



**Reston Community Center  
 Board of Governors Monthly Meeting  
 May 2, 2022  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Meeting Agenda**

- 8:00 – Call to Order Beverly Cosham, Chair
- 8:02 – Approval of Agenda Beverly Cosham, Chair
- 8:03 – Approval of Minutes and Board Actions Beverly Cosham, Chair
  - Approval of April 4, 2022 Board Minutes  
(as reviewed and approved by the Board Secretary)
  - Approval of April 4, 2022 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
  - May 2 Finance Committee Report Paul Thomas, 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:**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Artist Meet & Greet, Dogwood Mural Project (Cathy Hudgins Community Center at Southgate)	May 3	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Pollinator Garden Dedication (Beside Wells Fargo Bank)	May 4	5:00 p.m.
PTAS: Ed Begley Jr.	May 4	8:00 p.m.
PTAS: Baratunde Thurston	May 14	8:00 p.m.
PTAS: Nai-Ni Chen/Ahn Trio	May 18	8:00 p.m.
Tephra Fine Arts Festival	May 20 – 22	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



**SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
APRIL 4, 2022  
8:00 p.m.**

**Present:**

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

**Absent and Excused:**

- Bill Keefe
- Bill Penniman

**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 8:00 p.m.

**MOTION #1:**

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**MOTION #2:**

**Approval of the March 7, 2022 Board Minutes**

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the March 7, 2022 Board Minutes. Paul pointed out a missing letter in the title of the poem Bev read at the meeting and suggested the notes be amended. Paul seconded the motion as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION #3:**

**Approval of the March 7, 2022 Board Actions**

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the March 7, 2022 Board Actions. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Chair's Remarks**

Bev said several friends have passed away recently: Delores Frye, Janice Mitchell and Dingwall Fleary's wife. Fleary will also soon celebrate the McLean Symphony's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

She read a poem:

*Today* by Billy Collins

If ever there were a spring day so perfect,  
so uplifted by a warm intermittent breeze

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that it made you want to throw  
open all the windows in the house

and unlatch the door to the canary's cage,  
indeed, rip the little door from its jamb,

a day when the cool brick paths  
and the garden bursting with peonies

seemed so etched in sunlight  
that you felt like taking

a hammer to the glass paperweight  
on the living room end table,

releasing the inhabitants  
from their snow-covered cottage

so they could walk out,  
holding hands and squinting

into this larger dome of blue and white,  
well, today is just that kind of day.

### **Visitors**

None

### **Citizen Input**

None

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

Dick attended the Reston Arts Center meetings. He said this is a wonderful opportunity and it is amazing to see so many people who want this facility. It will be interesting to see what comes out of the feasibility study.

Vicky has been watching lots of March Madness basketball.

Lisa attended Lúnasa and has been busy grading papers

Bill B. is in the midst of Park Authority budget season. He spoke about park authority bonds; not a lot of people are happy with the ceiling. He is concerned about information from LARCA about fees for plaza use going forward. This will affect our Thursday concerts and the Reston Multicultural Festival. Leila said there will be more discussion about the situation.

Paul saw Lúnasa and attended the Volunteer Appreciation event, as well as Reston Arts Center engagement sessions. He served as a stage manager for 25 band assessments at South Lakes High School. It was a lot of work.

Bev saw Lúnasa and Anita Hollander. She has known Hollander, an actor and advocate for actors with disabilities, for years. Bev saw *Mr. Vaudeville and Friends* and appreciated Mark Brutsché's antics. Bev also performed for the Meet the Artists series.

### **Executive Director Report**

Leila said we finally have a proposal for the solar panels. BeBe and Fred will review it. The Lap Pool pump has been repaired. We had more arts center community engagement sessions in March.

There has been a tremendous amount of equity activity. We gave away the remaining Ibram X. Kendi books to Reston's Opportunity Neighborhood program. We are offering several free programs targeted to

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build academic skills. AARP Tax-Aide been a huge support system for residents with low-to-moderate incomes. We were solicited by the Virginia DMV to be an offsite location. They were here three days at the end of March; it was a huge hit.

We have had several engagements with new advocacy group Reston Forward. We have also met with Tephra ICA leadership. We have had an increase in program participation across the board; people are getting into more typical rhythms of life. There are a lot more kids in youth programs and adults in Leisure and Learning.

New Communications Director Lorna Clarke will start April 26; she comes from Volunteer Fairfax, and before that, the Loudoun Chamber. Thank you to Bev and BeBe for serving on that panel. We need to hire counselors and lifeguards. Work on the website continues. Leila was interviewed by the Reston Patch reporter in a live Zoom interview.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Vicky asked about what happens regarding the resignation of board member Laurie Dodd. Leila said Laurie expressed thanks for the donation in her honor to Reston Strong. Vicky asked if we would fill Laurie's seat, and if so, this is a good opportunity to try and bring in a younger person. Leila said it is an interesting situation: The bylaws say we can fill the seat with the next-highest vote getter, but since the 2021 Preference Poll was uncontested, there isn't one. The bylaws don't address appointment if there are no previous most recent Preference Poll candidates. Bill B. said the last time this happened we left the seat open until the next poll. Leila said she will look at the bylaws and talk to the County Attorney.

Bev adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



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Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt  
Board Secretary

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4-12-22  
Date

**BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON APRIL 4, 2022**

- 22-0404 -1      Bd      That the Board approve the Agenda.**
- 22-0404-2      Bd      That the Board approve the March 7, 2022 Board Minutes as amended.**
- 22-0404-3      Bd      That the Board approve the March 7, 2022 Board Actions.**



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Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt  
Board Secretary

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## Executive Director Report April 2022

### **Pillar I – Facilities**

We continue to run into roadblocks with our planned installation of solar panels on the roof. Ipsun Solar is investigating how it can mitigate unanticipated rising costs so they can make the contract work equitably for them. Security camera upgrades to both facilities are in progress. The rental calendar is filling up to overflowing status – people are coming back to in-person events and meetings.

Community engagement sessions for the possible arts center in Reston concluded and are being used to inform the program development (how the facility will be used and space allocations) and cost estimating.

### **Pillar II – Equity**

Events that featured Reston's values around equity and the celebration of the community's diversity that occurred in April included performances at Dogwood Elementary School's School Age Childcare program and in the CenterStage by 123 Andrés, and a retrospective of the career of DC contemporary and ethnic dance pioneer Carla Perlo also in the CenterStage. RCC Rides provided 20 rides in the month of April. The Aquatics department has designed a monthly swimming option for women and girls who want to swim without men present in the pool complex. This was a request fielded via Opportunity Neighborhood and we will promote it to those constituents and faith communities that may be interested in this option.

### **Pillar III – Community Connections**

Founder's Day involved the extensive efforts of RCC's Arts and Events team partnering with Reston Historic Trust and Public Art Reston. A new effort arising from RCC's partnership with Reston Town Center Association brought the first-ever Theatre in the Park event to Town Square Park for a three-night run beginning on April 29. A bit more than 1,500 people attended the first two nights; closing night was rained out – but the format and show proved very popular. Facility Services hosted an in-person program day for Leadership Fairfax and a staff event for the Neighborhood and Community Services agency. RCC's Fitness and Wellness and Collaboration and Outreach units are among the planning partners for the second Tour de Hunter Mill.

### **Pillar IV – Programs and Services**

Eggnormous Egg Hunt and the Underwater Egg Hunt both proved to be big hits. About 100 children participated in the outdoor event and all sessions in the Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center filled – serving another 66 children. Older adults are venturing out – 16 patrons went to an Afternoon Tea and toured Rosemont Manor in April. Young at Art Month enjoyed its first in-person opening since 2019 and patrons loved the beautiful works of art from creative people ages 55 and older. Visual and performing arts classes continue to fill with enthusiastic artists of all ages.

### **Pillar V – Communications**

Summer program guides have hit mailboxes and enrollment for summer opened on May 1. New director Lorna Campbell Clarke has started in her position. RCC's Annual Report is in design and work on the website continues.

### **Pillar VI – Stewardship and Accreditation**

A county-wide audit activity to verify agencies' refund procedures and outcomes related to the pandemic has been underway for nearly a year now. RCC has satisfied the requests from that team, and we await their feedback on our procedures. In the process, we discovered one duplicate payment among the thousands of refunds that were pandemic-related.

### **Executive Director Activity**

I attended senior staff meetings held by Deputy County Executive Leonard and board meetings for Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, Public Art Reston and ArtsFairfax. I participated in rebranding efforts by Leadership Fairfax.