

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

MEETING NOTES
November 5, 2009

Attendance

Council Members

Councilwoman Alicia Hughes
Councilwoman Redella Pepper

Goal 7 Staff

Debra Collins, Assistant City Manager
Tom Gates, Assistant City Manager

Staff Presenters

Alisa Carrel, Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities
Rose Dawson, Alexandria Library
Ron Frazier, Department of Human Services
Michael Gilmore, Community Services Board
Lance Mallamo, Office of Historic Alexandria
Helen McIlvaine, Office of Housing

Citizens

Patricia Miller, Commission for the Arts

Objectives

Councilwoman Redella Pepper and Councilwoman Alicia Hughes stated that the purpose of the meeting was to draft three strategic objectives for Goal 7 based on the comments from the previous meeting with staff on October 16 and the Community Meeting on October 28, 2009. After some discussion, the Council Members, with input from the staff in attendance, developed the following draft strategic objectives:

1. Promote affordable housing for all residents, especially those most in need.
2. Promote full access to lifelong opportunities including arts, libraries, historical and cultural resources and services.
3. Provide preventive and social services to those most in need.

Using the first objective as an example, the meeting participants tested it by developing strategic actions to how it would work for the charrette at the Community Meeting on December 3. The actions were only proposed as examples.

Next Steps

The Council Members requested that staff post the working objectives on the City's website for review and comment prior to the Community Meeting on December 3, 2009. They further requested that the meeting notification ask participants to come prepared by reviewing the Goal 7 objectives and the background materials posted on the website.