

AGENDA

ALEXANDRIA QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

8:00 A.M.

COUNCIL WORKROOM

1. Introductory Remarks – Mayor Justin Wilson
2. Discussion of Proposed Changes to Q of L & Renaming it as the “Alexandria Health & Safety Coordinating Committee” – Mayor Justin Wilson
3. Crime Issues and Trends, Terrorism Response, Drug and Nuisance Enforcement – Police Chief Michael L. Brown
4. Update on First Street/North Columbus Street/Andrew Adkins/Inner City Issues, Parker Gray Roundtable Meetings, and Lenox Place - Rose Boyd, ARHA, Captain Don Hayes, and ARHA Executive Director Keith Pettigrew
5. Update on the City’s Coordinated Effort to Address Gang Issues in Alexandria – Lt. Steve Carr and Court Services Unit Percy White
6. Update from the Court Services Unit – Mike Mackey
7. Report from the Sheriff – Chief Deputy Sheriff Candra Callicott
8. Report from the Commonwealth’s Attorney – David Lord, Senior Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney
9. Alexandria Reentry Council Update – Alfreda Shinns, Chief Probation and Parole Officer
10. Update from Alexandria Health Department – Dr. Stephen Haering, Director, Health Planner, Alexandria Health Department
11. Report on Nuisance and Property Maintenance Issues and Trends in Target Areas – Philip Pugh, Property Maintenance Division Chief, Department of Code Administration
12. **Call.Click.Connect.** Report - Status for T&ES Requests – Jeffrey F. Duval, Deputy Director, Operations, Department of Transportation & Environmental Services
13. Update from the Department of Community and Human Service – Susan Tatum, Assistant Director of Clinical and Emergency Services

14. Update from Alexandria City Public Schools – Dr. Julie Crawford, Chief of Student Services, Alternative Programs & Equity, ACPS
15. Other

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 7, 2019. The Alexandria Quality of Life Committee meets every two months in the workroom, except during the summer.

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Community Outreach

An example of Community Outreach is the Community Parent Support Group. It is a safe and encouraging setting for parents to get answers to questions regarding parenting strategies. In the current program cycle, 24 parents attended. The program began in November of 2018, with 1 parent and grew to 18 parents at our last meeting in February. Two guest speakers present at each meeting on topics including: Northern Virginia Legal Services, Truancy, and Anger Management. Meetings are held at Charles Houston Recreation Center. During the next program cycle meetings will be held at Ramsey Recreation Center and Chick Armstrong Recreation Center. The next meeting is April 25, at 7:00 p.m. We continue to provide bilingual outreach in the community.

In conjunction with the schools, outreach continues around the issue of human trafficking.

Gang Prevention Community Task Force Meeting

Our previous Task Force meeting was held on March 20, 2019, at City Hall. We will have subsequent meetings in various locations throughout the City.

Intervention Prevention and Education Program (IPE)

The IPE program continues to operate at full strength with 38 youth served. Over the last two years, 96% of youth served have not become court involved.

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Juvenile Justice Racial & Ethnic Disparities Program

Between March 25 – 29, 2019, Alexandria participated in the Georgetown Center for Juvenile Justice Reform and the Center for Children’s Law & Policy Racial & Ethnic Disparities Program. 10 staff, including one Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Judge and leaders from the Northern VA Regional Detention Center, Department of Community & Human Services, Alexandria Police Department, Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, Alexandria City Public Schools, and the Court Service Unit/DJJ, attended. A team will continue the work forward, which includes the development of a capstone project. The group is already scheduled to meet in April.

Diversion

Diversion rates remain favorable: during FY 2019, the CSU maintained an average diversion rate of 42%, more than double the goal rate of a CSU. Key efforts include the CSU Treatment Team, the case management/life skills program and the inter-agency Attendance Review Panel. In FY18, 96% of diversion cases were closed successfully.

Probation

All Probation Officers have been trained in the evidence-based Effective Practices in Community Supervision. In the last reporting period, 73% of youth successfully completed probation supervision successfully. An intentional focus on best-practice methods such as the use of incentives/sanctions has aided youth achievement.