



**Reston Community Center
Board of Governors
March 4, 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 February 4, 2013 Board Minutes (As Reviewed and Approved by the Board Secretary)	
• Approval of February 4, 2013 Board Actions (As Reviewed and Approved by the Board Secretary)	
8:05 – Chair’s Remarks	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:10 – Introduction of Visitors	
8:15 – Citizen(s) Input	
8:30 – Committee Reports	
• February 11 Community Relations & Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting	Roger Lowen & Bill Bouie, Committee Chairs
8:35 – Approval of Committee Reports	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:40 – Board Member Input on Activities Attended	
8:45 – Executive Director’s Report	Leila Gordon, Executive Director
8:50 – Old Business	Beverly Cosham, Chair
8:55 – New Business	Beverly Cosham, Chair
9:00 – Adjournment	

Reminders:

Event	Date	Time
Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee	March 11	6:30 p.m.
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting (Focus Group)	March 25	6:30 p.m.
April Monthly Meeting	April 1	8:00 p.m.



**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
February 4, 2013**

Present:

- Beverly Cosham, Chair
- Bill Bouie
- Bill Penniman
- Vicky Wingert
- Roger Lowen
- Bill Keefe
- Gerald Zavala
- Lisa Ehrhardt
- Cathy Vivona

Attending from the RCC Staff:

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

MOTION #1:

Approval of the Agenda:

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

MOTION #2:

Approval of the January 7, 2013 Board Minutes:

Bill P. moved that the Board approve the January 7, 2012 Board Minutes. Cathy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #3:

Approval of the January 7, 2013 Board Actions:

Bill P. moved that the Board approve the January 7, 2012 Board Actions. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks:

Bev said we're getting really excited about hearing from the community at next week's Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting. She encouraged everyone to come and let their voices be heard. She also thanked the community and board for their participation in the MLK activities, particularly, Julian Bond's keynote address. Bev also thanked the RCC staff for their efforts that contributed to a successful event.

Introduction of Visitors

There were no visitors.

Committee Reports:

January 28 Long Range Planning Committee Report

Bill B. presented the Long Range Planning Committee report and stated the purpose of this meeting was to prepare for the February 11 Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting where the Board will listen and gather citizens' input on RCC's plans for the upcoming year. The committee has requested updates to the Brailsford & Dunlavey study to reflect market changes and costs/financing scenarios. The Board reiterated its desire to gather citizen and stakeholder input. The committee also reviewed the Park Authority's master planning schedule outline as it pertains to our opportunity to enter into a joint venture with them to build a new facility. The committee agreed to hold another meeting on February 4 at 7:30 p.m. in order to finalize plans for the February 11 meeting.

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February 4 Long Range Planning Committee Report

Bill B. summarized that the committee reviewed and discussed the FY13 3rd Quarter Review memorandum. He asked the board to approve forwarding of the FY13 3rd Quarter Review memorandum to the Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget.

MOTION #4:

Cathy moved that the Board forward the FY13 3rd Quarter Review memorandum, as prepared by the staff, to the Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget. Gerald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill continued with his report and said that the LRP committee agreed to accept The Cleveland Coaching Group's report for the record of the January 4-5, 2013 Strategic Planning Session. He also reported that the committee reviewed and approved an outline for the February 11 Community Relations and Program Policy Joint Committee Meeting. He again invited the community to join the Board for that meeting on February 11 at 6:30 p.m. at RCC Hunters Woods.

MOTION #5:

Cathy moved that the Board approve the January 28 and February 4 Long Range Planning Committee reports. Bill P. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Input on Activities Attended:

Gerald had a busy month and couldn't attend the MLK celebration, but heard wonderful reviews.

Roger saw RCP's production of *The Savannah Disputation*. He wished attendance was higher, but thought the show was funny, meaningful and really beautiful.

In addition to playing bridge this month, Cathy attended the MLK activities at RCC and was moved by Julian Bond's presentation. She offered congratulations to the committee that put it together.

Bill B. had a lot of meetings in January, including meetings with the Park Authority, Wolf Trap and IPAR. He took part in the MLK Day celebration and thought that it was one of the best and most well-represented celebrations that RCC has hosted. He extended kudos to Kevin Danaher and the Planning Committee team because it seemed like this year's celebration had a little something extra.

Bill P. attended the MLK celebration and thought it was wonderful that RCC was able to secure an individual (Julian Bond) with such a great connection to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He also had task force meetings and started a sculpture class.

Bill K. attended the MLK celebration and task force meetings.

Vicky attended the MLK celebration and wanted a transcript of Julian Bond's keynote. Leila confirmed that Mr. Bond provided a transcript of his speech and we also have video footage available. Vicky also participated in community service projects scheduled as part of the MLK Day celebration. She was impressed with overall attendance and especially with the Al Fatih Academy students who presented the MLK "I Have a Dream" speech on Sunday. She thought they really embraced the spirit of the speech, which made it a very moving experience for the audience.

Lisa attended the *Voices of Inspiration* performance at the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation during the MLK Day celebration. It made her proud to be a resident of Reston. She attended the kickoff for the Saturday center (at Southgate Community Center). A total of 39 students were invited to the program. She met the director and parents and hopes to attend more Saturday sessions at that facility.

Bev participated in the MLK Day celebration. She also congratulated Kevin Danaher on really going the extra mile to make this event the best yet. She is in awe of the program he and the Committee put together. She participated in the Reston Community Orchestra's annual Musical Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday night, Julian Bond's keynote address/community lunch, and the MLK Commemorative March on Sunday. She loved the Al Fatih children's speech as well. Bev also attended the 2013 Best of Reston honorees announcement at Reston Interfaith.

Executive Director's Report:

See attached report.

Leila summarized the WebTrac problems that occurred on February 1 with the launch of camp registration. She said the RCC staff is working with Vermont Systems to recreate a more authentic test environment in order to troubleshoot. RCC will be forming an internal work team to determine our entire spectrum of business software requirements and review all options for online registration. She reminded the Board that RCC has worked with this software vendor for the past 10 years with satisfactory results and cautioned against pulling out of our contract too hastily. However, Leila acknowledged that a glitch exists within the interface of online registration and other layers of our operation, perhaps to do with credit card processing. She feels this problem existed in December, but there was an easier-to-identify patch that was discovered and assumed to be the problem. Leila noted that we've had a good experience with the product until now, but suggested that after 10 years with a product, it's prudent to reevaluate our needs and options. She reminded the Board that we will use the County purchasing process if we decide to pursue another vendor/product. Our approach to resolving the WebTrac issue is two-fold: we are working to identify and fix the current problem with our vendor while simultaneously exploring other opportunities. We will likely go through one or two more rounds of registration using the old lottery system. Cathy asked how responsive the vendor has been in responding to this problem. Leila confirmed that Vermont Systems has been very active in the resolution process. Bill B. asked if the software resides on our server. Leila said that it does, but indicated that we are looking at hosted or cloud-based models as alternatives. She noted that our current product is economical, but that any software solution that RCC pursues needs to be both economical and functional. The work team, staff and Board will evaluate what options are currently available in this market and make appropriate suggestions as to what the right path is moving forward.

Old Business:

Roger wants to find an alternative to the chains that patrons are faced with when entering RCC from the Hunters Woods Plaza parking lot (by Dairy Queen). In addition to being a safety hazard, he doesn't think it is inviting for guests. Leila said she will inquire with Edens Property Management Company regarding its landscaping plan to see if it will address this issue. Bill K. also asked about lighting between Buffalo Wing Factory and Ledo's. The Board agreed it is very dark in that area leading to RCC. Leila will inquire with Edens on this issue as well.

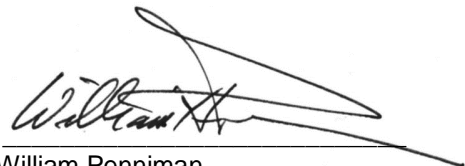
New Business:

Cathy said that this month's artwork at Hunters Woods is beautiful and asked about the reception. Leila confirmed that there is a reception at RCC Hunters Woods, though the address was incorrectly listed on the exhibitor's sign. The exhibit and reception are at RCC Hunters Woods.

Bev reminded everyone about the February 11 Community Relations and Program Policy Joint Committee Meeting and hoped to see everyone next week.

MOTION #6:

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

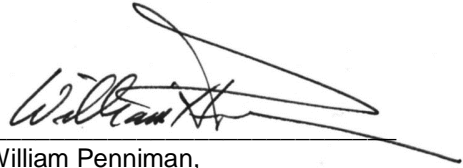


William Penniman,
Board Secretary

____ 2-15-13 _____
Date

BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON FEBRUARY 4, 2013

- 13-0204-1 Bd That the Board approve the Agenda.**
- 13-0204-2 Bd That the Board approve the January 7, 2013 Board Minutes.**
- 13-0204-3 Bd That the Board approve the January 7, 2013 Board Actions.**
- 13-0204-5 Bd That the Board forward the FY13 3rd Quarter Review Memo to the Department of Management and Budget**
- 13-0204-5 Bd That the Board approve the January 28, 2013 & February 4, 2013 Long Range Planning Committee Reports**
- 13-0204-6 Bd That the meeting be adjourned.**



William Penniman,
Board Secretary

_____ 2-15-13 _____
Date



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 11, 2013
TO: RCC Board of Governors
FROM: Roger Lowen
Chair, Community Relations Committee
Bill Bouie
Chair, Program/Policy Committee
SUBJECT: February 11, 2013 Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting

The Community Relations and Program/Policy Committees met in a joint session on Monday, February 11, 2013.

Present were:

- Roger Lowen, Community Relations Committee Chair
- Bill Bouie, Program/Policy Committee Chair
- Beverly Cosham, RCC Board Chair
- Lisa Ehrhardt
- Bill Keefe
- Bill Penniman
- Cathy Vivona
- Vicky Wingert
- Gerald Zavala

Attending from the RCC Staff:

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Thomas Ward, Deputy Director
- BeBe Nguyen, Media Director
- Cristin Bratt, Public Information Officer
- Eileen Boone, Leisure and Learning Director
- Paul Michniewicz, Arts and Events Director
- Kevin Danaher, Community Events Director
- Cheri Danaher, Arts Education Director
- Connie Rudicille, Aquatics Instructor
- Kim Gollop-Pagani, Youth Programs Assistant
- Kenny Burrowes, Teen Programs Director
- Karen Brutsche, Senior Adult Programs Director
- Renata Wojcicki, Finance Director
- Joe Leary, Aquatics Director
- Mike Rothenberg, Assistant Aquatics Director
- Brian Gannon, Booking Manager
- Linda Rutledge, Staff Photographer

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Leila welcomed attendees and provided a brief overview of the history and purpose of the annual Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting. She encouraged attendees to sign in so that the Board can build a distribution list for engagement, as well as for record-keeping. Leila explained that a film crew was on hand to get video footage of “community building in action” as part of a documentary film project on Reston. Leila introduced Beverly Cosham, Chairman of the RCC Board Governors.

Beverly welcomed patrons, partners and community members and reminded them that – in addition to this meeting - there are plenty of opportunities to have their voices heard throughout the year. She introduced Bill Bouie, Program/Policy Committee Chair.

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Bill B. welcomed attendees and provided background for the first discussion of the evening. He shared that ownership of Baron Cameron Park in Reston was transferred from the Board of Supervisors to the Park Authority in 2012. That transfer presented an opportunity to revisit Baron Cameron Park's existing Master Plan. There are several interested partners for re-visioning Baron Cameron Park's use; RCC is the partner the Park Authority seeks initially to explore the potential for an indoor recreation facility on the site. Since this facility is in line with the Board's strategic plan for aquatics and fitness programs, the Board is bringing the conversation to the public in order to gather input. The Board remains focused on two facility priorities outlined in the RCC strategic plan - an indoor recreation facility and a new performing arts venue. He said that he hoped to hear comments not only on this opportunity, but all programming and activities pertaining to RCC. He explained that tonight is the first of many meetings that RCC will host to help us determine whether or not there is community interest and support for this partnership with the Park Authority. Bill B. introduced Roger Lowen, Chair of the Community Relations Committee.

Roger explained that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to begin a dialogue with the community about a partnership with the Park Authority to build an indoor recreation center. That conversation will be in addition to the regular annual conversation on existing RCC facilities, programs and services that will take place this evening. He reminded attendees that there will be plenty of further opportunities for the public to share their comments on a recreation facility or any RCC programming. He said that tonight, we hoped to gather initial feedback and ideas on a facility and welcomed attendees to share thoughts about what it could be. He offered that it could include a pool with slide, indoor track, gymnasias, ample numbers of exercise machines and free weights for fitness training, indoor team sports features and concessions. He emphasized that everything is preliminary and nothing is set in stone. He indicated that with population growth in Reston due to the impending arrival of Metro, RCC is hoping to keep up with community growth. The Board aims to serve all residents and all who work in Reston, all income levels, our children, our seniors, and everyone in between. He thanked everyone for coming.

Indoor Recreation Facility

Leila reiterated that the first portion of the evening will be discussion of a potential indoor recreation facility. She introduced Craig Levin, Senior Vice President of Brailsford & Dunlavey and explained that Craig would be facilitating the discussion about the recreation facility.

Craig thanked the group and explained that RCC engaged Brailsford & Dunlavey several years ago to help better understand the Reston community and its recreational needs. They are returning to update the market study since much has changed with the economy and the community since that time. They will also facilitate discussion of this potential facility. He explained that Brailsford & Dunlavey has informed and assisted the opening of a number of facilities across the country and will be working with the Reston community to explore this current opportunity. He said that this potential facility would be more than a gymnasium and multi-purpose rooms. He asked to start a dialog with the public tonight so that his team can work with the RCC Board to put ideas together and continue exploring them with the public, including RCC partners.

Beverly Larison, longtime Reston resident, indicated that she currently uses the RCC Hunters Woods aquatic facilities for rehabilitation. She loves the facility but said that the pool is stretched to capacity and a dedicated rehabilitation space is needed, similar to a facility offered in Leesburg. Her rehabilitation group ranges in age from 40 to 90.

Ruth Toxopeus, Reston aquatics patron, voiced her support for a rehabilitation pool for people with conditions such as arthritis and fibromyalgia. She also asked how the Board would respond to tonight's input regarding the center. Leila responded that there would be multiple opportunities for public input and that we are looking at a date such as February 25th or thereafter as an opportunity to conduct smaller focus group discussions. She indicated that there is a Community Engagement Calendar handout available for people to pick up at the end of the meeting.

Michelle Moyer and several other parents from South Lakes High School said that the SLHS swim team needs a home facility. She reported that they don't have a diving well, they can't practice race starts and they need to travel to other locations to practice due to a lack of practice facilities nearby. She said that they really need a place that serves competitive swim teams first and foremost, as a priority, ahead of having a new building try to accommodate all users including leisure and rehabilitative use.

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Nick Nobbe, Reston Masters Swim Team suggested that if we do something, we need to be bold about it. He said the RCC Hunters Woods facility is dated. He indicated that as a community, we've reached the limit at this pool and we can't go any further in terms of facility and parking. He suggested that a new facility should be able to accommodate competitive swim programs at any level (junior through masters), including summer leagues. He also stated that it should be a 50-meter pool with a moving bulk head and a diving pool separate from ample lap lanes. He said that Reston is a diverse community of people that collectively benefits from the current facilities, but they are bursting at the seams and no longer adequately accommodate our growing community.

Connie Rudicille, RCC Aquatics instructor, indicated that the pools are overflowing, her classes are filled, and the community is desperate for a new pool to accommodate all ages and levels.

Stacy Hughes, Reston Swim Team Association, parent of SLHS swimmer, and individual swimmer, indicated her support of a new indoor aquatics facility on a number of levels. She represents 900 swimmers with the RSTA Summer Swim Program. It is a great partnership with Reston Association in the summer but they also have a winter program that is in need of a new indoor facility. As the parent of a SLHS swim team member, she has to travel to Herndon Community Center for meets, where they do not have spectator seating. As a swimmer herself, she enjoys using the RCC Hunters Woods facility, but has a lot of trouble getting a lane since the pool is frequently at capacity.

Linda Jones, South Lakes High School Director of Student Activities, said that the swim coach (Scott Brown) was not available, but has indicated that the RCC Hunters Woods pool is too small (Mr. Brown's input is available at the end of this document). The team only gets an hour a day during the week. They are split among practice facilities and swimmers only see one another at weekend meets in Herndon. They appreciate that they are able to use the pool at RCC Hunters Woods, but their swim team desperately needs a larger facility.

Joe Ritchey, Chairman of Initiative for Public Art - Reston, encouraged the Board to consider the future potential of a facility. He would like facilities to be used in different ways and customized to meet different needs, much like Robert Simon intended when planning Reston. There is great potential to build a first-class aquatics facility for the community and region. Ritchey indicated that he was involved in a public-private initiative several years ago that explored a new aquatics facility that would be large enough to host Olympic trials. He would like this new initiative to go in that same direction. He said Reston has set a standard in everything that it has done so far. He admitted that there are financial concerns to take into consideration, but if possible, we should explore a larger facility that could serve Reston and the region for a long time. There isn't a pool in the area with a diving well and spectator seating and he thinks Reston could be the first.

Colin Mills, President of Reston Citizens Association, added that it is important that we have a shuttle link to and from the Metro to provide an easy way to get to a new facility without cars.

Craig from Brailsford & Dunlavey summarized the requests so far and asked the group to dream big and voice their opinions on what the ideal indoor recreation center might look like.

Michelle Moyer spoke again to state that the Prince George's County Sport and Learning Complex has three pools and an indoor track. She stated that if we're "dreaming big," that's the model we should be looking at.

David Vurdelja, Reston Masters Swim Team, said that it's important to have adaptive swim programs for seniors and youth and the mentally or physically challenged. This includes having a way to enter the pool. He suggested separate pools for rehabilitative or leisure use (higher temperature) vs. competitive swimming (lower temperature). He said that a café or concession stand could support the facility. Other ideal amenities could include dry land training, steam rooms, a place for children, and as many lanes as possible. He thinks three pools sounds beautiful.

Roger Lowen, member of the RCC Board of Governors, spoke as a resident and said that this could be more than aquatics facility. He said there are a lot of competitive runners in Reston that are looking for a location that includes weights training for fitness.

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Dennis Hays, Reston Runners and a resident of Longwood Grove, indicated that as a runner, swimmer and marathoner, he is interested in a competitive pool, a therapeutic pool and an indoor track. As a resident of Longwood Grove that is located in close proximity to the proposed site, he is concerned with parking. He said that aspect always seems to get shortchanged at the end of facility construction. He urged the Board to keep the parking issue a priority during the planning process so that the local neighborhoods do not bear the burden of a parking shortage.

Paige Sogandares, 8th grade student who swims with RSTA and Nation's Capital Swim Club, said that she wakes up at 3:45 a.m. every morning to travel to Vienna to swim. She and her teammates do not like getting up that early, but have no choice since there are no facilities in Reston. She indicated that there would be significant benefits to local retail businesses (such as Lake Anne Plaza merchants).

Karen Goff, Reston resident and Reston Patch editor, indicated that she would like to see a climbing wall at the new facility.

Rosemary McDonald, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, stated that Reston Chorale and Reston Symphony still need a performance and rehearsal space. They are currently limited to RCC Hunters Woods Community Room, the CenterStage and RCC Lake Anne. Given the performing arts talent in the area, she would like better, bigger facilities in Reston's future.

Vicky Wingert, member of the RCC Board of Governors, spoke as a Reston resident and indicated that she would like to see a gymnasium that could be used by youth girls' basketball and other teams. She stated there is a real competition for use of gym space in Reston.

Michelle Moyer said that she would like to see volleyball courts in the new facility.

Larry Butler, Reston Association Parks and Recreation Director, would like to see another outdoor track (.25 mile track). **Dennis Hays** agreed.

David Vurdelja, Reston Masters Swim Team, stated that a new facility should have ample lockers available.

Craig asked if there would be interest in indoor sports fields or courts. Several parents agreed and said kids are playing basketball and soccer on concrete/linoleum floors. They added that Reston families have a lot of children and a lot of money is spent on sports for those children. They also spend money on children's birthday parties, which could be a big revenue generator for RCC if the new facility has a birthday venue location.

Mr. Lloyd Kinzer, President of Reston Chorale, said we ought to remember wrestling and that it is a terrific youth sports activity; we should consider the kinds of facility features that would support it.

Rosemary McDonald, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, said that she was not into swimming or running, but wanted to emphasize the importance of accessibility for older adults. She also would like to see space that could be used for small meeting rooms and classes for older adults.

Kim Retzer, Principal of South Lakes High School, said that all SLHS students (not just swimmers) would benefit from the amenities that a lot of people have discussed, including the SLHS volleyball and wrestling teams. As the Reston community grows, so does the athletic program and the talent. Teams such as volleyball and wrestling are in need of additional space. She added that any RCC facilities that would be open to non-competitive athletes would be great as well. She stated that SLHS appreciates all the support from Reston Community Center and Reston Association.

Gene Jones, YMCA of Metropolitan Washington/YMCA Fairfax, said the YMCA supports Reston Community Center and noted that residents benefit from their great collaborative efforts. He said that as different organizations come together to work together, we can reach more people and provide more services. He looks forward to continuing the partnership with Reston Community Center.

RCC Facilities, Programs and Services

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Leila concluded the discussion about a potential indoor recreation center and invited meeting attendees to give input about other RCC activities or current programming.

Eve Thompson, Friends of Lake Anne (FOLA) and Lake Anne of Reston Condominium Association (LARCA), thanked Reston Community Center for a great collaborative relationship that has been built with LARCA and FOLA over the years. Activities include summer concerts and the joint effort to extend those concerts. She also thanked Reston Community Center for its continued support of The Lake Anne Jazz Festival. She said that they are grateful for the hundreds of other ways that Reston Community Center supports Lake Anne and that they look forward to an ongoing relationship.

Shelly Mastran, Chair of Reston Historic Trust, thanked RCC for its support and stated that she doesn't know what Reston Historic Trust would do without RCC's support. The support extends to educational programs, history programs, Founders Day (in April), and artist receptions. She stated that she is appreciative of RCC's help as it is part of what sustains and grows their organization. She hopes to continue the partnership.

Lloyd Kinzer, President of Reston Chorale, stated that he is in favor of a new recreation facility, but as the President of the Board of Reston Chorale and former President of the Board of Reston Community Orchestra, he joins his colleagues in support of a performing arts facility. He said that RCC has bent over backwards to accommodate arts organizations at RCC – even with limited space. However, performing arts can truly grow if given a facility that has a stage large enough to accommodate the chorus and orchestra. He said that he hopes to see dance, drama, and all sorts of performances thrive in such a venue.

Ken Fredgren, Reston Accessibility Committee (a committee of Reston Citizens Association), gave the following remarks: "RAC is a committee of Reston Citizens Association. Our mission is to partner with owners and property managers of commercial facilities in Reston to help make their parking lots more disability-friendly. It takes a village to accomplish that. Reston Community Center and Leila Gordon have been part of that village for four years.

Our alliance began in 2009 when customers and patrons with disabilities asked RAC if we would see what could be done to secure additional accessible parking spaces in Hunters Woods Village Center which would serve both the businesses and RCC. I contacted Leila in April, 2009, and she and RCC were immediately onboard. We recruited Friendship House, met with the property manager of the Village Center and the then RCA president, Marion Stillson, and two new spaces, curb-cuts and cross walk were in place in front of Ledo's by December, 2009. That same month I learned briefly, but pointedly, from Leila of RCC's quiet ministry to people who are without homes in this area. It was very matter-of-fact. To paraphrase, "We are here for the community - all of the community." Since then, RCC has partnered with RAC and RCA on two community forums on accessibility - August 2010 and October 2012.

After Hunters Woods was purchased by Edens last year, I saw a tiny drawing on line of the proposed parking lot redesign, but could not see any accessible parking spaces. I called Leila, asking if she knew if they would remain. She said she and others had met with Edens' representatives and that she had told them that "There would be hell to pay" if the accessible parking spaces were not kept. (I'm sure she was paraphrasing.) Later, I was able to meet with Reynolds Allen of Edens, and found him to be community-minded, personable and accommodating. He assured me the existing accessible parking spaces would be kept and that a small number of new ones would be added. The parking lot makeover will take place next month.

There is so much in this world and in Virginia that breaks people apart. But it is my experience that here in Reston a collaborative village of good will and good faith, working for the common good, has been formed by the leaders, staff members and volunteers of RCC, RA, RCA, and Reston Interfaith. Beyond their commitment to a livable, enriching Reston available to all, each of these organizations brings something unique to the village. RCC is a local government organization; RA and RI are 501(c)3 organizations; and RCA is a 501(c)4 organization. I mentioned those organizations because as a team they actively and positively contributed of their resources to sponsor the two forums I mentioned.

From a different angle, my wife, Kathy, and I are thrilled by the performance seasons offered at the CenterStage, thrilled and grateful. If possible, we would love to have more weekend matinees featuring vocal and instrumental chamber ensembles. We're particularly fond of traditional music - classical and otherwise.

We are excited to see that Voce Chamber Singers will be here March 24, and we hope there will be more dates in the offing for this superb, professional chorale from right here in our area.

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Thank you for this opportunity to give back, so to speak, to Reston Community Center."

Larry Butler, Reston Association Parks and Recreation Director, stated that there are a lot of organizations represented this evening. The collaboration of all of the groups makes for a stronger community. For example, he indicated that the Reston Association staff and RCC staff have coordinated calendars so our events and classes are more valuable to the community. They have built a collaborative relationship and are also including the YMCA in that collaboration. He also thanked RCC for jumping in as the premier community sponsor for the Kids Triathlon. He explained that RCC's support enabled 50 scholarship recipients to participate in the triathlon. Reston Association greatly appreciates the sponsorship and hopes to continue the current partnership and coordination to increase value to community.

Diane Lewis, Sustainable Reston, gave the following remarks: "In February 2011, Sustainable Reston came to this meeting for the first time and asked the RCC Staff to consider adding sustainability courses to the wide variety of classes offered by RCC. Since then, we have worked closely with RCC and Reston Association to offer classes under the "Green Living Series" – and we are delighted that RCC was recognized by the Virginia Recreation & Park Society for its leadership in promoting sustainability education in Reston. We come to you tonight to express our thanks for your enthusiastic embrace of sustainability education for the Reston community.

Last year, we reported to you that we had just entered a partnership with Reston Interfaith with the goal of ensuring the inclusion of the most vulnerable in our community in Sustainable Reston's planning for community sustainability and resilience. With a very generous donation from RCC, that partnership (which includes RA and Friends of Reston) produced the Cedar Ridge Community Garden – a garden where residents of the Cedar Ridge Apartment complex can grow some of their own food. We've already had our first gardeners' meeting of 2013 and look forward (funds permitting) to an expansion of this garden in the coming years. If you haven't visited the garden, we hope you will find the time to do so – maybe in June when we anticipate it will be full of vegetables and "local farmers". Reston will face a number of challenges in the coming years: how to deal with the impacts of climate change, natural resource depletion, and external economic problems. Even positive developments, like the arrival of metro, will present us with challenges as we eventually absorb new residents and businesses into our community. Take a moment and recall the floods of 2011, the derecho and subsequent multi-day power outage of 2012, and the potential negative economic impact of the looming sequestration on Reston. We all will play a critical role in community sustainability and resilience as we face these changes, challenges, and problems in the coming years.

This is why we are particularly pleased as we look at the variety of courses and events in which we will be involved in the coming year: films at the Center Stage, a four-part series on home food preservation, an international cooking series with instructors from the diverse Reston community, classes on environmentally friendly cleaning, building solar ovens, organic gardening, and an exciting new class on how to build a solar generator that will run a freezer – just one of our responses to those nasty power outages. We will be working with RA to design a community energy efficiency fair to be held in conjunction with the solar generator class – and look forward to a little assistance with promotion of this event once plans are set.

The one item we would like to add in the coming year to the Green Living classes is an open format, monthly community sustainability discussion group, modeled on the weekly seniors' Current Issues discussion group. We would like to work with RCC staff to come up with a schedule and appropriate publicity for a monthly discussion with the goal of reaching a wider community audience in a format that would allow residents to participate as often as their schedules permit.

In sum, we are delighted with this important partnership and thank the RCC board, leadership, and staff for all of your efforts to promote community sustainability and resilience."

Betsy Dowd, Reston Interfaith, thanked RCC and many other RI supporters present in the room. In particular, she thanked RCC on behalf of Cedar Ridge Community Garden. This was a new initiative and initial feedback from the community is that the community garden has impacted residents in a way that has changed their life in a positive manner. Betsy also indicated that the Southgate initiative was going extremely well. She would like to see additional programming at RCC that could provide workforce development opportunities, particularly for the working class. She suggested programs for nurse's aides, housekeeping and maintenance workers.

Ken Fredgren suggested that RCC could partner with local colleges for these courses.

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Thom Clemens, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, stated that he worked with Karen Brutsché to secure RCC space to offer classes, particularly at RCC Lake Anne. On Wednesday mornings, they offer courses on current Supreme Court cases, history and other topics of interest to senior population. OLLI caters to the needs of intellectually curious older adults. He is pleased with the partnership and hopes it continues to grow. He added that the CenterStage has been a wonderful venue for the Thursday afternoon Meet the Artist series in both spring and fall.

Denise Hogan, Reston Town Center Association, stated that RTCA loves to work with Leila and RCC Staff and Board because they make the process easy and transparent. She indicated that they work on many initiatives together, but her favorite is what she calls, "Art without Boundaries." She thanked Leila and RCC for its partnering efforts with IPAR to bring public art to the Reston Town Center, and also for the Saturday morning Family Entertainment Series performances, which also entertained patrons from Sunrise Assisted Living last year. She hopes to continue collaborating to create similar partnerships.

Joe Ritchey, Chairman of Initiative for Public Art - Reston, thanked Leila, Bill B. and the RCC Board for playing integral roles in the founding of IPAR. He stated that key Reston associations came together to form IPAR, which aims to bring more public art to Reston. He thinks this is an appropriate initiative considering Robert Simon's history of support for public art, such as at Lake Anne. He thanked the Arts Council of Fairfax County and all involved Reston organizations for voting unanimously to adopt a public art master plan. He pointed out that Reston is the first non-incorporated jurisdiction in the country to adopt an official public art master plan. Joe stated that IPAR facilitated the collaboration of RCC and the Reston Town Center, which will result in the upcoming groundbreaking for a Mary Ann Mears' sculpture in Hyatt Park. He thanked Leila and RCC for its support and added that he considered it a great blessing to have RCC in the community.

Kim Retzer, Principal of South Lakes High School, spoke again to thank RCC for its support. She explained that when she assumed the role of SLHS principal in summer 2012, RCC was the first organization to come forward and offer support. She indicated that RCC supports SLHS in a number of ways, including: providing a guest speaker for the school's MLK celebration, supporting the students' international club, purchasing advertisements in student publications, providing training space for the swim team, and providing space for special events such as her predecessor's retirement celebration. She added that the culinary arts group frequently works with IPAR on fundraisers. She stated that students benefit tremendously from the RCC and SLHS partnership that allows professional artists to work with students. She thanked Leila and RCC for the opportunity to provide students with a rewarding, real world experience of working with those professionals. She also thanked RCC for the very generous funding of \$100,000 towards SLHS' new turf fields' cost.

Linda Jones, South Lakes High School Director of Student Activities, reiterated her colleague Kim Retzer's gratitude for RCC's support of the turf project. In addition to RCC, she thanked the Park Authority, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Reston Association, Reston Youth Association, SLHS Band Boosters, SLHS Athletic Booster Club, and all other groups that supported and will support the turf fields initiative. She also said she believes SLHS students are better citizens because of what RCC offers them.

Laura Baughman, President of Reston Community Players, thanked Leila and RCC for supporting RCP's efforts. She stated that they put on award-winning theatre productions and they could not do so without the support of RCC.

Ricardo Cabellos, Southgate Community Center, thanked the RCC Staff for their continued support. He stated that their support has led to many successful events including Teen Fest and MLK Community Service Day. He said that the Community Service Day involved cleaning the kitchen and outdoor space, and organizing the SCC library, for which RCC's woodshop donated bookshelves. He added that many of their patrons can't get to the public library because of transportation issues, so the Southgate library is an important resource. He would also like to see Southgate's summer program collaborate more with RCC's arts programs, or perhaps collaborate on afterschool activities. Regarding an indoor recreation facility, he would love an indoor soccer facility (with indoor turf). He currently travels to Chantilly in order for his kids to play soccer. He thinks that local football programs could also use such a facility.

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Mark Ingrao, CEO of Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, thanked RCC for their support of many programs, including SLHS Ethics Day. With the advent of Metro rail in Reston, he stated that the business community believes there should be money set aside to address the challenges of bringing rail to community (such as pedestrian crossings and traffic abatement.) He indicated that a new tax district was recently formed in Tysons Corner in order to address the issues raised with the introduction of Metro rail. He is hoping to avoid the creation of another tax district in Reston by appropriating existing money accordingly. He said that money should be protected for additional big ticket items such as a performing arts venue. He added that GRCC really appreciates all the RCC programs and support for the Chamber in the community.

Damian Sinclair, Executive Director for Greater Reston Arts Center, thanked the Board for its support of GRACE over the years. He explained that GRACE is a non-profit organization that is experiencing a critical transition period. Next year is its 40th anniversary season and they are creating a 10-year vision for the organization. RCC's support of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival and programming is critical to the success of this event and its next 10-year vision. He added that RCC's arts and events staff members are the best in the business and asked the room to recognize them with a round of applause. Moving forward, he encouraged vigorous participation from RCC in a dialogue that GRACE is informally starting that will discuss marketing Reston as a cultural destination. He believes we should plan for Metro's arrival now by exploring how we can work together to bring visitors to Reston through Metro. He is a big believer in cultural pluralism. He said that there are a variety of events that we can work together to research, plan and identify best practices regarding so we can create a collaborative discussion on this topic. He hopes RCC will be active in this important conversation.

Susan Meeks, Reston Chorale, thanked the RCC staff and indicated that the Chorale could not put performances on without RCC. Looking ahead to where the Reston Chorale is going and growing, however, she believes a performing arts facility is critical. She stated that parking is of utmost importance. For example, she pointed to March 2, when Reston Community Players and Reston Chorale will give overlapping performances that will pose major parking issues for participants and audience members. She added that Reston Chorale's collaboration with RCC outside of the Hunters Woods building is enjoyable and she hopes to explore more opportunities to this end.

Deborah Gunnerson, Fairfax Loudoun Music Fellowship, explained that her organization includes 80 private music teachers. RCC provides an opportunity for their budding student musicians to give concerts on the CenterStage. She relayed that teachers and parents are delighted with RCC's facility and collaboration. She thanked RCC for allowing their organization to be part of this facility.

Leila recognized the RCC Staff and Board for their efforts over the past year. She added that she feels Reston is a unique community because there is no incorporated governance and yet Reston citizens have taken the initiative to make things happen. She stated that if Reston wants something, it is very quick to assemble interested parties who create a Reston acronym, organize and take action to achieve desired results.

Karen Goff, Editor of Reston Patch, thanked RCC for being a great partner. She stated that Patch was a new startup two years ago. RCC has been very helpful in allowing the Patch staff to get to know the community. She also thanked RCC for its advertising support.

Beverly Cosham, Chairman of the RCC Board of Governors, spoke on behalf of Reston Community Orchestra. She is a member and explained that others were not represented at the meeting due to a rehearsal conflict. Beverly vowed that for as long as she has words, she will be fighting for a performing arts venue. She hopes it comes to fruition while we are all here to see it.

Stephanie Fillman, Prospera Initiatives, explained that the Lake Anne Elementary School afterschool program – which Prospera works with RCC to deliver - serves 90 children and includes tutoring and language initiatives. She thanked RCC for its support and asked that the Board consider expanding the program at LAES, as well as other schools.

Ruth Toxopeus asked if the wants and needs of all groups in attendance would be taken into consideration for the new facility. Leila confirmed that the Board is seeking input and information from all community partners and citizens in order to fully understand the needs of our community. There will be

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ample opportunity to give input so that RCC can collect this information and make recommendations accordingly. She added that RCC is also identifying the extent of our resources, now and in the future, while considering capital facilities as part of the Board's strategic plan.

Leila reiterated that RCC is just starting this conversation. She encouraged input from everyone in the community. She invited them to come to Board meetings and any potential focus groups. Leila explained that the Park Authority will have its own master planning process. That will ultimately determine the outcome for Baron Cameron Park. RCC will provide this evening's contact info to the Park Authority and said that open communication and public engagement will be crucial in this process.

Leila concluded that the RCC Board and RCC Staff are excited about the future and are glad that our partners and the community will be with us every step of the way. She reminded everyone that there will be another Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting on March 11. At that point, RCC will report back on preliminary data from Brailsford & Dunlavey, respond to questions and requests that were raised at tonight's meeting, and continue exploring a potential indoor recreation facility.

The meeting concluded at 8:05 p.m.

Public Comment

The following comments (as provided without edit) were submitted for the public record by citizens who were unable to attend the February 11 meeting, or who attended but elected to submit their comments in written format:

Carol McLean (via e-mail on 2/7/2013): "One idea that I have is: I often would like to attend events at Wolf Trap and George Mason but I do not like to drive at night to these places. I was wondering if some sort of small bus service could be started on a weekly basis or once a month."

Ed Robichaud (via e-mail on 2/8/2013): "Thanks for holding a public forum for RCC programming – unfortunately, I won't be able to attend. I would like the Board/Staff to consider adding after school programs (for free or nominal fee) to utilize the computer lab for the majority of afternoons that it is currently dark. Such programs would match the lab (a valuable resource that is severely under-utilized) and an under-served population that could be coordinated with Laurel Learning, Cedar Ridge and Southgate."

Scott Brown, South Lakes High School Swim & Dive coach (via e-mail on 2/10/2013): "My name is Scott Brown and I have just completed my 18th year as the South Lakes swim and dive coach. All 18 of my years as coach have involved my kids practicing at the Reston Community Center. During this time span, kids who have practiced here have been All-Americans, set national records, and gone on to compete for some of the finest colleges and universities in the country.

As someone who has been involved with the upbringing of so many swimmers and divers over the years, one thing that I always hoped I would see, would be a new facility that not only could benefit my program, but the entire community. While RCC does a great job in providing instruction, it is compromised by its size as to how many can be taught. A larger pool would allow more classes of varying skills to be offered.

While I like to think that my swimmers have an advantage training in short course meters, all of our meets are conducted in yards. A yard pool would allow me to train the team differently and prep them better for their individual events during the season. We also are not able to do starts like our competition, as we have 2 blocks that we can use in the diving well, while all of the other schools enjoy blocks that are actually in the competition part of the pool at the FCPA facilities. With the current set up, we can do starts, but would have to remove every lane line to actually race across the pool. Even then, there are no turning targets opposite the dive well so starts with turns would be out of the question.

Unlike most of the schools in the Northern Region, South Lakes does not receive an influx of divers, even though boundary changes have changed that somewhat. Only one or two of Reston's outdoor pools have adequate dive wells for diving and the current well in RCC is too shallow to allow my

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divers to practice there. So for the past 8 years or so, we have had to hold our dive practice at 8:30 at night at the Herndon Community Center. Not only does this put a strain on our divers trying to get to practice, it creates a disconnect with the rest of the team as we do not see each other until meet day. A new pool with a real diving well would not only allow us to practice at the same time, but also might spark more interest in diving in Reston.

As Reston presses forward into the 21st century, with Metro and new families moving in, hopefully the idea of a new pool will be part of that plan.”

Geoffrey Torrington (via e-mail on 2/11/2013): “I am writing to lend my support to the idea of a new aquatics center for Reston Community Center. The Terry L. Smith center is quite dated, with narrow lanes, an unusual course length, insufficient depth, and poor circulation. The end result is that the pool has severe design limitations which preclude competition and even comfortable lap swimming.

A new pool would give our home-town South Lakes Seahawks a facility of their own to train and compete, and give Reston lap swimmers a worthy course for their exercise. As a Seahawk parent, I would be delighted not to have to travel to Herndon for home meets. An 8-foot deep starting end permitting a proper start would be an incredible feature! As an RCC aquatics user, I would be ecstatic to have a pool that doesn't buffet lap swimmers with poorly-designed circulation, and is so shallow that it adds 1-2 seconds per 100 meters from wave resistance.

I am unable to make the hearing, but ask that you please enter my support into the record. I will continue to monitor this issue, and I sincerely hope that RCC will be willing to make this necessary investment to bring its facilities up to the standards of our community.”

Candace Alamilla, (via e-mail on 2/13/2013): “It would be WONDERFUL to have an indoor walking track, since all are not members of the YMCA, which has indoor walking. During rain/sleet/snow, for patrons who want to walk safely indoors this would be a blessing! Also, indoor swimming, as north Reston does not have that option (unless a "Y" member). Thanks and I hope the above ideas become a reality.”

Brett Lammers (via e-mail on 2/21/2013):

“I was in attendance at the RCC meeting on Monday 2/11/2013 but chose not to speak as my Reston Masters Team mates had done a great job of covering the issues and current situation at RCC pool., but take time to organize my thoughts and approach those involved at a later date. In having time to gather my thoughts, I felt it important to write you with regard to the health impact of the current RCC conditions specifically with additional items concerning future aquatic facility expansion.

My Background:

- Have lived in Reston almost my entire life : 1969+
- Learned to swim via reston swim programs, RSTA
- My family, My Parents, and My brother all still live and own homes in Reston
- Swam with Reston Masters for over 15 years
- Swam With Curl Burke at the Ridge Heights bubble for two years
- Was a lifeguard for Reston Association 1984-1987
- Have worked as an architect
- Own and operate the www.restonpools.com website

Reston Community Center Pool - Current conditions

Over the course of the last 4-5 years est. , I have noticed the air quality at the Reston Community Center pool get progressively worse and I am concerned for not only my health but the health of my fellow swimmers and all patrons that utilize the RCC pool. As a result, I have been forced to leave a swim team that I have enjoyed for over 15 years, and travel to other Fairfax County pools that offer better facilities. In addition, I have been forced to recommend to other swimmers and parents of swimmers, that they consider facilities other than the RCC for aquatic activities. Whereas, I do understand that RCC is in the early stages of researching a new competitive aquatics facility, the existing air quality issues should be addressed and fixed.

Reston Community Center Pool - Potential solutions for existing facility

Rather than just complain about the current RCC Aquatics issues, I would like to offer some solutions.

- I have researched and contacted a company that has a very long history with

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pool equipment and construction (over 90 years) and introduced a system to handle chloramine evacuation, Paddock (<http://www.paddockevacuator.com>). In speaking with one of their representatives, Eric (who was a swimmer at George Mason University and familiar with the area) mentioned that Paddock does have local distributors/installers (Rockville, MD) for their system that would fully assess the chloramine levels and the existing HVAC system in order to achieve the best possible air quality for the RCC pool. The air quality should be a top priority and I would recommend speaking with Paddock to have the RCC pool assessed and acquire an estimate to fix the air quality issues.

Additional points/ solutions:

- RCC should utilize the pool gutters properly, the water level is consistently too high and the gutters are overflowing. Excuse me for moving into a gross territory, but I have seen on multiple occasions, swimmers that spit into the gutters and the gutters are overflowing, hence, you can probably figure out the result.

Moving forward to a new facility

We have had great architects and developers in Reston over the years, but unfortunately, I feel that we have lost sight of our original planning and design objectives and now favor the developer rather than the community. We are now allowing the Metro rail to drive future expansion with little regard to Reston's identity that is now being removed with each new high-rise. RCC is a perfect example of a truly unique facility, very functional, and yet architecturally beautiful and unique. I would hope that in moving ahead with any new recreation facility, we would embrace the unique architecture that has framed Reston's history rather than allowing for more cookie-cutter commercial design and construction - I feel Reston deserves better. I also feel that in order to achieve any new construction, "in someones backyard", that the design and implementation must also focus on the surrounding neighborhoods, providing a design that is non-intrusive, that they can embrace and look forward to, rather than oppose as "not in my backyard". Therefore I would like to suggest the following additions to items already presented at the 2/11/2013 RCC meeting.

Existing issues :

- Youth swim programs are seasonal or restrictive at best utilizing current facilities. Again, air quality an issue - I would not let my children use the pool
- Competitive age group swimmers need to travel to surrounding towns and programs, sometimes very early in the morning, in order to train and stay competitive
- South Lakes high school swim program receives minimal pool time, in facilities with questionable air quality and temperature, and not adequately maintained
- Swim teams cannot fully practice relays, starts and accurate time trials
- Pool capacity causes issues, swim teams have had members moving to other teams due to overcrowding and air quality
- Water temperature cannot be switched/alterd to accommodate the differences in user base and thus a new facility would allow for temperatures more conducive to swimming

New Facility

- Utilize passive solar characteristics, including south facing glass exposure in pool area and thermal retentive materials (energy efficiency)
- Utilize light tunnels to allow for natural lighting (energy efficiency)
- Lower profile facility, partially underground, allowing for mixed use field/running track on top (good examples - Georgetown university pool and recreation center, Terraset elementary school)
- 50m x 25yd pool allowing for both Long course (50m) and short course (25m) (already mentioned)
- Have good air quality, utilizing chloramine evacuation systems
- Pool water and air temperatures should be consistent with competitive pool standards (already mentioned)
- Pool water depth should be consistent with competitive pool standards
- exercise facilities (weights, treadmills, etc).

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Questions:

Is Lake Fairfax being considered as a possible location?

I sincerely appreciate your attention to these matters. In short, I have virtually lived in both Reston pools and Fairfax county pools for the last 16 years, including swimming with Reston Masters, Fairfax City Masters, and Curl Burke swim club (adult with the high school kids) and I am keenly aware of the quality of these facilities (air, water, lockers etc.) or lack thereof and I can honestly say that I am concerned about the existing RCC pool and for the patrons that utilize it. Should you need to contact me with any questions or comments, I am more than happy to discuss.