Goal 4: “Alexandria is a Community with Public Schools Amongst Northern Virginia’s Best and Where Our Recreational Programs Provide Youth the Opportunity to Succeed.”

Meeting Purpose: To bring members of youth serving boards, commissions, and the public together to participate in a structured public input exercise regarding Goal #4 of the City Council strategic plan.

Meeting Owners: Councilwoman Alicia R. Hughes and Councilman Rob Krupicka

Facilitator: Jim Spengler, Director, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

Attendees: City resident members of boards and commissions, and the general public.

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (light refreshments will be served)

Place: Charles Houston Recreation Center – multi-purpose meeting room

Meeting Format: This meeting will use a structured public input process to gain meaningful information on objectives, initiatives, and performance measures regarding Goal #4. Structured public input is a method to generate ideas in a limited time frame from a large group of participants. All ideas are valued and accepted without criticism or comment from other participants. The group tries to build off earlier ideas presented to generate additional thoughts. The exercise needs to move quickly without interruption to maximize the value of time allotted to planning. There will be one round of idea generation followed by a round of voting. Each member of the audience will be asked to state an objective, major initiative, and performance measure related to Goal #4. People can present multiple ideas during the evening. The thoughts will be captured on cards that will be posted in the front of the room. One card will show the objective, another the initiative, and the last card the performance measure. At the end of the idea generation round each participant will be asked to vote for his or her top three groupings of objectives, initiatives, and measures. Each person will get three votes.

- 7:00 pm – Jim Spengler - Opening and explanation of process (10 minutes)
- 7:10 pm – Councilman Rob Krupicka and Councilwoman Alicia R. Hughes - Introductory Remarks (5 minutes each)
- 7:20 pm – Round of objectives, initiatives and measures generation (1 hour)
- 8:20 pm – Voting
- 8:30 pm – Debriefing from participants – What do these results mean to us?
- 8:45 pm – Closing remarks Councilman Rob Krupicka and Councilwoman Alicia R. Hughes (5 minutes each)
- 8:55 pm – Evaluation and Adjournment