

**CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 7  
NOTES FROM STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

**October 16, 2009  
City Hall  
Sister Cities Conference Room 1101**

**Attendance**

**Council Members**

Councilwoman Alicia Hughes  
Councilwoman Redella Pepper

**Goal 7 Staff**

Debra Collins, Assistant City Manager  
Tom Gates, Assistant City Manager  
Ron Frazier, Department of Human Services

**Staff Presenters**

Lisa Baker, Office on Women  
Alisa Carrel, Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities  
William Chesley, Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities  
Mildrilyn Davis, Office of Housing  
Michael Gilmore, Community Services Board  
Lance Mallamo, Office of Historic Alexandria  
Jean Niebauer, Human Rights Office  
Linden Renner, Alexandria Library

**Staff**

Eric Keeler, Office of Housing

**Opening**

Councilwoman Redella Pepper opened the meeting with remarks. The City Council has begun the process to update the City's Strategic Plan. The Council Members outlined the process developed for Goal 7. It includes: (1) staff presentations (today's meeting); (2) community meeting using the public hearing format to obtain citizen input (October 28); (3) meeting with key staff to develop proposed strategic objectives (November 5); and (4) citizen community meeting conducted as charrette (December 3).

**Staff Presentations**

The staff members listed above made presentations on current initiatives that address Goal 7, and what they see as the priorities or key issues for the next three years. Staff submitted written summaries of their comments to the Council Members.

**Summary**

After the staff presentations, the Council Members and assigned Goal staff discussed the presentations, and identified three common themes: (1) inform and educate citizens regarding available services; (2) ensure provision of services to underserved populations and in underserved areas, including immigrant services; and (3) ensure the provision of affordable housing for the residents, especially for those who are among the City's very poor.