also includes the slides presented by Brailsford & Dunlavey.

### June 10 Special Board Meeting Report

Bill P. recapped the meeting at which Craig Levin answered questions from the Board and the public, following the previous week's presentation and release of the updated study. The meeting also reviewed staff recommendations on the budget. Meeting details are available in the full meeting report.

### June 17 Annual Public Hearing for Programs & Budget Report

Bill P. reviewed the meeting, which focused on FY13 highlights, as well as budget plans and goals for FY14 and FY15. The Board voted to advise the staff to prepare the FY15 budget and make adjustments to the FY14 budget, as outlined in the meeting. It also authorized the staff to proceed with discussing and coordinating with the Park Authority based on program elements and a facility footprint discussed on June 10. The Board also charged the Building Committee to explore alternative site locations for a potential recreation center. Details of the full meeting, including several motions passed by the Board, are available in the full meeting report.

### **July 1 Preference Poll Committee Meeting Report**

Bill P. reviewed the process used for the 2012 Preference Poll and said that since the online and mail-in ballot options and process were successful last year, we would be using the same process this year. He reviewed the below Preference Poll dates:

August 1-15 Filing

August 15 Candidate Photo and Orientation

September 13 – October 4 Voting (Three weeks, Friday to Friday); Mail by 5 p.m. 10/3

### MOTION #4:

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

Bill K. moved that the Board approve all committee reports. Cathy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Board members were busy attending many RCC Board meetings during the month of June. In addition to those meetings, the Board members provided the following updates:

Vicky attended Reston Historic Trust meetings and the Reston Sprint Triathlon, in addition to other activities around Reston.

Bill K. attended the Reston Task Force meetings and inspected the South Lakes High School turf fields that are being renovated.

Bill P. attended a Reston Task Force meeting and announced that he was appointed to the Reston Planning and Zoning Committee. The Board congratulated him on his appointment.

Cathy played bridge at RCC.

Lisa participated in the Reston Sprint Triathlon and enjoyed seeing different aspects of the community involved in that event. She attended the groundbreaking of the SLHS turf field project. She also visited the new public artwork at the renovated Dogwood Pool. She said the mosaic is absolutely beautiful. She visited the Southgate Community Center and enjoyed seeing it thriving and busy with so many people.

Bev attended the South Lakes High School turf field project groundbreaking, the Dulles Corridor Rail Association reception, IPAR Casino Night and the Reston Chamber of Commerce Awards Luncheon.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

Leila said June was a busy and challenging month because we closed the FY13 budget cycle, launched the FY14 budget cycle, and outlined and planned for the FY15 budget. The staff also worked diligently on the Annual Report, which was released mid-June and has received a lot of positive feedback from our partners and the community. The spring season winds down in June as staff prepares for the summer camp season, which began in late June with a robust offering of classes. The Take a Break and Family Fun Entertainment Series concerts both began in June and had more than 200 people at each concert so far. Leila said she attended the SLHS turf field groundbreaking, the Hyatt Park public art project ribbon cutting, and a quarterly meeting with the heads of Northern Virginia Park and Recreation agencies. She received info on efforts in the town of Vienna for significant expansion of their community center. It will include features that are similar to the kinds of features we are discussing at RCC. Cathy Salgado (Director of the Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department) said she would be happy to share results of their survey, which asked residents for their preferences in a recreation facility. Cathy Salgado said that the survey results indicated that convenience is the primary factor when considering whether or not to use a facility.

Cathy Vivona asked when the SLHS turf fields will be ready. Leila said they will be ready before school starts so that the SLHS football team can practice. Reston Youth Association (RYA) and Reston Soccer Association's (RSA) fall schedules were also built on the premise that the fields will be ready in September. Cathy asked about RCC's plans for the fields. Leila said in the first year, RCC staff will explore programs that complement use of the field by RYA and RSA. Cathy asked who scheduled fields. Leila indicated that the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services is coordinating the scheduling of the fields. They have a quarterly meeting with all partners and schedule accordingly.

#### **Old Business:**

Regarding the Brailsford & Dunlavey report, Bill K. asked if a higher LEED certification cost impact was built into Option 1 or Option 2. He'd like Craig Levin to indicate the percentage of cost increase if we strived for silver or gold LEED status. He's also interested in incorporating public art into any design that we explore per the Comprehensive Plan policy regarding public art.

Leila said Craig will be updating and refining the report in response to the Board's questions and concerns. In the fall, he will return to discuss economics of the report, and will bring with him a live, updated version of the pro forma, to view how it might change using different assumptions.

### **New Business:**

There was no new business.

### MOTION #5:

### To Adjourn the Meeting

Bill K. moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Bill P. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

William Penniman, Board Secretary

7/31/2013

Date

July 1, 2013 Monthly Meeting Minutes

### **BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON JULY 1, 2013**

13-0701-1	Bd	That the Board approve the Agenda	
13-0701-2	Bd	That the Board approve the June 3, 2013 Board Minutes	
13-0701-3	Bd	That the Board approve the June 3, 2013 Board Actions	
13-0701-4	Bd	That the Board approve the committee reports	
13-0701-5	Bd	That the meeting be adjourned.	

William Penniman, Board Secretary

\_\_07/31/2013\_\_\_\_\_

Date

## RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT JULY 8, 2013

The Building Committee met on July 8, 2013.

### Present were:

- Vicky Wingert, Committee Chair
- Beverly Cosham, Board Chair
- Roger Lowen

### **Absent and Excused:**

Bill Keefe

### Attending from the RCC Staff:

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

Vicky called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Leila explained the Virginia Freedom of Information Act criteria for going into closed session to discuss real estate matters. She is not sure if the Committee will need to invoke FOIA during its meetings, but wants to be sure everyone is clear on its application.

Vicky started the discussion by asking visitors if they had suggestions for the Building Committee as it considers locations for a potential recreation center. No suggestions were offered. Vicky then presented the following seven sites suggested as options previously submitted by Frank and Lucy Manheim and discussed by others in prior RCC meetings and other community settings:

- 1.) Baron Cameron Park
- 2.) Reston North Park (North of Home Depot)
- 3.) Reston National Golf Course
- 4.) Reston Heights Phase II
- 5.) U.S. Geological Survey
- 6.) Reston Regional Library, reconstructed
- 7.) 5-acre "park" in North Reston Town Center.

Vicky added that the Manheims and others had also offered Lake Fairfax Park as a potential location in previous meetings. **Colin Mills, President of Reston Citizens Association,** confirmed that suggestion but said that upon walking the site, there was discussion on whether or not it would be practical to put a recreation center in what is now wooded space.

Vicky asked if there were any additional suggestions not included in the Manheim's report. Leila said that some members of the public had suggested Tall Oaks Village Center and Isaac Newton Square at meetings over the past few months.

Lisa Ehrhardt

Roger said that he thinks potential sites need to meet certain criteria in order for us to explore them as a viable option. Bev asked if all were zoned for active recreation. Leila confirmed they are not. The Committee discussed the below items as potential site criteria that should be considered:

- 1. Site
- 2. Current Owner
- 3. Total Acreage
- 4. Current Use
- 5. County Zoning Status
- 6. Engineering Issues (Topography Issues, Traffic Ingress/Egress)
- 7. Environmental Concerns
- 8. Accessibility
- 9. Cost

Gerald suggested separating Traffic Impact from Engineering. Leila added that we may not know what the traffic impact is, but we can find out what kind of traffic analysis would need to be done, and by whom.

Roger added that recreation center usage is spread out throughout the day and he doesn't think we will notice a surge in traffic at one point in the day, unless there is a big event.

Leila said that depending on the site and its intended use, there is an opportunity to co-locate parking. She added that in order to deliver a comprehensive report back to the Board in the fall, we will need to know what the traffic issues are and what the requirements are in relation to the proposed facility. She said that there is important information to consider for all of the criteria mentioned, but we shouldn't expect a definitive set of data points at this point. Rather, we need to provide the requirements and indicate appropriate agency responsibilities for the data if we can't obtain it directly.

Vicky suggested that neighborhood impact should be added to the list. Guest **Carrie Sawicki**, **Reston resident**, added that the Baron Cameron Park location is 300 feet from her house to the parking lot.

Lisa said that in addition to vehicle traffic, we need to consider pedestrian traffic and bicyclists, as well as look into traffic forecasting with the arrival of the Silver Line. Leila said that there is a level managed by Fairfax County and another level managed by the Virginia Department of Transportation. She added that there is also the newly established Northern Virginia Regional Transportation Committee, which will manage money that comes from the governor's new transportation bill. She said that many agencies intersect with individual pieces of property and we may have to navigate the degrees of jurisdictional responsibility. She added that this problem is not exclusive to Reston and is happening across the country, including in the District of Columbia. She said it's a justifiable concern.

Gerald asked if there would ever be a situation where a traffic study isn't required. Leila said that she couldn't think of an instance where that would be the case, due to the zoning issues for parking. The type of study done, however, might not be to the extent that everyone would like. She repeated that if the land is zoned currently for active recreation as in the case of the various Park Authority properties, the only study would be for understanding the various uses contemplated at the park and how they interact. She said that a parking study is counting cars that come in and out through rubber strips; people may be expecting something more elaborate than that.

Gerald asked how we gage proximity to -and the impact of – the Silver Line. Leila explained the methodology that RCLCO used in its land value report and reminded the board that Brailsford & Dunlavey market analysis found that convenience is the primary factor in determining recreation center usage. She said that Fairfax County has transportation planning maps that show where bus routes are likely to be located. There is also a Reston Association pathway map. All of that should be considered in regards to accessibility.

Leila also said the Board should use that information to consider how feasible it would be to manage the event surge that has been discussed for a large event such as a swim or soccer meet. She noted that there will be more options in the future because there will be a 2,300-spot parking garage on Wiehle Ave. There is a potential for managing accessibility at certain sites by requiring event organizers to require offsite parking with shuttles for accessibility. She added that RCC already does this for festivals and will

continue to do this for any future RCC events or events at RCC buildings. There was general discussion about how Reston handles event traffic and parking.

In reviewing the site list, Vicky wondered if the Committee will be able to access all sites, such as at the 5-acre "park" in North Reston Town Center. She suggested that the United States Geological Survey is not a feasible option because it would require compliance by the Department of Interior. She therefore suggested that Ownership be considered as a high priority in the Committee's report. Lisa asked if all Reston construction is subject to Reston Association design review board oversight. On the list discussed earlier in the meeting, Leila said that numbers 1, 2, 5 and 7 would not be covered. Leila said that when a site is not covered by Reston Association's Design Review Board, it may be covered by another review authority. She said that Fairfax County requires LEED certification or the equivalent on all new facilities.

The Committee discussed criteria priorities and came up with the below list, presented in order of priority:

- 1.) Site Identity, Acreage, Availability
- 2.) Ownership
- 3.) Cost (including new building/demolition and other site-related costs)
- 4.) Zoning/Current Use
- 5.) Environmental and Design Considerations
- 6.) Engineering and Traffic Considerations
- 7.) Accessibility to Patrons/Neighborhood Impact

Vicky said that we should also consider RCC Hunters Woods since it has been suggested that renovations or additions could accommodate our aquatics needs. There was discussion about locations and Board members shared what information they knew or have heard about all properties. Facts and details will be confirmed and included in the fall report.

Based on the Committee's conversation at the meeting, it created the below list of potential recreation center sites that it will explore in a report to the full Board, due in the fall.

- 1.) Baron Cameron Park
- 2.) Reston North Park (North of Home Depot)
- 3.) Reston National Golf Course
- 4.) Reston Heights Phase II
- 5.) U.S. Geological Survey
- 6.) Reston Regional Library, reconstructed
- 7.) 5-acre "park" in North Reston Town Center.
- 8.) South portion of Lake Fairfax Park
- 9.) Tall Oaks Village Center
- 10.) Isaac Newton Square
- 11.) RCC Hunters Woods

Gerald suggested a template for each site, complete with photos and data points. Leila indicated that staff would create an excel template which the staff and Board would then work to complete. The Committee agreed to visit all locations and invite the full Board. After some discussion about how to proceed, Leila offered to look into chartering a bus or van to transport Board members to all sites on a given day. The advantages to this option are that all Board members will see the properties, and the public can follow to each location if desired. The purpose of a site visit is to get a better feel for the site than data and photos can provide.

Vicky suggested that we do the site visits on July 22, beginning earlier in the evening than the scheduled Building Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Leila asked the Committee members to send her their availability for that day.

Gerald asked when the report would be due Leila said it would be presented at a fall Board meeting, likely in September or October.

The question of proffers was raised. Leila said that nobody will discuss a proffer until you tell them how much you want and what it would be used for. There are paths to proffer support that we can and will

explore when we get to that point. Gerald added that the proffer exploration was better suited for the Finance Committee.

There was more discussion about the report. Leila said she would reach out to the Manheims for their location contacts in order to save duplication of efforts. She added that there may be instances where we cannot find information on every criteria for every location.

### **Public Comment:**

**Carrie Sawicki**, **Reston resident**, said she has a list of questions that she's compiled from herself and others, and an e-mail response is fine if the answers aren't available tonight. Her questions were:

- 1.) Has anyone heard that Reston Sport & Health is planning to build an additional pool at their site. The Committee collectively said no, but would look in to it.
- 2.) Who owns Isaac Newton square? Leila said it is owned by a privately-owned commercial real estate developer. That developer has been approached by every major developer from here to Florida and has turned them all down. They are making great rent and don't want to lose their income stream.
- 3.) Has anyone heard of the new private fitness facility being put in Annandale? Committee members had not heard of this facility and Carrie said she would forward the name.
- 4.) What is the Board's general thought in considering housing developments? Are these facilities going to have amenities like a fitness room, a pool, etc.? Leila said that most do and they almost always include fitness amenities, and often include other amenities like pools and one currently even includes a dog run. As soon as those amenities become the template for new residential development, she expects that will become the standard for builders. However, while new amenities are planned, they are not the type of amenities that will support the entire Reston population, nor will they duplicate amenities RCC is considering.
- 5.) When you talk about costs, are you only looking at actual outlay of costs for construction, or is there other value considered? Leila said that in this study, we're considering land acquisition, demolition and zoning costs. Carrie wants the Board to see Baron Cameron Park the way she sees it, which is as a beautiful, athletic park. She wants value placed on the beautiful park that she loves. She believes a building would ruin the park.

Leila said the reality is that every location on the list will affect someone as personally as Baron Cameron Park affects Carrie. She said that the Board does not wish to nullify her concerns, but if Baron Cameron Park is pursued, they will work to make it a benefit instead of a cost. Leila said she believes there will be a whole host of changes at that park, whether RCC is involved or not. Those changes could include lights, turf fields, a bigger dog park and a bigger garden. The Committee reiterated that they want to enhance Reston for Restonians; that is their only goal.

Carrie added she is concerned for traffic in the area, not her personal traffic use. Leila believes that the more traffic there is, the better public transportation looks to people. In the history of those sorts of changes, when fewer people own cars, more people use mass transit. The transition period isn't always pretty or easy, but it's better in the long run.

Carrie added that consistent speed on Wiehle is a concern. Leila responded that RCC will advocate like crazy for consistent speeds.

Roger said he thinks there are a lot of positive aspects of a facility and that Baron Cameron Park will be developed whether RCC is there or not. He understands Carrie's traffic concerns but said that the traffic concerns will need to be a consideration for the Park Authority either way.

Carrie said she doesn't like that this is being looked at as a "for" or "against" issue. She is not against having a recreation center in Reston. She feels that the proof has been made that a recreation center is a necessity; she therefore agrees that there is a demand that needs to be met, but she doesn't feel the recreation center should be at Baron Cameron Park. She is fine with adding turf fields, lights, basketball courts, bleachers, sandpits and even parking spaces, but she wants the integrity of the athletic park left intact. Roger said that he thinks that having a recreation center fits in with that athletic picture. Carrie disagreed.

Leila said that we'll see where the data takes us and where the community leads us in terms of these decisions. Carrie thanked the Board for their decision to explore alternative sites.

Committee members decided that, following the conclusion of the meeting, they would venture to the back of the RCC Hunters Woods facility to explore the feasibility of putting in an addition to accommodate Reston's unmet aquatics and fitness needs.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 p.m.



## RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT JULY 22, 2013

The Building Committee met on July 22, 2013. The 8:00 meeting was preceded by a bus tour, which began at 5:30 p.m. at RCC Hunters Woods

### Present were:

- Vicky Wingert, Committee Chair
- Beverly Cosham, Board Chair
- Roger Lowen

### Absent and Excused:

Bill Keefe

### Attending from the Board of Governors:

- Bill Bouie
- Cathy Vivona

### Attending from the RCC Staff:

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Cristin Bratt, Public Information Officer
- The Building Committee organized a bus tour of all potential sites for a proposed RCC indoor recreation facility. As agreed upon in the July 8 Building Committee meeting, the following sites were visited:
  - 1.) Baron Cameron Park
  - 2.) Reston North Park (North of Home Depot)
  - 3.) Reston National Golf Course
  - 4.) Reston Heights Phase II
  - 5.) U.S. Geological Survey
  - 6.) Reston Regional Library, reconstructed \*
  - 7.) 5-acre "park" in Reston Town Center North\*
  - 8.) South portion of Lake Fairfax Park
  - 9.) Tall Oaks Village Center
  - 10.) Isaac Newton Square
  - 11.) RCC Hunters Woods \*
- \*A site tour of RCC Hunters Woods was previously conducted following the July 8 meeting.

All Board members were invited to this tour. In addition, a tour schedule and map were announced and available to the public prior to the meeting (see attached). No visitors joined the tour or attended the meeting that followed. Prior to the tour, Vicky explained to all Board members that the Building Committee also decided on the set of criteria to be considered for each site, presented in order of priority:

- 1.) Site Identity, Acreage, Availability
- 2.) Ownership
- 3.) Cost (including new building/demolition and other site-related costs)
- 4.) Zoning/Current Use
- 5.) Environmental and Design Considerations

Lisa Ehrhardt

- 6.) Engineering and Traffic Considerations
- 7.) Accessibility to Patrons/Neighborhood Impact

Following the 5:30 p.m. tour, the Building Committee returned to RCC Hunters Woods at approximately 8:00 p.m. Vicky called the Building Committee meeting to order at 8:14 p.m. after allowing members to convene and awaiting any public participants who might be interested in attending. Regarding the list of 11 sites, the Committee decided that the "Reston Regional Library, reconstructed" and the "5-acre 'park' in Reston Town Center North" should be considered as one location: "Reston Town Center North." The group discussed advantages and disadvantages for each site, according to the priorities presented above. Advantages and disadvantages will be thoroughly researched and affirmed or eliminated and all information related to criteria the Committee identified will be incorporated into the Building Committee report to be presented to the full Board in the fall of 2013. That comprehensive report will also include supplemental information on each site, including photos taken of the toured sites and maps where relevant.

The meeting concluded at 9:08 p.m.



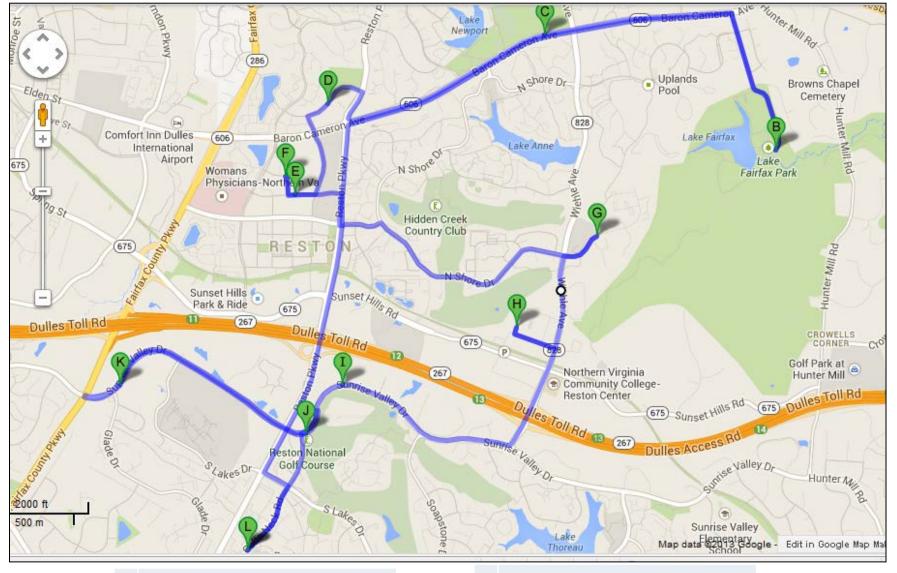
# Board of Governors Building Committee Site Tour Schedule July 22, 2013

On Monday, July 22, at 5:30 p.m., members of the RCC Board of Governors will meet for a tour of 8-10 Reston locations that have been suggested as possible sites for a new RCC recreation center. An outline of planned locations is included below and detailed on the attached map. Please note that addresses are approximate and may not represent the exact point that Board members will explore during the tour.

The Building Committee will convene immediately following the group's return to RCC Hunters Woods (between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.). Following an overview and discussion of the site tour, there will be an opportunity for public comment. The official meeting of the Building Committee will begin upon the return to RCC Hunters Woods; there will be no Committee activity other than visiting and photographing the sites undertaken during the period of time covered by the tour itself.

### Site Tour Outline

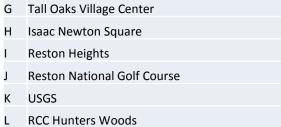
Map#	Location	Address
Α	RCC Hunters Woods	2310 Colts Neck Rd.
В	Lake Fairfax Park	1400 Lake Fairfax Dr.
С	Baron Cameron Park	11300 Baron Cameron Ave.
D	North Reston Park (behind Home Depot)	Stevenage Rd.
E	Reston Town Center: 5-acre FCPA site	11925 Bowman Towne Dr.
F	Reston Town Center: Area surrounding Library	1850 Cameron Glen Dr.
G	Tall Oaks Village Center	12052 North Shore Dr.
Н	Isaac Newton Square	1950 Isaac Newton Square West
1	Reston Heights	11810 Sunrise Valley Dr.
J	Reston National Golf Course	11875 Sunrise Valley Dr.
	United States Geological Survey	12201 Sunrise Valley Dr.
L	RCC Hunters Woods	2310 Colts Neck Rd.



В	Lake Fairfax Park
С	Baron Cameron Park
D	North Reston Park (behind Home Depot)
E	Reston Town Center: 5-acre FCPA site

Reston Town Center: Area surrounding Library

A/L RCC Hunters Woods





### County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods and diverse communities of Fairfax County

JUL 1 9 2013

Ms. Leila Gordon, Executive Director Reston Community Center 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, Virginia 20191

Re: Reston Community Center 2011-2016 Strategic Plan - Indoor Recreation Facility

Dear Ms. Gordon: Leila

I have received the letter from Beverly Cosham, dated June 7, 2013 (copy enclosed), Reston Community Center Board of Governors Chair, and I acknowledge the request for consideration to include an indoor recreation facility as part of the planning for North Town Center redevelopment.

In conjunction with the property owners of the parcels - Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County Park Authority, and Inova - the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services Building Design and Construction Division is currently coordinating the Reston Town Center North Master Plan Study to plan for future redevelopment of land parcels primarily located north of Bowman Towne Drive and south of Baron Cameron Avenue. The goal of the study is to gain consensus for a land use master plan for integrated redevelopment of the subject parcels. This Master Plan is intended to define a grid of streets, open spaces, and lot locations for future building development. The Master Plan Study is also intended to guide the necessary adjustment to real estate property lines and ownership that is needed to allow for the development of street grids, the creation of open spaces, and the future redevelopment of these parcels.

The study is in the initial stages of data gathering for the long-term redevelopment of the area. County programs and public uses that are currently accommodated in these parcels are being confirmed. Potential public and community-based uses that may be included in the redevelopment are also being identified.

County staff and real estate partners are still in the very early stages of this process, and all input is welcome. We appreciate your interest in being part of the development, we appreciate the program information provided for the indoor recreation facility, and we will continue to coordinate with your office as the study and the master plan progresses.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Stalzer

**Deputy County Executive** 

Enclosure: As Stated

cc: James W. Patteson, Director, Department of Public Works & Environmental Services (DPWES) Ronald N. Kirkpatrick, Deputy Director, DPWES, Capital Facilities



### County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods and diverse communities of Fairfax County

June 7, 2013

Mr. Robert Stalzer, Deputy County Executive Fairfax County Government Center 12000 Government Center Parkway Fairfax, Virginia

Dear Mr. Stalzer,

One of the objectives of Reston Community Center's Board of Governors' 2011-2016 Strategic Plan is the building of a new recreation center to support indoor aquatics, with other programmatic elements yet to be determined. We anticipate that such a center would be a substantial facility which could include a 50-meter pool; a smaller (leisure) pool; multi-use courts for basketball, volley ball, "futsal" soccer, or other indoor sports; fitness/training space and equipment; and multi-purpose rooms which could be used for classes, meetings, or other gatherings. The location of such a facility has yet to be determined, although RCC's staff is currently engaged with Fairfax County Park Authority staff to discuss the possibility of locating it at Baron Cameron Park, which is undergoing a Master Planning process at this time.

We understand that the County has formed a staff team to consider redevelopment of the County's North Town Center properties and that you are leading that Task Force. Locating an indoor recreation facility in the North Town Center area may have the advantages of being central to Reston as a whole and walkable from high-density future development in Reston. We are also mindful that significant development is planned in the Lake Anne area which is directly across the street from Baron Cameron Park.

On behalf of the Board of Governors of Reston Community Center I am requesting that the Task Force consider the feasibility of including an indoor recreation facility as part of the planning for North Town Center redevelopment. We recognize that you are already reviewing a number of other requests to locate facilities in that area. An indoor recreation center could be co-located with other facilities that you are or may be considering.

As part of our planning efforts, we commissioned an update to a 2009 Feasibility and Market Analysis for Indoor Recreation done by Brailsford & Dunlavey for RCC and Reston Association. We are happy to make both the original study and the update available to your group to assist your understanding of the potential for indoor



recreation in Reston. The emailed PDF of this letter will be accompanied by PDF files of the study and its update for your convenience.

Please contact RCC's Executive Director, Leila Gordon, to explore this possibility or provide you with more information. We would appreciate your response to the concept of including indoor recreation in planning for North Town Center at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Beverly Cosham, Chair

Reston Community Center Board of Governors

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Leila Gordon, Executive Director, Reston Community Center

Sandra Stallman, Manager

Fairfax County Park Authority Planning & Development Division

Anna Bentley, Planner III

Fairfax County Park Authority Planning & Development Division



### RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER



## Executive Director Report July/August, 2013

### Administration

Capital and Maintenance projects have been proceeding. The new Paddock Evacuator system installation in the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center is nearly completed. Our Family ADA Restroom at Hunters Woods is nearing completion as well. The RCC fuel oil tank has been removed. Other capital projects are on track and proceeding within our budget framework. All our routine maintenance projects at both facilities occur during the final weeks of August/first week of September and these were again successfully managed. One very successful effort we undertook during August has resulted in release of two storage units thereby reducing the cost of storage for our records, program supplies and related materials by a significant amount.

Preference Poll ballots have been mailed and are being received in advance of the poll opening this year as anticipated. We have had a report of one household receiving a duplicate ballot. This occasionally occurs in the printing/mailing process, but the systems in place prevent more than one ballot per household or commercial address from being cast. Your packets have a copy of a Constant Contact message we are sending to affirm this.

We are involved in a variety of community initiatives to tackle issues and challenges in Reston. Among these is an effort to bring organizational collaboration to bear on improving the Hunters Woods Plaza experience and working on solutions to homelessness that manifest in some activity around the Plaza that has been of concern. The concerns include public intoxication and related behavior, vulnerability of children and seniors, vulnerability of the homeless themselves to exploitation and coordinating awareness of best practices to address these issues holistically. We also want to promote the many positive experiences provided at Hunters Woods by our own programs and those of our neighbors. A new plaza landscape project is anticipated to occur in September and October which will be a terrific improvement.

### **Programs**

As noted, the Aquatics venue has been undergoing maintenance and improvement projects. The program team is looking for ways to maximize the learning and exercise programming and will be implementing schedule enhancements in the next program guide cycle to do that. Private lesson offerings continue to show participation and help us augment the regular lesson schedule. The new pricing has gone into effect smoothly.

Leisure and Learning programmers are attending the annual Virginia Recreation and Park Society conference this week. We completed a very successful summer season and are looking forward to continuing high enrollment in the fall season.

The Arts and Events team is working on the launch of the new CenterStage season, the planning for the Multicultural Festival, and the start of the fall arts education classes. RCC was a sponsor and supported the Lake Anne Jazz and Blues Festival which was very successful.

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Meetings: Serving Reston Youth, Hunters Woods Plaza Group, Master Arts Plan, GRACE anniversary campaign, Reston Planning and Zoning Committee, IPAR, taping for RA video program "Reston Today", Arts Council Board, and YAT performance at Reston Hyatt.