



**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
May 7, 2012**

Present:

- Beverly Cosham, Chair
- Bill Bouie
- Cathy Vivona
- Roger Lowen
- Bill Keefe

Absent and Excused:

- Carol Ann Bradley
- Vicky Wingert
- Bill Penniman
- John Gasson

Staff:

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

Beverly Cosham, Chair

MOTION #1:

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

Approval of the April 2, 2012 Board Minutes:

Beverly Cosham, Chair

MOTION #2:

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the April 2, 2012 Board Minutes. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the April 2, 2012 Board Actions:

Beverly Cosham, Chair

MOTION #3:

Bill B. moved that the Board approve the April 2, 2012 Board Actions. Cathy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks:

Beverly thanked those who attended the RCC volunteer recognition dinner on Friday evening, May 4. She received many appreciative comments. She also enjoyed the *Out of Place* performance at Lake Anne Sunday evening, with approximately 600 people watching.

Introduction of Visitors

There were no visitors.

Board Member Input on Activities Attended:

Roger saw the Reston Community Players performance of *August: Osage County*. It was three hours long, with two intermissions. While not lighthearted, it was a tremendous performance equal to anything one could see in Washington, DC or New York City.

Cathy attended the Reston Founders Day celebration and the Evening of New Music and Trout Fishing in America performances on the CenterStage. She also attended South Lakes High School's performance of *West Side Story* after seeing the excerpt at the Founders Day event.

Bill B. has been busy with lots of Park Authority meetings, IPAR meetings and others.

Bill K. attended the *Out of Place* performance and has been working with the Reston Master Plan Task Force.

Beverly has been very busy with Reston Community Orchestra fundraiser meetings and the fundraiser. She is singing with the Festival Singers and preparing a piece with the McLean Symphony, and rehearsing for another "Happening at the Harmon" program. She also attended the RCC volunteer recognition dinner, sang at the Founders Day and Best of Reston events, and attended the *Out of Place* performance, as well as many other events. During the month of April, in fact, the only dates on which Beverly didn't participate in an RCC or other community or artistic activity were April 6, 8, 13, and 27-30.

Executive Director's Report:

See attached report.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

Beverly encouraged everyone to look at the current art exhibit at RCC Hunters Woods, *Treasures of RCC*, which includes artworks by RCC employees and their family members. This exhibit will be on display through mid-June.

Bill K. asked Leila if there is any update from Edens and Avant on the redevelopment of the Hunters Woods village center. Leila said currently she is only aware of the work on Dunkin Donuts, but she does not believe Edens and Avant has submitted any other permits yet for landscaping or other work. She will follow up with Edens and Avant.

New Business:

Roger spent time at a natatorium when he was travelling near Akron, Ohio, and was impressed with the facility's size and quality. It is located in a smaller town than Reston, with a lower average family income, and yet the natatorium is incredible with three pools, three racquetball courts, a complete array of exercise equipment, and lots of classes offered. He learned that it was built in 2004 and its operation is financed largely by membership fees, and they do also have special low income fees. It made him think about the possibilities for another facility in Reston and gave him the idea that maybe a group from the Board could look at what other communities have done in this area.

Bill B. said he knows of that natatorium and it is part of larger park authority area. That park authority has actually visited here to see how we handle golf. They receive contributions from their county, but they do not have a special tax district like Reston. A facility like this certainly should be possible in Reston, depending on what direction we go with a new site, community endorsement of it and what kind of facility it can support.

Leila said this Board has affirmed their commitment to a new facility like this to meet the community's needs, and has looked at the financial requirements and possibilities and it does not appear that financing a facility will be as challenging as just determining where it should go and what exactly it should include.

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Roger asked if Bill thinks we have a good chance to find a location and build a facility like this. Bill B. said he is hopeful.

MOTION #4:

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

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Cathy Vivona,
Board Treasurer for the Secretary

May 21, 2012
Date

BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON MAY 7, 2012

- 12-0507-1 Bd That the Board approve the agenda.**
- 12-0507-2 Bd That the Board approve the April 2, 2012 Board minutes.**
- 12-0507-3 Bd That the Board approve the April 2, 2012 Board actions.**
- 12-0507-4 Bd That the meeting be adjourned.**

Cathy Vivona,
Board Treasurer for the Secretary

May 21, 2012 _____
Date



Executive Director's Report
April, 2012

Administration

April finds all staff teams ramping up their administrative efforts to submit the draft outlines of the FY14 budget, fall program guide content, and draft copy of our annual report. In addition, the hiring processes were begun for the position of the new Fitness and Wellness program director, replacing our departing Assistant Theatre Technical Director, Alex Gomez, and replacement of the part-time merit 55+ Program Assistant.

On our capital projects front, we have significantly concluded the efforts related to the final billing for the Community Room, Lake Anne renovation/expansion, Hunters Woods Entrance and ADA Ramp/Door openers and are in the process of closing out those projects. The notable item of interest is that the net savings of the Community Room project is \$13,370. The final cost of the construction was \$488,149. The remaining issues for future consideration in regard to the Community Room will be the method and design/engineering involved in replacing the obsolete chandeliers' lighting fixtures (so complicated we decided to phase that to allow us to complete the sound/lighting enhancements) and possible further minor modifications or purchasing related to sound augmentation for the Chorale/Orchestra uses. Tom Ward and Linda Ifert and the Arts and Events technical team have done a tremendous job in accomplishing the enhancement project and implementing the improvements with the outstanding support of the Facility Rentals and Maintenance team led by Brian Gannon.

The FOCUS business system conversion for payroll continues to consume large amounts of staff time; Renata Wojcicki has devoted considerable hours with her team to getting us ready for the June 16 "Go-Live" date. Media department efforts on the RFP for our web site redesign were completed in April to prepare for that solicitation which will be led by BeBe Nguyen.

Programs

The Terry L. Smith Aquatics Center continues to pursue completion of our outstanding ADA and other facility improvements there. In addition, the staff is fleshing out details for the new offerings in the fall of adopted program innovations.

In Leisure and Learning highlights, the Teen Department got some great PR from the Washington Times with a published photo of their Teen Chefs class. The Teen trip to New York City was a great success; in addition to the enrolled registration, Kenny Burrowes was able to work with Reston Interfaith to extend the opportunity, through our Fee Waiver program, to teens in their programs.

April required non-stop preparations by the Arts and Events team for the Lake Anne site-specific public art project, *Out of Place*. This project was undertaken in cooperation with IPAR, Friends of Lake Anne, and Reston Historic Trust, as well as with support from a variety of organizations associated with the University of Maryland and the artists who were making the work. Additionally, our new Arts and Events Director, Paul Douglas Michnewicz, hit the ground running and introduced his first round of CenterStage events that included An Evening of New Music, and a standing ovation performance by the International Chamber Ensemble.

In other exciting news, the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services notified us that they have given RCC a 2012 Distinguished Colleague Award in recognition of our collaborative efforts for the 2012 Reston Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

Executive Director

April meetings included IPAR, Human Services Deputy County Executive Pat Harrison, Reston 50/25 Documentary Film project, and attendance at Best of Reston and Founders Day.