

Desirable Features On or Near Alexandria's Waterfront – Results of Survey of Alexandria Waterfront Committee, June, 2009

We received 9 surveys from the 15 members of the Committee (60% response rate)
Scoring – Maximum value of any item is 4 (“Extremely desirable”). Maximum value of totaled responses is 36 (4 x 9 responses).

The following desirable features have been identified either in the Waterfront Plan Principles that the Committee adopted in April or in a 2006 Waterfront Committee Brainstorming Session. Since all have been identified as desirable, please indicate the strength of your enthusiasm for each option by rating it as follows:

- 1 – Somewhat Desirable
- 2 - Desirable
- 3 – Very desirable
- 4 – Extremely desirable

Note: Although the following features have been identified as desirable, as noted above, some respondents did not agree and gave “0” ratings to some features listed below.

Water access and views

- 30 Continuous public access along waterfront
- 26 Continuous pedestrian and bike path along waterfront
- 31 Vistas for viewing the water
- 25 Visual sighting down to water/east-west vistas of water

Land Uses

- 22 Water-related activities and organizations
- 27 Open space
- 29 Active and passive recreation
- 28 Nearby restaurants
- 29 Restaurants with outdoor/river views
- 19 Cultural center
- 19 Nearby boutique shops
- 16 Nearby hotel
- 21 Small boutique hotel or B&B
- 7 Offices
- 9 Townhouses
- 25 Unobtrusive parking/not open field parking
- 15 Dog parks
- 12 Fenced dog runs

Historic Preservation

- 30 Historical interpretation
- 26 Maritime activities
- 16 Maritime/historical/archaeology museum
- 18 A tall ship of our own

Environment

- 23 Grass/flowers
- 15 More wildlife
- 26 Restoration of ecosystems
- 21 Preservation of wetlands

Marina

- 22 Expanded marina
- 18 Fuel for boats
- 29 Tall ship visits
- 30 Boat rides/ability to see shore from river
- 26 Kayak/canoe rental
- 29 Water taxi
- 24 Community boating program
- 30 Marina infrastructure

Waterfront Features

- 25 Gathering spaces such as performance amphitheater, covered picnic pavilion, porch-style swings
- 27 Sculpture and public art
- 18 Interactive public art
- 25 Arts presence on waterfront
- 31 Day and evening activities along waterfront
- 26 Waterfront special events
- 24 Public restrooms and emergency call boxes
- 27 Children's play area
- 31 Fountains/splash feature