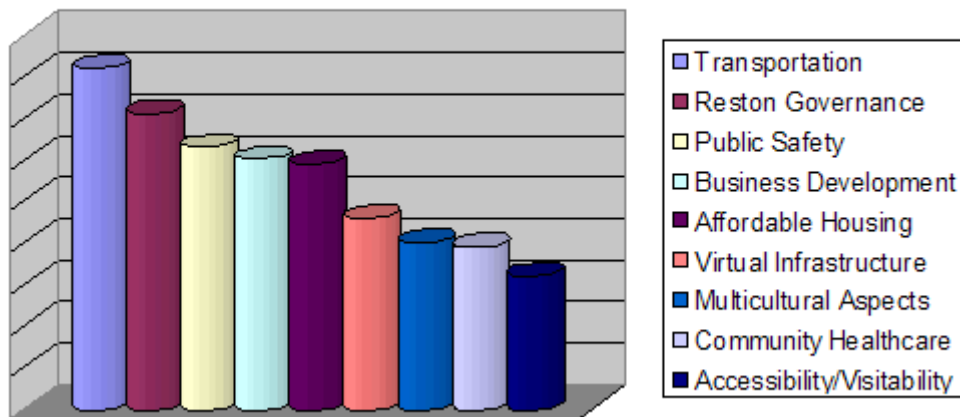


Thanks to all who took the time and interest to vote in RCA's Election and Reston Issues Poll!

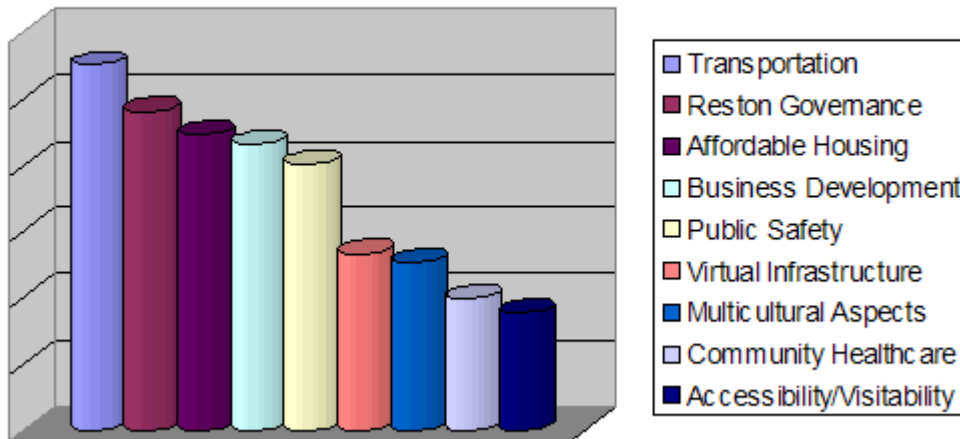
Results of Reston Issues Poll at Reston Festival July 8-9, 2006

The graphics below represent the results of RCA's Reston Issues Poll at the Reston Festival. The first graph shows the rank based on how many people chose each issue as important. The second graph shows the rank of importance placed on each issue by the voters. Transportation, Reston Governance, Affordable Housing, Business Development and Public Safety are clearly important issues in both measurements. The Environment and other issues will be added next year.

RCA Reston Issues Poll by Number of Responses



RCA Reston Issues Poll by Rank of Importance



RCA at the Reston Festival: One Participant's View by Marion Stillson

I volunteered to help staff the RCA booth from 12-2.30 on both Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9. Saturday saw lively traffic. I was fortunate to be on duty when the following luminaries came to vote: Bob Simon, Ken Plum, Janet Howell and Cathy Hudgins. It would have been interesting to know how they voted, wouldn't it? (though voters fill out an affirmation that they reside in Reston, the ballots are cast separately and anonymously).

As usual, the RCA Board wished the number of voters was higher. However, the number was much higher than last year, an encouraging sign of progress. This year, hardly any Reston residents who approached our booth had NOT heard about resTOWN, a contrast to last year. A number of residents came to ask questions about the effect of town status on various issues of concern to them. I was surprised by how many voters were prepared to stay and, in addition to voting, fill out our survey, which took concentrated thought and more than a few minutes to complete.

◀ See results to the left.

One of my co-staffers at the booth was Colin Mills, whose five-year-old daughter accompanied him. We have all marveled at her poise when she has attended RCA public briefings, sitting next to her father. She was just as cooperative in the booth, working away at word puzzles in a

booklet while her father handled our customers. It was also fun on Sunday to draw numbers to determine the winners of our drawing. Two voters and two survey respondents were the lucky recipients of \$25 coupons for a local restaurant. See photo on next page.

Results of RCA Election

President: Mike Corrigan – 160 votes
 At-Large Director: Debra Steppel - 136
 At-Large Director: Marion Stillson - 141
 At-Large Director: James Hubbard – 128
 Hunters Woods Director: Jan Bradshaw - 53
 Lake Anne Director: John Lovaas – 66
 South Lakes Director: Bob Haley – 50

Reston's Role in Regional Economic Transformation

Join Dr. Gerald L. Gordon, president/CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, as he discusses the county's economic growth and Reston's part in that growth at the Reston Community Center (Lake Anne), July 24, 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. **"The Economic Growth of Fairfax County and the Reston Community: Past, Present, and Future"** explores why Fairfax County transformed from a dairy community into a premier business location, and the role Reston plays in this regional economic engine that helps power Virginia's economy. To register, call 703-476-4500. FREE.

■ RCA Briefs Reston Association on Town Proposal

On July 10, President of RCA Mike Corrigan briefed the Reston Association's Board Administration Committee (BAC) on the status of RCA's town proposal, and asked BAC to establish an ad hoc committee to review the issue. His PowerPoint presentation is available on RCA's website, www.restoncitizensassociation.org.



Bob Simon and Joe Stowers were among the ten or so supporters in the audience. RA Committee members asked some pointed questions representing a full spectrum of views. Ultimately, they decided to seek RA staff advice on how a review committee might be structured. They deferred action until RCA has concluded its revised financials. The financials should be available in August. Stay tuned...For more info, go to: <http://www.restoncitizensassociation.org/press/> (7/13/06)

■ P&Z Committee Briefing at RCA April Board Meeting

Steve Cerny, a current member of the Reston Planning and Zoning Committee (P&Z), and Joe Stowers, a former chair of the P&Z, provided a briefing on the County Planning and Zoning functions at the April RCA Board meeting. The P&Z committee was formerly an RCA committee, and is now affiliated with Reston Association. Joe discussed a range of alternatives for the management of planning and zoning in a town of Reston. These included:

- Maintaining the status quo
- Formalize the process of making recommendations
- Require a review process
- Transfer selected decision-making to the town
 - P&Z recommends; town council decides
 - P&Z decides, subject to appeal to the council
- Transfer of all planning decisions to the town
 - Site plans
 - Development plans
 - Comprehensive plans
 - Ordinances

Joe's recommendation was to move limited decision making (requiring a staff of perhaps 1 or 2 people) to the town, supported by an agreement on County staff support. Reston already has its own, separate, part of the Comprehensive Plan, so it is reasonable to move this, and the associated decision making, to the town while retaining staff support.

Steve Cerny walked through the P&Z process with a specific example, a requested modification of the approved Conceptual Plan for a parcel at the corner of Sunset Hills and Reston Parkway. The modification was to change two proposed office buildings to residential. The county staff report (which recommended against the modification as proposed) was discussed. Steve said that the request would be discussed at the next P&Z meeting.

RCA Board members M. Stillson and R. Kozmin watch as unidentified Reston resident draws a winner from those who voted or took the issues survey at the RCA booth at the Reston Festival. ▶ Four individuals each won a \$25 gift certificate to a local restaurant.



■ Advantages of Reston Town Status Evident in News Articles

Letter to the Editor of the Reston Connection, (June 2006)

Your newspaper continues to be peppered with references to town status. It is appropriate for me to point out some of these references, because Reston Citizens Association (RCA) has now formally asked the Reston Association (RA) Board whether it supports a referendum on Reston town status. RCA will follow with the same question to the other Reston organizations specified to us by our state senator and delegate.

The May 31-June 6 edition of The Reston Connection pointed out in a Metro article that a state representative told the RA Board it was "unlikely" RA could even attend planning meetings about Metro. He stated this is because Reston is not a town. Your reporter noted that nevertheless, Reston commuters will help pay at least one quarter of the costs for Metro's Phase I.

The same edition described a new video of Reston, which includes footage of Janet Howell twenty-five years ago "passionately campaigning" for township. She has since changed her position, without really explaining why.

In the Real Estate section, Bill Keefe is told that developers cannot make proffers to RA to help fund the Nature House because RA is not a governmental entity. It was left unsaid that if Reston were a town, this would not be a problem.

In the prior edition of The Connection, Reston resident James Hubbard wrote that Reston needs its own planning board, empowered to enforce the Reston Master Plan. Again, this could be achieved if Reston were a town.

Jack Kenny's column that week spoke unkindly of Congressman Moran, including a mocking challenge to Moran to deliver federal appropriations to Reston. Kenny probably is unaware that Congressman Moran quite seriously has said, more than once, that it would be much easier to channel federal funds to Reston if it were incorporated as a town.

In the OutSpoken column that week, Curt Clinton said he dreamed of being the first mayor of Reston, to "deliver on Mr. Simon's dream." While the column was ironic, Clinton expressed a fear that is spreading in Reston, that Bob Simon's goals will be lost. RCA's town proposal addresses this fear by placing Bob Simon's goals, verbatim, right in the Town Charter.

I would urge everyone to take a close look at all of the articles mentioned, and to consider carefully the many advantages that town status would offer Reston. Town status cannot occur unless the people of Reston act to make it happen.

Yours sincerely, Marion Stillson, Vice President, RCA