



**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
March 5, 2012**

Present:

- Beverly Cosham, Chair
- Bill Bouie
- Bill Penniman
- John Gasson
- Vicky Wingert
- Carol Ann Bradley
- Bill Keefe
- Roger Lowen

Absent and Excused:

- Cathy Vivona

Staff:

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Kristin Terrill, Public Information Officer

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

Beverly Cosham, Chair

MOTION #1:

John G. moved that the Agenda be approved as written. Bill B. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the February 6, 2012 Board Minutes:

Beverly Cosham, Chair

MOTION #2:

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the February 6, 2012 Board Minutes. Carol seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the February 6, 2012 Board Actions:

Beverly Cosham, Chair

MOTION #3:

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the February 6, 2012 Board Actions. Bill P. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks:

Beverly reminded everyone of the Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee meeting next Monday, March 12.

Introduction of Visitors

There were no visitors.

Board Member Input on Activities Attended:

John has been busy with IPAR. The annual IPAR fundraiser is planned for September. It will be at Reston Town Center in the pavilion. Details will be coming soon.

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Vicky attended the Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting on February 13. She was impressed with all of the people that attended and their enthusiasm and engagement with RCC.

Carol was also impressed with the diversity and level of participation at the Community Relations and Program/Policy Committee Meeting and was pleased with all of the positive feedback. She also attended the Reston Divas concert at the Reston Museum. She is on the planning committee for the 2013 Reston Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration. Next year the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and the presidential inauguration are on the same day so we may have scheduling challenges. The group received feedback that this year's events on Monday created a long day and maybe a Sunday afternoon program would be better. They are going back to the community for reactions about this. Carol asked Board members to ask groups they work with what they think about RCC's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and provide feedback. She also suggested creating a monthly email or some other way of communicating regularly with community groups.

Bill P. also attended the Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting and like others he was impressed by the community engagement and input. He has also been working in the woodshop and expects to finish a table soon.

Bill B. has attended IPAR meetings, CenterStage performances, Park Authority meetings, and the Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting.

Roger also went to the Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting and was also impressed by the number of people who attended. He commended Leila and the staff for raising awareness about this meeting and ensuring that it would be productive.

Bill K. attended the Hot Club of Detroit performance with Larry Coryell and very much enjoyed it. He also noted that the Reston Master Plan Task Force is approaching the discussion of Reston's village centers and RCC should also keep that in mind in terms of what potential we see for the village centers.

Beverly attended the Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting and a Reston Community Orchestra retreat, and participated in the Reston Divas concert with Menda Ahart and Felicia Kessel-Crawley. The concert was very popular and they had to turn people away due to space limitations. The Reston Community Orchestra is planning a fundraiser which will be held in the RCC community room in April. Bev has also been working with Leila and Linda Ifert on the search committee for RCC's new Arts and Events Director, and participated in a Wii senior exercise session at RCC on Friday.

Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Report

See attached report.

Carol Ann asked how the staff responds to the different comments shared at the meeting. Leila explained that staff members will each address specific feedback in their areas as appropriate. Some of the comments were specific to certain areas, and those that were less specific will be addressed in a larger group like new program suggestions. Some comments also pertained to larger, longer-term issues like facilities and capital improvements. At the meeting we will discuss the status of where we are now and respond to the suggestions and feedback provided. In some cases there might be budget implications and staff will give recommendations on that. Several community members have indicated that they will be attending this meeting; others may not. It will be a smaller group than the first meeting.

Beverly shared that the high school student who spoke at the Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting was very enthusiastic about Nnenna Freelon's participation in the Reston Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and her visit to South Lakes High School and shared performance with the SLHS choir. The interaction RCC generates between artists and high school students and the quality of the performers we have been bringing in is very exciting and meaningful to students. Bev also noted that she recently heard a group on the radio that had also performed as part of our Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration weekend, and was pleased that this impressive group had performed in Reston.

Approval of the Committee Report

Beverly Cosham, Chair

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MOTION #4

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the February 13, 2012 Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Report. Carol seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report:

See attached report.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Bev announced that she now has a blog on Reston Patch and Bill B. mentioned that he does too. Bev also has a Facebook page. She reminded everyone of the next Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting next Monday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. at RCC Hunters Woods.

MOTION #5:

Bill B. moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bill P. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.



William Penniman,
Board Secretary

March 12, 2012

Date

BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON MARCH 5, 2012

- 12-0305-1 Bd That the Board approve the agenda.**
- 12-0305-2 Bd That the Board approve the February 6, 2012 Board minutes.**
- 12-0305-3 Bd That the Board approve the February 6, 2012 Board actions.**
- 12-0305-4 Bd That the Board approve the February 13, 2012 Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Report.**
- 12-0305-5 Bd That the meeting be adjourned.**



William Penniman,
Board Secretary

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Executive Director's Report
February, 2012

Administration

February involved many team meetings to deliberate on the status of the Third Quarter Budget Submission for the FY12 Budget. Staff teams reviewed their revenues and expenditures as of the end of December and completed spread sheets to project the second half of the year's spending and whether or not revenue projections would be achieved. The results were compiled and submitted to Fairfax County's Department of Management and Budget after review and approval by the Board of Governors.

Current staff focus is on managing the revised spending accordingly and also doing the necessary planning for the conversion of our payroll to the Human Capital Management (HCM) software component that will occur in mid-June of this year. As with the Finance and Logistics (FILO) layer of the FOCUS project, this will necessitate several changes to our procedures and to the methods we use to exercise appropriate oversight of payroll expenditures. While change is continuing to be a challenge across the County, I am confident that RCC is being effectively and ably prepared to absorb new approaches without any negative impact to our employees.

Programs

Planning is already taking place for FY13 program activity; the fall 2012 program guide copy is due in the month of March. For the upcoming year, this coincides nicely with the many great programming suggestions and comments received at the combined Community Relations and Program/Policy Committees' meeting held in February. The staff reports regarding the feasibility of the ideas presented, and the related costs to implement, will occur on March 12th at 6:30 p.m. The meeting in February was very exciting; a great cross-section of our many partners' and patrons attended providing excellent feedback and ideas.

Executive Director

Meetings attended in February included: IPAR and Reston Town Center public art project meetings, meetings with Reston Association and Fairfax County Park Authority to discuss the Parks, Recreation and Culture staff report to the Reston Master Plan Task Force; Human Services agency head meetings with Deputy County Executive Pat Harrison; "Welcome" remarks for a Leadership Fairfax event on aging in place; a community leadership meeting convened by the United Way and Reston Interfaith to discuss youth opportunities in communities; a tour/meeting for Northern Virginia Parks and Recreation agency heads at RCC Lake Anne; "Rail to Dulles" briefing; and a Sustainable Reston Committee meeting to spur participation in the household pledge effort.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 17, 2012

TO: RCC Board of Governors

FROM: Bill Penniman
Chair, Community Relations Committee

Bill Bouie
Chair, Program/Policy Committee

SUBJECT: February 13, 2012 Community Relations and Program/Policy Joint Committee Meeting

The Community Relations and Program/Policy Committees met in a joint session on Monday, February 13, 2012.

Present were:

- Bill Penniman, Community Relations Committee Chair
- Bill Bouie, Program/Policy Committee Chair
- Beverly Cosham, RCC Board Chair
- Cathy Vivona
- John Gasson
- Carol Ann Bradley
- Roger Lowen
- Vicky Wingert

Absent and Excused:

- Bill Keefe

Attending from the RCC Staff:

- Leila Gordon, Executive Director
- Thomas Ward, Deputy Director
- BeBe Nguyen, Media Director
- Eileen Boone, Leisure and Learning Director
- Linda Ifert, Acting Arts and Events Director
- Kevin Danaher, Community Events Director
- Cheri Danaher, Arts Education Director
- Kenny Burrowes, Teen Programs Director
- Karen Brutsche, Senior Adult Programs Director
- Tim Elcesser, Financial Specialist
- Renata Wojcicki, Finance Director
- Pam Leary, Customer Service Manager
- Joe Leary, Aquatics Director
- Brian Gannon, Booking Manager

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Leila welcomed attendees and provided a brief overview of the history and purpose of the annual community input meeting. She introduced the Reston Community Center Board of Governors and staff members.

Bill Penniman, Chair of the Community Relations Committee, welcomed the audience, provided an overview of the purpose of the committee, and encouraged the attendees to share input, thoughts and suggestions. He announced that the next Community Relations Committee meeting will be held on March 12.

Bill Bouie, Chair of the Program/Policy Committee welcomed Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins and Bob Simon. Bill B. provided a brief overview of the purpose of the meeting and stated that this is an exciting meeting for RCC and we cherish community members' input. He explained that the gathering of community input is a two-month process, commencing at this February meeting. The staff and Board will review the ideas gathered from the meeting and determine which to move forward with in the future. New programming and collaborations will likely be planned for the next budget cycle, which means that most programs will likely be reflected in the FY14 budget.

Leila Gordon explained the public statement process for the meeting. She encouraged speakers to limit their comments to 3-5 minutes and noted that after all registered speakers had provided their comments, the floor would open for any other audience members to give additional input.

Community Member Statements

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins thanked the RCC Board of Governors and staff for the opportunity to speak. She noted that collaborating with RCC is integral to the work of the Hunter Mill District and stated that Reston is a real pulse of the Hunter Mill District. Ms. Hudgins discussed the upcoming Phase I and Phase II of the Metro Rail project. Phase I is anticipated to be completed by 2014. She explained the formation of the Reston Metro Access Group (RMAG), which is comprised of citizens dedicated to ensuring Reston will have a pedestrian-friendly environment when Metro arrives. RMAG is partially funded by Fairfax County. They have already identified the need for additional crosswalks from North to South. On the subject of redevelopment, five years ago Hunter Mill District purchased the Crescent Apartments in Reston. Ms. Hudgins's office is currently issuing a Request For Proposal (RFP) for developers to have the opportunity to address redevelopment possibilities for the Crescent community. She also discussed the opportunities that exist with proffered land. The area that surrounds the North County Government Center, to include the Reston Regional Library, Police Station, and Health Department, is a vital land bay and she is working with the community to determine how to redevelop the area. She asked those gathered to consider how we can improve access for the next generation and suggested that we need to think creatively and plan for those living in Reston in 2030-2040. She stated that she hopes Reston community members keep in mind the issues happening in the larger community and that Hunter Mill District is a community partner in those efforts.

Joe Ritchey, representing Initiative for Public Art Reston (IPAR), began by stating that IPAR would not exist if not for RCC and claimed that RCC's support, both financial and programmatic, has been integral to the success of the initiative. He expressed his personal thanks to Leila Gordon, the RCC Board of Governors, the RCC staff, and Supervisor Hudgins. He detailed recent collaborations including the Glade Underpass project in coordination with Hunters Woods Elementary School, describing that the engagement between the artist and the elementary students will shape the participants for the rest of their lives. A current project is occurring at the Hyatt Park at Reston Town Center and with the support of RCC, IPAR is nearing the commencement of construction. Additionally, IPAR is currently partnering with the Reston Historic Trust to enhance the Lake Anne area with key milestones occurring in the spring and fall of 2012. Mr. Ritchey commented that IPAR also greatly enjoys having the opportunity to partner with RCC on a film and speaker series and encouraged audience members to attend future sessions

because they are powerful and highly informative. He mentioned IPAR's participation in the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival and how much they enjoy sharing table space with RCC. He informed the audience that IPAR is working with RCC to include public art pieces in the Youth Art Month exhibit in March 2013. Finally, Mr. Ritchey encouraged RCC to continue to support IPAR and expand their reach to attract student involvement. See additional written comments from IPAR attached.

Greg White and Lilia Jimenez, representing Reston Interfaith, began by thanking RCC on behalf of Reston Interfaith (RI) and the residents it serves. Mr. White provided an overview of the work RI performs for residents and how much RI appreciates RCC's fee waiver program because it allows their clients to engage in recreational and social pursuits, which helps support and strengthen their relationships and quality of life. Ms. Jimenez also praised the recreational pursuits and fee waiver program that RCC provides. She also praised the senior adult programs and recommended that these be opened up or duplicated for non-seniors and to appeal to families. She highlighted the trips to venues such as Medieval Times, basic computer classes, and Monday movies. She would like to see more gardening classes including container gardening, a Family Movie night, and more collaboration with Southgate Community Center to provide Zumba, Yoga, a walking club, and other fitness programs that are within walking distance of those living in the Southgate area. She also expressed that some parents she has talked with find it difficult to sign up for RCC camps in February because it is so far in advance of the summer season and they are unsure of their summer plans. See additional written comments from Reston Interfaith attached.

Steve Gurney, representing Reston for A Lifetime, stated that there is absolutely no way Reston for a Lifetime could have accomplished what they have accomplished without the support of RCC. He seconded the idea of providing more family and intergenerational activities but then commented that he thinks RCC offers more of these types of programs than most other community centers in the area. His only recommendation was that RCC mail account statements to non-profit organizations that utilize the RCC facilities so that the organizations can have tangible proof of the savings they are incurring through collaboration with RCC.

Diane Blust, representing Sustainable Reston, explained that Sustainable Reston is a community initiative that is part of the greater group, Fairfax County Coalition for Smarter Growth. Ms. Blust commented that she was very happy to have the opportunity to work with RCC, Reston Association, and Supervisor Hudgins' office on the Sustainable Reston initiative, which included a forum and several ongoing educational programs. She is looking forward to continuing the collaboration and announced that Sustainable Reston has recently partnered with Reston Interfaith to start a garden plot at Cedar Ridge. She commented that she would like to see a Sustainable Officer as a part-time position, possibly with RCC, to work with all community organizations and agencies to coordinate and oversee sustainable practices and programs. She is also very excited about the upcoming Tuesday night film series with RCC in the fall of 2012 because it will expand and enhance the current film series occurring at Reston Association's Walker Nature Education Center. Ms. Blust offered the following recommendations for future programming: Home Energy Efficiency led by a Home Energy Auditor; Permaculture Design; Edible Forest Gardens (e.g. how to transform your yard into a food producing garden); Basic Vegetable and Container gardening classes; nutritional classes, possibly targeting Reston Interfaith clients, led by the Virginia Cooperative Extension; and Food Preservation classes to teach proper canning methods to allow community members to learn how to preserve food and thereby reduce their food-related expenses throughout the year.

Amaarah DeCuir, Principal of Al Fatih Academy, explained that she wanted to attend this meeting to officially introduce the school to the community, which consists of 250 students in Pre-K through Grade 8. She provided the mission and vision statement for the school, explaining that it is a model Islamic learning community that supports civic involvement and community service. Al Fatih students recently joined efforts with RCC to participate in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Celebration. Members of the eighth grade class recited the last part of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech during the event. She thanked the members of RCC's Good Neighbors group who visited the Academy a few weeks ago to distribute 40 handmade toys to the preschool classes. Ms. DeCuir concluded her comments by inviting community members to visit and take a guided tour of the school to learn more about their unique learning environment. See additional written comments from Ms. DeCuir attached.

Thom Clement, representing the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), provided the audience with the background and purpose of OLLI, a senior adult educational organization in coordination with George Mason University. Essentially, the mission of OLLI is to provide stimulating courses and opportunities to active older adults. He stated that Reston has been identified as one of the best places to retire and there are a lot of competing interests. OLLI has nearly 1,000 members and approximately 300 living in the Greater Reston area, many near Lake Anne. Hence, one of the group's meeting sites is the Washington Plaza Baptist Church. He is very excited about a new partnership with RCC that will allow OLLI to host some classes at RCC Lake Anne in the Jo Ann Rose Gallery in exchange for proffered seats to the RCC senior adult program. RCC will have the opportunity to enroll non-OLLI members into future OLLI programs scheduled onsite at RCC. He also expressed his appreciation for Damian Sinclair and the Arts and Events staff team for their efforts to support the *Meet the Artist* series, which meets over a duration of 8 weeks in the CenterStage. He wrapped up his comments stating that these types of collaborative efforts are a win-win situation for Reston.

Cheryl Terio-Simon, representing the Reston Historic Trust Museum, stated she was pleased to have the opportunity to thank RCC. She informed the audience that Reston Historic Trust Museum is a non-profit organization sustained by volunteer efforts. She explained that the Museum can only accommodate 48 people indoors and she is appreciative of being able to use the Jo Ann Rose Gallery for special programs and events because it allows the Museum to attract and serve a larger group of people. She described several of the projects and collaborations the Museum is currently engaged in with RCC to provide programming to the community and identified two pending initiatives related to expanding the museum's multicultural outreach efforts and providing the schools with a menu of topics related to Reston's history that the docents can present in the classroom called "Museum in a Box." See additional written comments from the Reston Historic Trust attached.

Stephanie Fillman, Vice President of Programs and Development for Prospera Initiatives, explained that for the past four years, RCC has partnered with Prospera to implement the Heritage Language Literacy Club (HLLC) at Lake Anne Elementary School. This after-school club serves first through fourth grade Latino students to teach them to read and write in their family's native Spanish language. The club trains older students to serve as tutors to the younger students, who are called readers. Ms. Fillman stated that the program is very successful and very dear to the parents of all the students because it allows the families to maintain their native language while enabling the children to grow up with full reading, writing and oral skills in two languages, which also enhances their career opportunities in the future. Ms. Fillman encouraged RCC to continue with this current program and to consider expanding the program to serve speakers of other languages. See additional written comments from Prospera Initiatives attached.

Padia Grant, representing the Fairfax County Department of Family Services, thanked RCC for the opportunity to attend the meeting. She described the panoply of programs that the Department of Family Services provides, particularly those that serve parents raising children. She expressed her thanks for the upcoming partnership with RCC that will occur in the fall of 2012 with the implementation of the Nurturing Parent Program with a focus on African American Culture. She cited that African Americans comprise 9% of the county's population yet they are 30% of the County's foster care population. She closed her comments by thanking RCC and expressing her

desire for a long partnership between the agencies. See additional written information from the Department of Family Services attached.

Larry Butler, Director of Parks and Recreation for Reston Association, commended RCC on the breadth of its community partnerships, commenting that the collaborations between RCC and Reston Association have also greatly expanded in the past four years under the direction of Leila Gordon. He cited the following examples: IPAR, Reston Festival, Multicultural Festival, Sustainable Reston, Community Cookouts, DEAP, and the first annual Reston Kids Triathlon held in 2011. Mr. Butler enthusiastically endorsed the Reston Kids Tri and noted its success in attracting over 200 participants, 50 of whom were on scholarship. The parent of one of the participants was so inspired by her child's achievement that she herself embarked on a weight loss journey that resulted in her shedding 75 pounds. Mr. Butler said it is collaborations like this that drive the Reston community and it's something we should be proud of. He encouraged the RCC Board of Governors to continue to explore new collaborations and partnerships throughout the community.

Michelle Moyer, representing the Reston Masters swim team, informed the audience that the team consists of 150 members ages 18-80. She appreciates the long-standing good relationship with RCC, Joe Leary, Aquatics Director, and his staff. The pool serves all ages and all abilities from infants to the elderly. She described the lanes as being too crowded, and noted that there are limited hours for lap swimming and wait lists for many aquatic classes. She strongly encouraged the RCC Board of Governors to continue to investigate ways to provide more swimming opportunities and suggested partnering with other organizations to allow pool usage to accommodate RCC programs.

Damian Sinclair, Executive Director of Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE), began by describing how appreciative the GRACE Board members, staffers and volunteers are for the partnership with RCC that has resulted in tremendous programming such as the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival and a myriad of specialty workshops, classes and seminars. He explained that the support of RCC during the Fine Arts Festival is precisely what allows high quality, esteemed professional artists to perform at the event. He suggested that he would like to partner with RCC in the future to host a community dialogue to assess the needs of the community as it relates to programming in the arts.

Holli Ploog, GRACE Board Chair, stated that she was inspired by the comments tonight and complimented Reston on being a great community. On behalf of the citizens of Reston, as well as GRACE, she thanked the RCC Board of Governors.

Lloyd Kinzer, President of the Reston Chorale, thanked the RCC Board of Governors and staff members for their many years of cooperation. He commented that the Reston Chorale may be one of the few community organizations that existed in Reston prior to RCC because the Chorale performed at RCC's groundbreaking ceremony. He acknowledged that RCC is a center with many events and activities occurring at the same time. He also commented that scheduling has "vastly improved" over the years to deter scheduling conflicts, and he cited an example of a Chorale concert that one time performed at the same time as a large swim meet. Mr. Kinzer mentioned that the recent acoustical upgrades to the community room have been met with mixed reviews from Chorale members but, nonetheless, he wanted to thank the hardworking RCC staff team members who support the Chorale events by managing and coordinating the sound and lighting. He concluded his comments by firmly stating that the Reston Chorale and the Reston Community Orchestra would very much like a performing arts center in Reston.

Rita Gigliotti, South Lakes High School Choral Director, extended her thanks for the support and opportunities that RCC has provided to SLHS students over the years and its increased presence on campus more recently. She specifically highlighted the opportunities to work with the

RCC Arts and Events team, utilize the CenterStage, and participate in the artist residency activities this year that occurred in conjunction with the Professional Touring Artist series. She informed the audience that the school has dedicated the past year to stressing the importance of music and music advocacy to the students. Recently, RCC's former Arts and Events Director, Damian Sinclair, worked with Ms. Gigliotti to organize a day long retreat for all Reston music teachers ranging from grades K-12. The retreat was designed to discuss the community's greater goals for music education and was a powerful experience for the participants as it allowed them to convene together, meet new colleagues, and share ideas. In January, SLHS choral students performed with Nneena Freelon during the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebratory event. A senior student, Abby Reed, spoke of the impact this had on her and her fellow peers. She cited how inspiring it was to meet Ms. Freelon and that having the opportunity to perform on stage with her was a "big jolt" to the students' confidence and was incredibly encouraging to those who want to pursue careers in music. Ms. Reed also stated that the Community Center is very important in making students feel like they belong and that they know how lucky they are. In conclusion, Karin Ottman, a parent of a SLHS student, stated she is a "huge advocate for music and arts" and would like to see the partnership between SLHS and RCC grow because the past few years have been a great start. See additional written comments from the SLHS Music Department attached.

George Eckert, a Reston community member, informed the audience that he was taking this opportunity to speak from a personal perspective. He has lived in Reston for 30 years and is a frequent participant in RCC programs. He provided background on the monthly Country Western dance and cited that it began after he came up with the idea and successfully encouraged a former RCC Executive Director to agree to the ongoing event. Mr. Eckert acknowledged that the monthly dance is very popular and RCC would benefit from offering line dancing classes, particularly daytime line dancing classes geared to older adults, to further support the monthly dance event. Additionally, Mr. Eckert strongly encouraged RCC staff to increase the number of programs offered, or provide more content in order to better utilize the facilities. He claimed that senior adult art classes have dropped from six offerings to one per season. He would like to see more art classes for senior adults, as well as art demonstrations from local artists, and specialty workshops. He acknowledged that there is a lot of demand for classes and waitlists ensue as a result. He also claimed that residency status is not vetted and verified by RCC staff during registration. Leila Gordon refuted that claim, to which Mr. Eckert responded that he thinks more can be done. He concluded his comments with, "On a whole, facilities are great, do more work on content".

Mr. Eckert's statement concluded the formal presentations from community members and representatives from community organizations.

Leila addressed the audience again and reiterated the process that will ensue at the conclusion of this meeting with the Board Members and staff members reviewing the input and determining which ideas to move forward with as they prepare for the FY14 budget cycle. She also took the opportunity to explain the differences between Reston and non-Reston participants and informed audience members that those who work in Reston are considered Reston residents because nearly 50% of RCC's revenue is generated from the special tax on commercial properties.

Leila then asked the audience if anyone had additional comments, ideas or suggestions. She acknowledged that the community's requests for a performing arts center and an expanded or new aquatic center have been noted. There were no other comments from the audience.

Beverly then rose and thanked the attendees for their participation in the meeting. She also acknowledged that RCC is planning to head the march toward a new pool and a performing arts center. She strongly encouraged the audience members to show their support and be strong advocates as RCC heads down this road.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.



Meeting of Community Relations and Program/Policy Committees of the
 Reston Community Center Board of Governors
 February 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.



CONFIRMED SPEAKERS LIST

The public may address the Board on matters regarding Reston's cultural, recreational, and leisure time amenities needs. Speakers will be called in the order that they signed in. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes for individuals and five (5) minutes for organizations. If you have materials for the Board, please give them to the Public Information Officer, BeBe Nguyen, before you begin speaking. Thank you.

Name	Organizational Affiliation (if any)	Address	Phone	Email Address	Wish To Speak	
					Yes	No
1. Cathy Hudgins	Hunter Mill District Supervisor		703-478-0283	catherine.hudgins@fairfaxcounty.gov	X	
2. Joe Ritchey/ Anne Delaney	Initiative for Public Art – Reston, Inc			Joe@prospectiveinc.com; annedelaney@publicartreston.org	X	
3. Greg White/ Lilia Jimenez	COO, Reston Interfaith		571-323-1432	Greg.white@restoninterfaith.org lilia.jimenezsi@restoninterfaith.org	X	
4. Heidi Merkel (Maybe)	Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force				X	
✓ 5. Steve Gurney ✓ DIANE BUST	Reston for a Lifetime		1-800-394-9990 x1118	sgurney@gwpi.net	X	
✓ 6. Amaarah DeCuir	Principal, Al Fatih Academy			principal@alfatih.org	X	
✓ 7. Thom Clement	Osher Lifelong Learning Institute			tclemen5@gmu.edu	X	
X 8. Scott Brown	Head Coach, South Lakes High School Swim Team			SRBrown@fcps.edu	X	X
9. Cheryl Terio-Simon	Reston Historic Trust			cterio@comcast.net	X	



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10. Regla Armengal (Maybe)	Executive Director, Prospera Initiatives (Lake Anne HLLC)		571-278-3996	regla@prosperaweb.org	One Prsp rep will speak	
✓ 11. Stephanie Fillman	Prospera Initiatives			sfillman@rocketmail.com	One Prsp rep will speak	
✓ 12. Diane Blust	Sustainable Reston			dblust@comcast.net	X	
✓ 13. Calvin Robertson ^{DADIA GRANT}	Fairfax County Department of Family Services		703 324 3617	Calvin.Robertson@fairfaxcounty.gov ^{DADIA.GRANT}	X	
14. Mary Phelps ^{STEP}	Fairfax County Department of Family Services			Mary.Phelps@fairfaxcounty.gov	X	X
✓ 15. Michelle Moyer	Reston Masters Swim Team		703-860-3049	MichMoyer@aol.com	X	
✓ 16. Larry Butler	Reston Association		703-435-6501	lbutler@reston.org	X	
✓ 17. Damian Sinclair/ Holli Ploog	Greater Reston Arts Center				X	
18. Cynthia Hausdorff				chausdorff@juno.com	X	
19. Mary Ellen Craig				mecreston@aol.com	X	
20. Cynthia Donavin	Arts Community		703-471-0750	cdonavin@cbtnva.org		X



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						Yes	No
32.	Steve Gung	Reston a Life	11728 Timberhead Ln 20190	703 966 6192	agung@restonva.gov	✓	
33.	Mary Phelps	Dept. of Family Services	Gov't Center Pkwy Fairfax	703 324-7558			
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21. Lloyd Kinzer	<i>President, Board</i> Reston Chorale		703-860-1328	lwkinzer@gmail.com	X	
22. David Lang	Music Director, Reston Chorale			dlangee@yahoo.com	X	
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SIGN-IN SHEET

The public may address the Board on matters regarding Reston's cultural, recreational, and leisure time amenities needs. Speakers will be called in the order that they signed in. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes for individuals and five (5) minutes for organizations. If you have materials for the Board, please give them to the Public Information Officer, BeBe Nguyen, before you begin speaking. Thank you.

Name	Organizational Affiliation (if any)	Address	Phone	Email Address	Wish To Speak	
					Yes	No
1. PAUL GARZA Chapa	VOLUNTEER	NORTH POINT DR 1519 APT. 101	571-313-1534	GARZA CHAPA @ AOL.COM		
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✓ 6. Dawn Brust	Sustainable Reston				ON LIST X	
7. Anne Delany	IPAR					
✓ 8. Abby Reed	SLHS	11827 Blue Spruce Road Reston VA	703 620 4645	Abbdab93@aol.com	ON LIST X	
9. Vicki & Abby Schifano						



Meeting of Community Relations and Program/Policy Committees of the
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10. George Eckert	none	2204 BURGESS Ct	703 7580339	GMENTRO@WEBTV.NET	✓	
11. Damian Sinclair	GRACE				✓	
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16. DON TAYLOR	LANTERN CLUSTER	1569 BRASS LANTERN WAY	703-471-7306	dtaylorva@comcast.net		✓
17. ELLAN GRACES	RESTON MUSEUM					✓
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21. Ricky Dahwe	resident	11540 Links Ls.	703-437-9211	deweyricky @verizon.net	?	
22. Greg White	Reston Interfaith	11150 Sunset Hills Reston VA	571 323 9592	greg.white @restoninterfaith.org	X	
23. Patricia McCabe	Classical Ballet Theatre	320 Victory Dr. Herndon, VA 20170	(703) 471-0750	pmccabe@cbtmcg.org		X
24. KENNY BURROWS	RESTON COMMUNITY CNTR	2310 COLTS NECK RD.	703 435 8191	kcburrows@me	X	X
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43. MARION ROGERS		11851 ST. TRINIANS CT	703-527-4457	marion1942hoep 201.com		X
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As a founding partner organization, RCC is involved with IPAR in a number of ways. We are appreciative of this support and look forward to the activities in the coming year and going forward:

1. Public art projects:

RCC's support to new public art projects through community outreach. RCC has been a key partner in the development of its first two permanent public art projects:

a) Hyatt Park, Reston Town Center (2012). Partnership with IPAR, RTCA, Hyatt Regency Hotel

b) Glade Drive Underpass (2010). Partnership with IPAR, RA, Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences

We value this significant partnership that enables IPAR and other Reston partners to develop new public artworks and outreach programs.

2. Public Art Film and Speakers Series

In 2011-2012, three programs were presented as part of the Tuesday Night at the Movies program to create awareness about various subjects related to public art. We are very pleased with the partnership and the number

of people who have attended the screenings.
Sept., Nov., Dec. 2011 and May 8, 2012

We are very excited to continue the series in
2012-2013 with four more programs.
Oct. 23, and Nov. 20, 2012, March 12 and
April 9, 2013.

We would like this series to be made available
to seniors and high school students, perhaps
with projections scheduled during the day.

3. Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival:
Since 2010, RCC has enabled IPAR to
participate in the festival by sharing its tent
located visible location of Town Center. This
event enables IPAR to reach out to a great
number of visitors and we hope RCC will
continue to offer this opportunity to IPAR.

4. We are also working with RCC Lake Anne
Village Center and elementary school art
teachers to develop a program on public art
and an exhibition of artwork created by
elementary school students during the Youth
Art Month in March 2013. This project is one of
the outreach programs being developed as part
of the exhibition on Reston public art that will
be presented in September 2012 at the Reston

Museum.

5. We look forward to other collaborations at Lake Anne Village Center around the proposed exhibit on Reston public art and outreach program at the Reston Museum.

RCC Joint Community Relations and Program/Policy Input Committee Meeting Feb. 13 at 6:30 pm RCC HW

I would like to compliment the RCC for the ever growing variety of programs available at both locations and the many collaborative efforts that are being offered together with area partners (GRACE, Walker Nature Center, RA, DES, etc.). Recently at Southgate Community Center we had the wonderful Teen Fest on Jan.7 and the MLK activities on Jan. 16. And also to thank you on behalf of the lower income community from our area that is served by the fee waiver program.

Suggestions, comments & ideas from Southgate residents and from ESSP Life Skill Survey most requested classes:

In no particular order:

1. Family friendly movie night like RCC has for seniors (even replaying the same classic films they do on Movie Mondays)
2. (More) Yoga –
 - a. applaud that a yoga class is now being offered in Spanish!
 - b. All RCC yoga classes are offered at Lake Anne so would like to have
 - c. One or more yoga classes in RCC HW and/or at Southgate Community Center
3. Walking club meet up places [at both RCC locations] – many people don't want to walk the RA trails by themselves and could have a monthly meeting (coffee session) to get to know other walkers
4. Gardening class (even container gardening) for those who want to grow things in limited spaces in apartments & townhouses
5. Programming for 11-17 year olds is very limited except for trips, game days
 - a. woodshop (only for adults)
 - b. Cheese making class (only for 6-10 yo) and others like this hands on classes
 - c. Swimming class for ages 13-17yo (after 6-12yo classes) are awkward, they have to go into classes with adults, which usually means Seniors, so they don't continue
6. Once a month Family swim night could have a special price (ie. \$5 per family); when read at first glance it seems it's a free swim, but upon arrival patrons must pay per person; not clear in the book
7. Registration woes:
 - a. The online registration process not being available until the 15 of the month when the residents in district 5 have priority on the 1st & the lottery system- waiting to be notified if your registrations made it via mail is frustration - there has to be a better way to do this (left hanging)
 - b. Summer aquatics: having to register for classes by May 1 through August is difficult but if you don't sign up for 3 sessions back to back you cannot get your kids enrolled (need to have your plans firm that much in advance is hard for families; especially those with several children trying to making everything work, schedules & finances)
 - c. Summer camp registration by Feb. 1 is way too early
8. Some of the senior only trips would be great if they were family friendly:
 - a. ie. This season trip to Medieval Times, herb fields
9. Some of the senior only classes would be great if they were available for a broader adult age range:
 - a. Basic computer classes
 - b. Internet basics
 - c. need for computer classes above in Spanish!
10. Some of the adult only classes would be great if they were available for a youth age range:
 - a. Voice classes
11. Some of the child only (under 5) classes would be great if they were available for a youth age range:
 - a. Tumbling classes
12. Book clubs for other ages (currently only offered for seniors)
13. (More) Cooking classes especially ethnic foods
14. Monthly board game night, drop in, multigenerational, can join in others to play scrabble, monopoly, etc.
15. More family (child) friendly Center Stage Performances

Lilia Jimenez-Siuhengalu, Reston Interfaith Community Organizer for the Southgate Initiative



DATE: February 13, 2012

TO: Reston Community Center Board of Governors Community Relations and Program/Policy Committees

FROM: Amaarah DeCuir, Principal
Al Fatih Academy
12300 Pinecrest Road, Reston

RE: An Introduction to our School

To the distinguished members of the Reston Community Center Board of Governors Community Relations and Program / Policy committees,

I greet each of you with our Islamic words of peace, *As'salaamu Alaikum*, which is translated as "May the peace of God be with you."

I wanted to attend this meeting this evening to introduce all of you to our school, Al Fatih Academy, one of your newest neighbors to join the Reston community this past year. Al Fatih Academy is a 13 year old community based institution, originally located in the Town of Herndon, most recently coming from Sterling in Loudoun County. We are a not for profit organization, with an official 501c3 status. We moved in to our Reston location in August 2011, a few weeks before the start of the new school year. Our school serves 215 students, preschool - 8th grade, about half of our families live in Fairfax County and the other half come from Loudoun County.

Our school was founded with the vision to be a model Islamic learning community that inspires a commitment to excellence in all aspects of life. Our mission is to cultivate and nurture a thriving American Muslim identity that balances religious, academic and cultural knowledge and imparts the importance of civic involvement and charitable work.

We would like to work closely with the Reston Community Center to help us achieve the goals of our mission statement: to impart the importance of civic involvement and charitable work within our local community. At the start of this year, our school joined efforts with the RCC to participate in the MLK Day celebration and community march. Our middle school students recited a portion of Dr. King's "I have a dream" speech for the local Reston neighbors. Later in January, members of the RCC Good Neighbors program visited our school to donate 40

wooden toys made by the loving hands of local senior citizens. Together, our preschool students played with the seniors as they explored the intricate designs of their new toys. Last week, our Hunter Mill School Board representative came to visit our school to establish a working relationship between Al Fatih Academy and Fairfax County Public Schools. We are currently planning to introduce our school to Ms. Catherine Hudgins, our Hunter Mill Supervisor. Al Fatih Academy has a strong interest in establishing a practice of community service and civic involvement here in our local area.

It is our hope that Al Fatih Academy will gain additional opportunities to work closely with our neighbors. In addition to civic work and community service, we are also strongly interested in interfaith partnerships. Please consider including our school community in any local interfaith efforts in the Reston community.

To learn more about our school, please come and visit us and take a tour of our school facility. We are excited to share with others our unique approach to classroom instruction. We look forward to working together with our Reston neighbors, and we appreciate the neighborly welcome that we have received thus far.

Thank you for this opportunity, if I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to ask.

RESTON HISTORIC TRUST RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER

February 13, 2012

The Board of Trustees of the Reston Historic Trust (RHT) is pleased to have this opportunity to thank the Reston Community Center's Board of Governors for its significant support of the RHT museum and programs.

RHT is a non-profit, membership-supported organization. Our activities and the Reston Museum are sustained primarily by volunteers and supplemented by two part-time contract employees. We are pleased to have recently expanded our Board membership to include several younger members of the Reston community.

Ongoing programs include:

- RHT's **History Presentations** about the Wiehle family, the Bowman family and its distillery, the history of the land ownership before it became Reston and the Civil War actions in the area have been well attended.
- **Reston Walks** (there are 8 or 9 of these a year) introduce participants to the nature and history of our community.
- **Community programs** such as the recent Dulles Rail Update, musical performances, and oral histories are also popular.
- Our **Featured Reston Artist Exhibits** introduce our community to the artists who live among us and provide opportunities for local artists to display their work for sale.
- We are cooperating with **IPAR** (Initiative for Public Art in Reston) in producing an exhibit and performance at Lake Anne in mid-September.
- **Founder's Day** is an annual event celebrating the vision and realization of the vision of Reston. This year is the 48th anniversary. We are already planning and looking forward to the 50th in 2014. It will also be the 100th birthday of Bob Simon.
- The very popular **Reston Home Tours** showcase private homes demonstrating the broad spectrum of style, size and price that Reston has to offer, as well as special sites, such as the DeLong Bowman House.

New initiatives underway include:

- **Multicultural outreach** is a part of our efforts to honor the rich diversity of our community.
- Through **School programs** for 4th, 7th and 8th grade students, we hope to present the history of Reston in a "Museum in a Box" format providing teachers with a menu of ways to engage young Restonians about our history.



**The Heritage Language Literacy Club
Lake Anne Elementary School – Reston, Virginia**

Established in 2009 by the Reston Community Center in collaboration with Prospera Initiatives and Fairfax County Public Schools, The Heritage Language Literacy Club (HLLC) at Lake Anne Elementary School is an innovative after school program that serves at-risk Latino youth by:

- strengthening their bilingual reading, writing and oral skills; and
- building positive social relationships that prepare students for advanced education and leadership opportunities

From an initial group of thirty participants the HLLC program has continued to expand each year and currently serves approximately ninety students. The program has been a resounding success with all participants and has built strong community connections. Students, parents, and school staff have voiced their strong support for the expansion and continuation of this program. None of these successes would have been possible without the vision and commitment of the Reston Community Center and the staff members who have dedicated so much time and energy to the success of this program.

The following is Prospera Initiatives’ outcomes report for the last full year of the program (2010-2012):

**Lake Anne Heritage Language Literacy Club
Outcomes Report for 2010-2011 School Year**

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Grades	1-2	1-2	1-3	1-4
Readers who completed	20	20	39	
Readers who Participated	21	21	42	60
Tutors Received Award	9	10	19	
Tutors Participated	9	10	20	30
Total Participants	30	30	62	90

Readers are acquiring both the skills and attitudes that lead to increased literacy, success in school, pride in their native language and culture, and responsible behavior:

94% of readers made progress over two or more reading levels during the longer session.

97% of readers report liking school and the HLLC.

89% of readers report that their tutors are caring and good friends to them.

93% of readers are proud to be Latino and speak Spanish.

100% of readers feel like part of the group in the HLLC.
94% of readers report resistance to gang activity.
100% of readers report that their parents value education.
96% of readers report that their parents help with homework.

Tutors are acquiring both the job and life skills and attitudes that lead to success in school, graduation from high school, continuing on to post-secondary education and professional careers:

98% of tutors successfully completed the twenty-two week session, earning a savings bond.
100% have plans to stay in school and graduate from high school.
100% have a plan for their future that includes post-secondary studies.
100% have investigated college-prep classes, universities, or scholarships.
100% talk with their parents about college-prep classes or their education after they graduate from high school.
100% report that their parents value education and support them in school.
100% report that they are more responsible since they participate in the HLLC.
100% see themselves as capable of contributing to their community and their race.
100% understand the value of working hard now to reap greater benefits in the future.
100% agree that they are proud of being Latino and speaking Spanish.
100% report that participating in the HLLC has helped them avoid involvement in gang activity.

Parents are acquiring the skills and attitudes that help them support their child's education and build the "college bound" mindset:

100% of parents read take-home books with their children.
100% of parents help their children with homework.
100% of parents agree that a good education is important for their child.
100% of parents strongly want to support their child's education at all levels.
100% of parents believe it is important that their child maintain his/her native language and culture while learning English.
100% of parents strongly believe that being bilingual is an advantage in the world of work.
100% of parents feel comfortable communicating with the club teachers and coordinator in Spanish.
67% of parents report feeling more capable of communicating with their child's school and participating in their child's education.
67% of parents report that their child has improved his/her reading and writing ability in Spanish.
67% of parents report communicating better with their child in Spanish than before he/she participated in the HLLC.
67% of parents believe their child has more confidence in reading and writing in Spanish due to his/her participation in the HLLC.
100% of parents have a vision of their child's future that includes continued study after he/she graduates from high school.

Quotes from Tutors:

"This is the activity that I have enjoyed the most because I learn a lot about how to be a very good teacher and how to understand the children. Club de Lectura is very interesting because it helps the little kids and helps the big kids to remember that we were once like that. I also like it because I have learned to write much better than I did. Club de Lectura inspires me, relaxes me, and teaches me a lot about what I am, a Hispana who can be so much more than she thinks! Yes, I like Club de Lectura!"

“I feel happy at Club de Lectura. I have more confidence in myself. The Club has helped me be much more responsible. I feel good when I help a student. In the Club I have gotten to know more older tutors who are a good influence.”

Quotes from parents of Readers:

I am delighted with the program. I wish that it were longer hours and I hope it will continue for many years. It is very useful for the future of our children. I congratulate those responsible for their patience and hard work. Thank you so much.

Terrill, Kristin C.

From: Slone, Krissa
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 1:17 PM
To: Terrill, Kristin C.; Boone, Eileen
Subject: partnership brochure
Attachments: parent_program_brochure.pdf

Hi Kristin, Here is a little write up about the program and partnering with organization like yours. Let me know if this works.....

Our mission with parenting education is to teach positive and effective ways parents can interact with their children at every age and stage of development. Any family living in Fairfax County who want to build healthy interactions and create positive change within their family is eligible to participate at no cost to the family. The program provides childcare and an evening meal in order for the entire family to attend and work on strengthening a strong, positive relationship among all members.

The capacity to offer parenting education depends on the community support. Our community volunteers and partners make this possible. The program implements how community organizations and parenting education can partner together in order to change lives and bring families together who want to learn better ways to raise their children.

I am sending you are brochure that describes the program and information about the partners. Let me know what else you might like. Krissa

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Department of Family Services
Nurturing Parenting Program
Social Worker III/Partnership Coordinator
703-324-7745
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ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT

The Department of Family Services parenting programs change lives. They bring together families who want to learn better ways to raise their children, who want to learn how to be kinder and more respectful to each other.

You can be a part of this life-changing effort by providing meeting space, food, money and – most importantly – your time.



Join with Fairfax County's Department of Family Services as a nurturing parenting partner.

Together, we can make a difference that will last for generations.



Fairfax County Department of Family Services
Children, Youth and Families Division
12011 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

**For information about how to support parenting education, call:
703-324-7745; TTY 703-222-9452**

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How your organization can support

Parenting Education in Fairfax County

FAIRFAX COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES

The parenting programs we use teach positive and effective ways parents can interact with their children at every age and stage of development. The focus is on the family – where children learn the values and beliefs that shape their futures. Parents and children learn together over several months. Volunteers provide an evening meal and child care for young children.

What do parents and children learn?

- Self-confidence.
- Alternatives to hitting, spanking and yelling.
- What to expect of children at different developmental stages.
- How to build strong, positive relationships among family members by increasing mutual understanding and respect.

Who may participate?

Any family living in Fairfax County who wants to build healthy interactions and create positive change within their family is eligible. Participants must agree to complete the program as a family and should be comfortable participating in a group learning environment. Classes, dinner and child care are free to participants.



The capacity to offer parenting education depends on community support. The program is free to participants and offers child care and an evening meal. Community volunteers make this possible.

Here is how your organization can help:

PROVIDE FOOD for 40 to 50 people. Approximately five volunteers are needed to prepare, serve and clean up from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Older teens are welcome to volunteer.

PROVIDE CHILD CARE, with assistance from our staff, for approximately six children who range in age from infant to four years old. Two or three volunteers are needed from 5:15 to 8 p.m. Older teens are welcome to volunteer.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

- Volunteer to become trained to teach.
- Donate funds to help with the purchase of training materials, pay for child care or food.
- Sponsor or contribute to sponsoring a family throughout their participation in the program. The per family cost for a multi-week program is \$3,500.
- Provide site for parenting classes.

CONTACT US

For more information or to volunteer, please call 703-324-7745; TTY 703-222-9452 or e-mail krissa.slone@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Thank you for supporting the Nurturing Parenting Program in our community.

Parents with Children 21 sessions

(Newborn to 4 years old)

Offered in English and Spanish

Parents learn to recognize and understand feelings; nurturing parenting routines; alternatives to hitting; infant massage; child development; and ways to foster positive self-esteem in themselves and their children.

Parents with Children 13 sessions

(5 to 11 years old)

Offered in English and Spanish

Parents and children learn to increase their empathy; discover new ways to encourage appropriate behaviors; build self-concept and self-esteem; and learn how to have fun as a family.

Parents with Children:

African-American Focus 13 sessions

(5 to 11 years old)

Offered in English

Parents and children learn to increase their empathy; discover new ways to encourage appropriate behaviors; build self-concept and self-esteem; and learn how to have fun as a family. This curriculum also emphasizes how African-American history affects the current life process for African-Americans and includes topics such as the slave experience, transcending oppression and acculturation, spirituality and accessing resources.

Parents with Adolescents 12 sessions

(12 to 18 years old)

Offered in English and Spanish

Family members learn nurturing communication strategies; how to recognize each other's needs; how to understand the developmental stages of adolescence; and ways to build their own personal power, self-concept and self-esteem.

Good Touch/Bad Touch®

(Pre-K to 6th grade)

This is a child abuse prevention curriculum designed to teach children special skills they need to stay safe. It teaches children to prevent or interrupt sexual abuse, deal with bullies, effectively handle sad or angry feelings, and stay safe from strangers who may cause them harm.

Terrill, Kristin C.

From: Terrill, Kristin C.
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 9:40 AM
To: Terrill, Kristin C.
Subject: FW: Reston Community Center
Attachments: Reston Community Center.doc

From: Baldwin, Bryan [<mailto:jbbaldwin@fcps.edu>]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2012 8:22 AM
To: Terrill, Kristin C.
Subject: FW: Reston Community Center

Good morning,

I am sending a letter to you regarding the Reston Community Center's activities as they relate to our music and arts programs at South Lakes.

These events are wonderful; I have never taught in a community with so many possibilities for enrichment and engagement.

Sincerely,

Bryan Baldwin
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South Lakes High School

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13 February 2012

To The Reston Community Center Board of Directors:

I am writing to express my thanks to the RCC and their support of our arts programs at South Lakes High School.

During the past several years, the RCC has made it possible for our students and faculty to meet and work with some of the finest professional musicians in the United States. Our music, dance, visual-art, and theatre students have participated in clinics and workshops at South Lakes, the RCC, and other venues. These events have been invaluable for inspiring both the students and the teachers with new techniques and insights into our respective art forms.

The staff of the RCC have brought the music teachers in the South Lakes pyramid together for an inspiring day-long conference where we, the teachers, were able to discuss our vision for music education in Reston and to begin to develop plans to ensure engagement of the community as a whole, which is certainly in keeping with the founder's philosophy regarding community engagement as well as arts education.

We at South Lakes are grateful for the RCC for providing this cultural enrichment and we are equally grateful to the staff and the board for making these events a priority. We are also most grateful for the performance opportunities afforded our students by the wonderful staff of the RCC.

I am a resident of Reston (and Small Tax District 5), and I believe that funding for the RCC and its outreach events to be one of the most important projects the board undertakes. These events touch thousands of lives and I earnestly hope they continue.

Sincerely,

Bryan Baldwin
Orchestra / I.B. Music

Terrill, Kristin C.

From: Terrill, Kristin C.
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2012 10:57 AM
To: Terrill, Kristin C.
Subject: FW: THANK YOU!

From: GEETA CHUMBLE [<mailto:gchumble@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 12:47 PM
To: Gordon, Leila
Subject: Re: THANK YOU!

HELLO,
appreciate to rcc. i want to thank s to all board of memebres & all staff of rcc. Last four years iam connecting with RCC. WITH IN these year s learn & enjoy all programs and did the painings.,sclpturs, pottry & ceramics.also can exsibit my arts in various exsibition only because of RCCso ifeel family memberof rcc. and also thanku to all my teachers of rcc programs.-----geeta On Tue, Feb 14, 2012 at 10:31 AM, Gordon, Leila <Leila.Gordon@fairfaxcounty.gov> wrote:

Terrill, Kristin C.

From: Terrill, Kristin C.
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 9:37 AM
To: Terrill, Kristin C.
Subject: FW: We Need Your Input - RCC BOG Meeting on February 13 at 6:30 p.m.

From: Cochran, Robyn [<mailto:RECochran@fcps.edu>]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2012 3:21 PM
To: Gordon, Leila
Subject: RE: We Need Your Input - RCC BOG Meeting on February 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Leila—

I had planned on attending the meeting today at 6:30; however, I've had a pretty big need that came up and I have a 5 PM meeting to work through it. I may not be finished in time to attend. I didn't want you to be surprised by this, so I wanted to drop you a note.

I had planned to extend my deep and sincere thanks to the RCC Board for the generous gift of funds that will allow us to DOUBLE our summer offerings for students at Dogwood. I will be sharing pictures and information with the Board so that all can "see" it firsthand.

Many thanks,

Robyn

Terrill, Kristin C.

From: Leary, Pamela
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2012 1:54 PM
To: Terrill, Kristin C.
Subject: FW: Program suggestion

FYI: Feb. 13 BOG meeting

From: K. Fredgren [<mailto:fredgren.k@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2012 10:48 AM
To: RCC Contact
Subject: Program suggestion

Dear Leila and all,

I cannot come to the Monday night meeting. Please consider this thought. Over the last two years or so, matinee performances (3:00) have diminished. Can that opportunity be replenished? A half dozen would be great.

Thanks for all you do!
Best regards,
Ken Fredgren

Terrill, Kristin C.

From: Terrill, Kristin C.
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 9:39 AM
To: Terrill, Kristin C.
Subject: FW: Upcoming Community Input Meeting with RCC BOG on February 13 at 6:30 p.m. at RCC HW

From: Amanda Layton [<mailto:amanda@groundworksdance.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2012 12:38 PM
To: Gordon, Leila
Subject: Re: Upcoming Community Input Meeting with RCC BOG on February 13 at 6:30 p.m. at RCC HW

Hi Leila,

I was hoping to make it out tonight, but as it turns out I am without a husband this evening and on baby duty. I wasn't sure who to send this to, could you kindly pass along my input...

I want to address the need for a larger performance venue in the Reston community. As a modern dance company based in Reston, we love working at The Center Stage, but would really benefit from a larger space, one that could meet the needs of our youth and adult companies. It would allow us to stage larger scale productions and bring in other members of the community to partner. On top of that, just finding an available venue in the community can be tricky. The Center Stage has a very full season, and can't possibly accommodate everyone's needs. I see Reston as a community which cultivates the performing arts, another venue would only benefit this greatly.

Thank you,

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Terrill, Kristin C.

From: Terrill, Kristin C.
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 9:30 AM
To: Terrill, Kristin C.
Subject: FW: Testimony for February 13 Meeting

From: Susan Jones [<mailto:slejones@verizon.net>]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 2:51 PM
To: RCC Contact
Cc: Gordon, Leila
Subject: Testimony for February 13 Meeting

To the Community Relations and Program/Policy Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my thoughts to your committees as you continue your program planning for the Reston Community Center.

I wanted you to know that – as a resident of Small Tax District 5 – I am so pleased with the visionary stance that your board takes in its planning efforts with respect to programs and facilities. I strongly support program expansion to meet the growing and changing needs of the community, particularly the newly opened expanded Lake Anne facility. I will strongly support an additional indoor pool facility when you begin to consider that again. We must keep our facilities competitive and updated. It's important to meet the needs of Reston's residents and for keeping our property values high.

Sometimes, it's also important to assess ongoing programs and make a decision to discontinue them for lack of community interest and support. Some programs just outlive their usefulness. The Reston Festival is, I believe, one of those programs, and I want to commend you for your decision to discontinue funding the Festival. We have so many festivals in Reston that meet the needs of our time, or that are particularly appropriate to our distinctive community. The Multi-Cultural Festival fits that category, and I appreciate your continuing support for that festival.

I also want to commend you for your support for programs that build Reston pride and that enhance the community's understanding of our historical roots. The "Reston story" is important to tell. It is important to our future because people who live here and those who will come must understand what made this community great in order that it be preserved. In particular, I want to commend you for your support for the 50/25 committee, especially your critical role in creating the film footage and briefing paper on the development of Reston Town Center. I hope you will continue to support the 50/25 committee as we near Reston's 50th anniversary in 2014 (and Bob Simon's 100th birthday!)

Keep up your excellent work!

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Terrill, Kristin C.

From: Leary, Pamela
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2012 1:57 PM
To: Terrill, Kristin C.
Subject: FW: Recreation suggestion

FYI: Feb. 13 BOG

From: Kelly [<mailto:skellytoo@verizon.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2012 9:26 AM
To: RCC Contact
Subject: Recreation suggestion



Some time ago I suggested a tour to New York that provided just a bus ride to and from the city. This is now included in the program and I am pleased to see it. I would like to suggest a minor amendment to it. Currently the bus stops in one place to let off passengers and collects them again at the same place later.

Couldn't the bus drop off passengers in three places and pick them up again in those same places later.

One of the places, of example, could be the Metropolitan Museum on Park Ave. another could be in the theater district. I assume the bus sits in NY somewhere and waits for the passengers to come back. If you are paying for it to be there, why not put it to better use?

My husband and I took the bus and then took a local bus to the Metropolitan Museum. Later, we took a cab back. The cab cost \$15 plus the tip. The local bus took forever.

Thanks for asking for input.

Terrill, Kristin C.

From: Cyndee.Hochstrasser@HCAHealthcare.com
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2012 12:30 PM
To: Terrill, Kristin C.
Subject: RCC Community Input Meeting

Thank you for inviting me to this meeting. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend. I would like to stress how valuable it has been for the hospital to work collaboratively with RCC and RA. We have developed a strong bond over the years –Eileen Boone, RCC and Ashleigh Soloff from Reston Association. It is so nice to have a great working relationship and to work on initiatives together. Example – Older American Month in May – we all work together to plan one event instead of all three organizations creating three events. Please let me know if you need more detail!

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My name is Scott Brown and I have just finished by 18th year as the head coach of South Lakes swim and dive team. Kids who have passed through the pool have won 2 state championships, set National records, and have gone on to compete for some of the nations finest Universities. The pool and RCC has served us well during my tenure, and as ~~it~~ ^{gets} ~~nears~~ a close ~~to being~~ the end of my coaching career I wonder what a future coach may face.

While it is nice to train in meters, a facility in yards, which is the measurement high school meets occur, would be nice. During the past 18 years, due to new regulations to protect swimmers and divers, the team has been restricted to being able to use 2 starting blocks and the dive team, due to the slope

of the current dive well, has had to relocate to Herndon Com. Ctr for practice, which occurs from 8:15-9:30 3 nights a week.

Pools are expensive, with much property needed for the ~~facility~~ facility and subsequent parking. It is my hope that the possibility of a new facility is explored, that not only would serve the interest of competitive swimmers, but also continue to offer the classes and programs that RCC currently provides.

Thank you

Scott Brown

SOUTH LAKES H.S.

SWIM & DIVE

Terrill, Kristin C.

From: Terrill, Kristin C.
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 9:33 AM
To: Terrill, Kristin C.
Subject: FW: Comments in advance of the Feb 13 meeting I can't attend

From: Debra Steppel [<mailto:dsteppel@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2012 1:31 AM
To: RCC Contact
Subject: Comments in advance of the Feb 13 meeting I can't attend

Hello RCC,

I have mentioned these items previously, but nothing seems to have changed:

1. On the registration forms for classes, where it says "Registration begins" on a specific date, that should be rephrased everywhere to say "Registration deadline" -- obviously if a user knows the system, they will get their registration form in BEFORE the deadline. Everywhere else, the phrase "Registration begins" means that no one is allowed to submit registrations until that day or afterwards. It is VERY confusing to state a date as a "begin" date when, in fact, it's an "end" date before the lottery.

2. The Parktakes registration system is MUCH better than the RCC registration system. Users can see immediately how many slots there are, and what their chances are of getting into the program they want. Online registration can be done on the first day registration opens. One ID number is all the system needs to remember the user's name, address, phone, email, all household members' ages, etc., instead of having to re-enter this info on a registration form every time. I have discussed this issue with RCC staff and they always complain about how to "prove residency" for people who work in Reston but don't live here. The solution to this is to require in-person registration the very first time they want to register for a course, so someone at the front desk can confirm their "in-Reston" status. Once that status has been verified, every future time they should be able to register online with only their ID number. Parktakes works that way; why can't RCC use the same Fairfax County system for registration while keeping its programs separate?

Thank you,
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