

**RCA Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
October 26, 2009**

The meeting came to order on-camera at 8:00 p.m. (There was no off-camera meeting.) **Members present:** Marion Stillson, Colin Mills, John Bowman, Dan McGuire, Jane Wong, Barbara Burleson, Tammi Petrine, John Lovaas, Diane Lewis, Mike Corrigan and Marie Huhtala. **Member absent:** George Kain.

**Agenda**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Disposition</b>	<b>Presenters</b>
1	8:00 PM	Welcome; Adopt Agenda	Action	Marion Stillson and RCA Board
2	8:05 PM	Approve Sept. 2009 Minutes	Action	Barbara Burleson and RCA Board
3	8:10 PM	Treasurer's Report	Action	Dan McGuire
4	8:15 PM	Goudie proposal on RCC Reform	Action	RCA Board
5	8:45 PM	Citizen of Year Contest	Discussion	Colin Mills or John Lovaas
6	8:50 PM	Reston 2020 Activities	Discussion	John Bowman or Dick Stillson
7	9:00 PM	Reston Master Plan: County Task Force Selection	Action	Marion Stillson and RCA Board
8	9:10 PM	November Newsletter Articles	Discussion	RCA Board
9	9:15 PM	Federation Bulletin	Discussion	Marion Stillson
10	9:20 PM	Other Business	Discussion	RCA Board
11	9:25 PM	Location and Time of Next Meeting	Action	RCA Board
12	9:30 PM	Adjourn	Action	RCA Board

1. The agenda was adopted as written.
2. The September Minutes were approved as amended.
3. Dan offered the four treasurers reports. Ending balances for the four accounts were: Operating Account \$733.98, License Plate Account \$745.00, Sustainability Account \$575.00, Accessibility Account \$190.00.

4. The Board then took up the proposal made by ARCH that RCA co-host a public meeting to discuss future funding disposition by RCC. This was an issue moved forward from last month's off-camera discussion. ARCH's proposal for a public meeting was based on a discussion paper authored by Robert Goudie in the aftermath of last summer's Browns Chapel controversy.

Marion announced at the outset that if the discussion got unruly, she was prepared to adjourn the meeting. Then she gave her two views. Her personal view was that this topic was "bad medicine" and should not be discussed by the Board at all, since we were still "digging ourselves out of infamy." Her view as President is to note that more people than before complain about the extra tax burden of funding the Community Center through Small Tax District 5 (SD5), which covers all of Reston, so maybe the time for this discussion has come. She suggested that the Board should vote on the degree of separation or closeness we want RCA to have with the Goudie effort.

Marie noted that Goudie's paper has nothing to do with abolishing the SD5 tax. Instead, it discusses three possible directions RCC could go in the future when considering large new infrastructure projects: (1) use SD5 funds to meet local needs that the County does not fund, (2) use SD5 to augment or supplement County facilities, or (3) use SD5 to pay for things the County normally provides already. She said these seem like eminently reasonable ideas for the community to consider and discuss.

John L. warned that Robert Goudie "has a past," and that he has opposed new projects before. He said this was an effort to re-open a door that could lead to a very divisive issue.

Mike commented that RCC had just conducted a preference poll for its Board, and suggested that Goudie should have come forward as a candidate if he wanted to be involved. That, he said, would be the "right venue for a rebellion."

Diane pointed out that Reston is facing a steamroller of higher densities and more traffic when Metro comes. These issues, along with the issue of sustainability, are more important than the RCC question and the Board should concentrate on them instead. Colin and Tammi agreed.

After considerable further discussion, Marie moved that the Board consult further with ARCH on the feasibility of holding a public forum to discuss the use of RCC revenues in the future. The motion was defeated, 7 to 4.

5. Nominations are being accepted for the Citizen of the Year award; the deadline is November 5.

6. Dick Stillson reported on the Reston 2020 Committee, formerly known as the Stakeholders Committee. Eight Board members attended the County's Land Use College, and they found it very useful. Supervisor Hudgins will soon send letters to various community organizations, including RCA, asking for nominations to the Task Force she is setting up to consider Master Plan revisions. The Board also hopes there will be citizen advisory groups that will report to the Task Force. There will likely also be a Charrette to gather public comments.

7. Four people have expressed interest in being appointed to the Task Force: Colin Mills, Mike Corrigan, John Bowman and Dick Stillson. The Board agreed to pose questions to the candidates for them to answer in writing. The deadline is before our next RCA meeting.

8. The November newsletter will be managed by its new editor, Sue Bowman. Submissions are due October 30. Sue Merk, our previous editor, has offered to design occasional materials for us, such as flyers and brochures.

9. Due to time pressure, the item on the Federation Bulletin was deferred until next month.

10. Other business: (a) We have two applicants for the vacant position of South Lakes Director. The Board will vote on them via secret ballot next month. (b) RCA held a candidates forum for our local Delegate to the Virginia Assembly, the only debate this year for this office. It can be viewed on the web at [222.rctv28.com](http://222.rctv28.com) (click on Reston Impact.)

11. The next meeting will be held at the same place on November 23. The off-camera session will begin at 7:30 and the on-camera at 8:30.

12. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Huhtala  
Acting Secretary