



**Reston Community Center
 Board of Governors Monthly Meeting
 March 7, 2022
 8:00 p.m.
 Meeting Agenda**

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| 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 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of February 7, 2022 Board Minutes
(as reviewed and approved by the Board Secretary) • Approval of February 7, 2022 Board Actions
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| 8:05 – Chair’s Remarks | Beverly Cosham, Chair |
| 8:08 – Introduction of Visitors | |
| 8:10 – Citizen Input | |
| 8:12 – Committee Reports (None in February) | Beverly Cosham, Chair |
| 8:25 – Board Member Input on Activities Attended | |
| 8:35 – Executive Director’s Report | Leila Gordon, Executive Director |
| 8:45 – Old Business | Beverly Cosham, Chair |
| 8:50 – New Business | Beverly Cosham, Chair |
| 8:50 – Adjournment | |

Reminders:

Event	Date	Time
RAC Focus Group: Visual Arts	March 14	6:30 p.m.
PTAS: Lúnasa	March 20	3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	March 20	4:30 p.m.
Diva Central	March 26	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
PTAS: Anita Hollander	March 26	8:00 p.m.
RAC Focus Group: Arts Ed, Schools, RestON	March 28	6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
MTA: Bev Cosham	March 31	2:15 p.m.



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

Present:

- Bev Cosham, Chair
- Bill Bouie
- Laurie Dodd
- Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
- Dick Stillson
- Vicky Wingert

Absent and Excused:

- Bill Keefe
- Bill Penniman
- Paul Thomas

Attending from RCC Staff:

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

Bev called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

MOTION #1:

Approval of the Agenda

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

MOTION #2:

Approval of the December 6, 2021 Board Minutes

Bill moved that the Board approve the December 6, 2021 Board Minutes. Dick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #3:

Approval of the December 6, 2021 Board Actions

Bill moved that the Board approve the December 6, 2021 Board Actions. Dick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

In honor of Black History Month, Bev read a poem by Paul Laurence Dunbar. She noted that he died at age 33, and she wondered how many other great works he would have written if he had lived longer.

Sympathy

By Paul Laurence Dunbar

I know what the caged bird feels, alas!
When the sun is bright on the upland slopes;
When the wind stirs soft through the springing grass,
And the river flows like a stream of glass;
When the first bird sings and the first bud opens,

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And the faint perfume from its chalice steals
I know what the caged bird feels!
I know why the caged bird beats his wing
Till its blood is red on the cruel bars;
For he must fly back to his perch and cling
When he fain would be on the bough a-swing;
And a pain still throbs in the old, old scars
And they pulse again with a keener sting
I know why he beats his wing!

I know why the caged bird sings, ah me,
When his wing is bruised and his bosom sore,
When he beats his bars and he would be free;
It is not a carol of joy or glee,
But a prayer that he sends from his heart's deep core,
But a plea, that upward to Heaven he flings
I know why the caged bird sings!

Introduction of Visitors

None

Citizen Input

None

Committee Reports

January 8 Long Range Planning Committee (LRP) – LRP Chair Bill said we had a productive one-day session rather than a two-day session (due to snow and ice). We had a financial performance review. The bottom line is we are in solid shape on all fronts. There was a discussion of increased funds and what to do going forward. We talked about RCC's lease at Lake Anne Plaza and how to plan for its particulars. Probably the most exciting part of the day was the website presentation and discussion with Boris Motusic of United Experts, the London-based web developer. Leila and the department heads took us through the year in review. There was discussion about the potential arts venue and public engagement. The meetings begin next week. Bill is interested in hearing what the community has to say. We approved three motions:

- To reaffirm RCC's Mission, Vision and Values as reflected in the agency's Strategic Plan 2021 -- 2026.
- To reaffirm RCC's Strategic Plan 2021 – 2026.
- To proceed with the community engagement process for examination of a new arts venue opportunity provided by Reston development (Boston Properties – Block J).

Lisa said it was a very productive meeting. Bev said she was impressed we did it all in one day. Laurie did not attend the meeting due to health concerns. She said it is still a challenge for those with immunocompromised family members to be in a room unmasked (attendees took masks off to speak and to accommodate those with hearing challenges), and she wishes we could have hybrid meetings.

MOTION #4

To accept the January 8, 2022 Long Range Planning Committee meeting report and reaffirm those motions.

Bill moved that the Board accept the January 8, 2022 LRP report and reaffirm motions taken by the committee. Dick seconded the motion. The motion was passed, with Laurie abstaining.

Board Member Input on Activities Attended

Bill was at RCC Hunters Woods for Leadership Fairfax's meeting on its strategic plan and equity last week. Lisa will be working with Leadership Fairfax's equity training; the organization is fortunate to have her. The county redistricting commission work is wrapping up. Bill explained where the group is on district renaming. Hunter Mill district's name will remain the same.

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Laurie said she was disappointed by the Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration cancelations (due to weather and COVID-19 issues), but she is looking forward to Dr. Ibram X. Kendi speaking at the CenterStage on February 9.

Dick has been busy with the OLLI course he is teaching. He had 130 people attend the first two lectures (virtually). He asked if we could find out how many of those people are RCC patrons. Leila said she will see if she can get the number.

Vicky attended the LRP meeting. She went to the Polar Dip at Lake Anne last weekend. She's trying to stay healthy and warm.

Lisa attended the LRP meeting and Broadway Night at South Lakes High School last weekend. It was well done; it is nice to see how much RCC contributes and participates with the SLHS students. She is looking forward to hearing from Dr. Kendi.

Bev went to the LRP meeting. She attended Keith Hamilton Cobb's A Reading of *American Moor* on Saturday. She said this was a really good event for Black History Month. It presented a totally different way of looking at *Othello*.

Executive Director's Report

Facilities – Leila said we have closed out the aquatics renovation project with \$1,008,114 left in the project budget from released contingencies and other savings. That is a function of great collaboration between RCC, the county and contractors.

Equity – We are working with the teen apprentice program with Reston National Golf Course. Fourteen teens have indicated interest in six positions. We have rescheduled events from this year's Dr. King Birthday Celebration: Heather McGhee will be the 2023 Keynote Speaker. Bartunde Thurston will be at RCC this May. We were fortunate to deliver the lunch catering to the Embry Rucker Shelter; it was good timing as their chef was out sick with COVID-19. Aquatics is planning Saturday evening women-only swimming, fulfilling a request from the Muslim community. We will have women staff and lifeguards at those sessions.

Community Connections – The Lake Anne Plaza landscaping project was rejected. We sponsored Broadway Night and received a lot of praise from the SLHS staff and students for that. Our theatre tech team volunteered their time to help with it. We will have a screening of the film *Another Way of Living: The Story of Reston, VA* for the Reston Forward group.

Programs and Services – The Reston Summer Camp Expo was January 29; it featured 12 exhibitors and 140 patrons who were all grateful the event was in person. RCC Rides provided 30 trips for older adults in January. Cupcake Wars was a successful new program. Tot Time and Big Fun for Little Ones are averaging about 12 kids each session. We have very steady fitness participation. The Alcohol Inks on Tile workshop customer evaluations were very positive.

Stewardship and Accreditation – Leila directed everyone to the Third Quarter Transmittal memorandum. RCC savings are very similar to past years. The RCC Communications Director job is listed through February 18.

Motion #5

To approve the Third Quarter transmittal memorandum and related materials to forward to the Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget.

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the memorandum. Vicky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Dick said he read that Hunter Mill Supervisor Walter Alcorn put Lake Anne revitalization back on the county agenda. Leila said Supervisor Alcorn moved and the Board of Supervisors approved \$250,000 to study the potential of leveraging the historic nature of Lake Anne for redevelopment and/or obtain credit for offsetting the cost of repairs. They would be federal government credits. Bill said it would basically be a feasibility study looking at those possibilities.

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New business

Leila congratulated Laurie on her candidacy for the Reston Association Board; she is running unopposed for the North Point seat. Laurie said there still needs to be a vote of 10 percent of RA members, so she will have to do some campaigning. Dick asked if she will be on both boards; Laurie said she will discuss that later.

Bev reminded everyone about Art Spiegelman at the CenterStage February 27. He has been in the news lately since a Tennessee school district banned his book *Maus*. Board members discussed banned books and the importance of teaching history. Leila reminded everyone that the event is sold out – a direct result of Tennessee’s action and the resulting publicity.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
Board Secretary

12-15-22

Date

BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON DECEMBER 6, 2021

- 22-0207-1 Bd That the Board approve the Agenda**
- 22-0207-2 Bd That the Board approve the December 6, 2021 Board Minutes**
- 22-0207-3 Bd That the Board approve the December 6, 2021 Board Actions**
- 22-0207-4 Bd That the Board approve the January 8, 2022 Long Range Planning Committee Report and related motions for reaffirming the agency mission, vision and values; the 2021 – 2026 strategic plan; and the plan for community engagement regarding exploration of an opportunity for a new Reston Arts Center as a consequence of development (Boston Properties Block J).**
- 22-0207-5 Bd That the Board approve the Third Quarter Transmittal Memo to advance to the Department of Management and Budget**



Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt
Board Secretary

2-15-22
Date



County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

TO: Christina Jackson, Chief Financial Officer
Brian Kincaid, Budget Analyst, Department of Management and Budget
Amanda Rivera, Budget Analyst, Department of Management and Budget

FROM: Beverly A. Cosham, Chair
Reston Community Center Board of Governors

Leila Gordon
Executive Director
Reston Community Center

SUBJECT: FY 2022 Third Quarter Budget Review

DATE: February 7, 2022

The FY 2022 budget for Reston Community Center (RCC) is \$10,938,210. Our FY 2022 Third Quarter review indicates the following:

- RCC anticipates collection of the projected tax revenue. We anticipate collection of projected user-generated and interest revenue. No change to revenue projections is requested at this time.
- We anticipate an estimated savings of \$533,753 in salaries resulting from vacancies in merit and exempt positions, as well as program cancelations due to COVID-19 and low program enrollment. No change to our personnel budget allocation is requested at this time.
- We anticipate an estimated \$315,863 in savings in operating expenditures resulting from program cancelations due to COVID-19 and low program enrolment. No change to our operating budget allocation is requested at this time.
- Remaining capital project balances scheduled for FY 2022 will carry forward into FY 2023 due to calendaring considerations.

Funding for the FY 2022 Third Quarter budget request is available in Sub-fund 40050, including the Managed Reserve accounts established in FY 2002 and modified in FYs 2003, 2005, 2009 and 2019 for the long-term preservation and maintenance of Reston Community Center facilities, and stability in its operations and programs.

Cc: Walter L. Alcorn, Hunter Mill District Supervisor
Christopher A. Leonard, Deputy County Executive for Health, Housing and Human Services
Dana Thompson, Department of Management and Budget, Management and Budget Coordinator

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Executive Director Report February 2022

Pillar I – Facilities

Engagement discussions regarding a possible Reston Arts Center have been fruitful. About 30-40 people have attended and participated in each of the two sessions (people have arrived late and not signed in for both). Some written feedback has been provided as well. RCC's theatre staff will prepare a paper outlining the kinds of attributes needed based on their experience and professional expertise. The focus group on visual arts is next on the calendar.

Two workstations have been outfitted in RCC Lake Anne's conference room to accommodate staff who float between the two buildings and part-time staff who need a computer terminal for training. All task chairs are undergoing assessment for repair or replacement. These are the chairs purchased in 2008. A new vendor for solar panel installation has been connected to RCC by Fairfax County's Energy and Environmental Initiatives coordinator.

Security cameras in both facilities will be replaced this fiscal year; preliminary work is underway to accomplish this.

Pillar II – Equity

A performance/lecture from actor Keith Hamilton Cobb offered CenterStage audience members food for thought about the layers of stereotyping and discrimination inherent in the approaches to productions of *Othello*. Dr. Ibram X. Kendi engaged with RCC friend Amanda Andere for a sold-out event featuring challenging investigations of how to be anti-racist. Akua Allrich performed for and talked with 900 students at Langston Hughes Middle School and 350 students at South Lakes High School in commemoration of Black History Month. Graphic novelist Art Spiegelman discussed antisemitism and censorship with another sold-out house to complete a month of diverse, assertive and brilliant artists appearing in Reston courtesy of RCC's programming.

Pillar IV – Community Connections

More than 300 dresses and plenty of accessories were donated to the Diva Central Dress Drive in February. Reston Forward members attended a screening of *Another Way of Living* and engaged with filmmaker Rebekah Wingert and Cheryl Terio-Simon about the foundations of Reston and its future. AARP Tax-Aide at RCC continues to serve dozens of people in every session who need assistance with their tax filing process. RCC is partnering with Dogwood Elementary School, Cathy Hudgins Community Center at Southgate, and Public Art Reston on a mural for the school's park and ride area.

Pillar V – Programs and Services

Programming continues to expand in the variety and number of offerings that have sufficient participation to proceed. Program offerings in Youth/Teen, Lifelong Learning, Fitness and Wellness, Arts Education and Aquatics are all seeing increasing overall enrollment. Patrons continue to express high degrees of satisfaction with these offerings.

Pillar VI – Stewardship and Accreditation

Eight candidates will be interviewed for the Communications Director position. The Leisure and Learning Director position is being advertised. Maintenance team positions are being advertised. Staff are working on drafting the FY24 budget outline. Karen Brutsché retired from RCC service February 11.

Executive Director Activity

Attended senior staff meetings held by County Executive Hill and Deputy County Executive Leonard. Attended board meetings for Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, Public Art Reston, Leadership Fairfax and ArtsFairfax. I was interviewed on the Reston Forward organization's first podcast talking about RCC's beginnings, programs and services, and our future efforts to embrace newcomers.