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Thoughts to keep in mind.

1. \$500,000 has already been spent on a feasibility study for the proposed Chinquapin pool.
2. The current Chinquapin pool meets only 20% of the needs of our residents according to the 2012 Aquatics Study. The population of Alexandria has increased 14% between 2010 and 2016.
3. Should consideration be given to demolishing the current Lee Center and constructing a new multi story building that would include a school (new school/swing space), Recreation Department offices, and programs. The current rabbit warren of rooms might not meet today's standards and needs no matter how much renovation takes place.
4. Has consideration given to moving the areas now used by the Fire Department at the Lee Center to either the Potomac Yard fire station or to a different Fire Department location?
5. Has any thought been given to having the Burn Facility and the Firing Range located in close proximity because of possible safety issues? Not close to a school.
6. Is City Hall historic 'enough' to continue pouring money into the facility? It might be wise to consider what all has taken place at the Virginia Theological Seminary after the very historic Chapel was destroyed by fire. The new Chapel meets current day needs and there is still reference to the historic Chapel.
7. I am hoping that the Task Force members will not fall into 'group think' on possible solutions for our City and School facilities.
8. Is there any possibility that all City departments and offices along with all School departments and offices could be located in one large facility? Something similar to the Victory Center on Eisenhower Ave. It seems this might be a practical solution that would benefit employees and residents. Reduces the need for residents to try to locate a particular office or department at locations other than City Hall. Consolidation could possibly reduce cost in housing staff and maintaining facilities.