

City Council Strategic Plan

Goal 7: Alexandria is a caring and inclusive community that values its rich diversity, history and culture, and promotes affordability

COMMUNITY MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009.

City Hall, Sister Cities Conference Room 1101

Opening Remarks

Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper and Councilwoman Alicia R. Hughes opened the meeting by presenting an overview of the City Council's process for developing the Strategic Plan. They thanked the attendees for their participation. Instructions were provided on filling out index cards, which Councilwoman Hughes posted on a board located in the front of the room.

Public Hearing to Obtain Citizens Input on the Strategic Objectives for City Council Retreat Goal 7

The following list of attendees made oral presentations. Several participants submitted written copies of their statements, which are also posted on the City website.

- 1) Fran Becker – Carpenter's Shelter
- 2) Sherry Brown – Arts
- 3) Ulysses James – Alexandria Arts Forum
- 4) Janet Barnett- Executive Director – Senior Services of Alexandria
- 5) Katharine Medina – Rebuilding Together Alexandria
- 6) Doug Smith – Homes for America
- 7) Kathleen Pepper – Alexandria Archaeological Commission
- 8) Chyrell Bucksell
- 9) Jason Dechant – Social Services Advisory Board
- 10) Mary Ann Webber
- 11) Jamie Carter – CrisisLink
- 12) Bob Eiffert
- 13) Edwin Lawless – The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
- 14) John Porter
- 15) Jeannine Deem Purdy – Catholic Charities, RSVP
- 16) Carol Layer – CSB
- 17) Bill Harris
- 18) Paul Pepper – CSB
- 19) Annabelle Fisher
- 20) Kari Galloway – Friends of Guest House
- 21) Brooksie Koopman - Chair, Alexandria Library Board
- 22) Pam Dailey – Liberty's Promise
- 23) Joyce Woodson – Parent Leadership Training Institute
- 24) Linda Hafer – The Art League
- 25) Allen Lomax
- 26) Margaret Wohler – Alexandria Commission for the Arts
- 27) Ellen Stanton – Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
- 28) Nina Randolph – Healthy Alexandria
- 29) Mark Bergin – Alexandria Police Youth Camp (absent)
- 30) Paul Hertel

- 31) Jenny Wade
- 32) Mildrilyn Davis read a statement from Karen Cleveland

Closing Remarks & Next Steps

In their concluding remarks, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilwoman Hughes thanked the citizens again for their participation in the Community Meeting. They encouraged the stakeholders desiring to make additional comments to post their comments on the City's website at (<http://alexandriava.gov/StrategicPlanning>).

The Council Members said that although they were beginning to see some emerging themes, that they still had the hard task of taking this information and developing three strategic objectives. Each objective will contain five action items.

The participants were also invited to attend the next meeting, scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2009, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.