

**Alexandria Commission on Aging Minutes**  
**May 13, 2021**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Members Present:** Babs Waters, Victoria Almquist, Mary Lee Anderson, Ray Biegun, Asfaha Beyene, William Campbell, Marjorie Conner, Barbara D’Agostino, Barbara Huelat, Michael Kamin, David Kaplan, Michael Kreps; Jim Lindsay, Ellen Nelson, Del Pepper, Michael Schuster, Lois Steele

**Members Excused:** Lynette Foster, Denise Mackie-Smith

**Liaisons Present:** Anne Coyne, St. Martins Senior Center; Margaret Orlando, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Sgt. Ian Torrance, Police Department; Darrell Wesley, Adult Day Services Center

**Staff Members Present:** Terri Lynch, Debbie Ludington, Division of Aging and Adult Services; Emilia Turcios, Workforce Dev. Center; Jacqueline Tucker, Race and Social Equity Officer

**Guests Present:** Jane King, Bob Eiffert and Charles Bailey, COA Housing Committee; Gaynelle Diaz, ARHA; Tom Reiter, PACE; Pat Killeen, PHAC; Linc Cummings, Arlington Commission on Aging

1. **Call to Order.** Ms. Waters called the November meeting of the Commission on Aging (“COA”) to order at 4:00 PM.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** Ms. Waters asked for approval of the minutes of the April 2021 meeting. Ms. Coyne asked for a correction. The minutes, as corrected, were then approved unanimously.
4. **Alexandria Police Department Liaison Report.** Ms. Waters introduced Sgt. Ian Torrance, who joined the COA meeting on behalf of the Alexandria Police Department. Sgt. Torrance. Sgt. Torrance provided an opportunity for Commissioners to ask questions or make comments.
5. **Special Presentation.** Ms. Waters introduced Jacqueline Tucker, Race and Social Equity Officer for the City of Alexandria. Ms. Tucker discussed the role of the Race and Social Equity Officer, including her duties and activities. She then discussed the new strategic planning process that will guide the City’s work for the next five years. Ms. Tucker reviewed data on income, poverty, and housing in the City. Finally, she stated that her goal is to evaluate the City Council’s policies, practices, programs, and budget decisions to move the City toward a sense of equity. Ms. Tucker responded to inquiries from Commissioners related to, among other things, costs of services, training, access to services (*i.e.*, multilingual access), and opportunities for involvement. The Commissioners discussed the data provided by Ms. Tucker. **Materials attached.**

6. **Discussion Items.**

- a. *COVID 19 Update.* Ms. Almquist provided an updated on the number of COVID 19 illnesses and deaths in and efforts to fight the pandemic in Northern Virginia.
- b. *WDC Position.* Ms. Waters reported that the WDC position became full time. Councilmember Pepper reported that she hopes to be serving 350 people now that the City has a full time employee. Ms. Waters introduced Emilia Turcios, who is the current part time employee for the WBC 50 plus program.
- c. *Zoom Protocols.* Ms. Almquist summarized recommendations regarding the use of Zoom for meetings. **Materials previously distributed.**
- d. *Committee to Write Racial and Social Equity Statement.* Ms. Waters explained that the Committee had produced a first draft that will be reviewed by the Executive Committee. The draft will then be approved by the COA.
- e. *Scooter Task Force.* Mr. Biegun provided an update on the last meeting of the task for, which was held on April 22, 2021.
- f. *Election of COA Officers.* Ms. Anderson presented the Nominating Committee's recommendations regarding COA officers. Specifically, the Nominating Committee recommended that (i) Babs Waters serve as Chair, (ii) Barbara D'Agostino serve as Vice Chair, and (iii) Michael Schuster serve as Secretary. Ms. Waters asked whether there are any other nominations from the floor. The COA then voted unanimously to approve the nominations made by the Nominating Committee. **See attached**

7. **Executive Committee Report.** **Materials previously distributed.**

8. **Committee Updates.**

- a. *Economic Development.* Ms. Anderson explained the goals and activities of the Committee. She then requested that Commissioners consider joining the Committee. **Materials previously distributed.**
- b. *Nominating Committee.* **Materials previously distributed.**
- c. *Transportation.* Mr. Biegun reviewed the activities of the Committee, including the Vision Zero Project, Safe Streets, and liaising with the City. He then discussed plans for the future, including developing working relationships with other organizations in the city. He asked Commissioners to consider joining. Ms. King noted that one of the responsibilities of each committee will be to look forward to what goals should be included in the next Age Friendly Community plan.
- d. *Outreach Committee.* Ms. Almquist reviewed the Committee's role and activities. She discussed the challenges posed by the pandemic in communicating with certain

communities in the City. Ms. King stressed the importance of reaching diverse communities, and Mr. Biegun stressed the importance of outreach.

- e. *Transportation*. Materials previously distributed.
- f. *Affordable Housing*. Mr. Schuster reported on the Committee's review of the City's affordable housing policy and the Aspire proposal. He also discussed the importance of refundable credits in alleviating poverty.
- g. *Health/Dementia Friendly Committee*. Ms. Conner reported on upcoming dementia friendly training on May 19, 2021, at 6 pm.
- h. *Bylaws Committee*. Mr. Kreps reported that the Bylaws Committee had produced a draft of updated COA bylaws that can be reviewed by the COA at the next meeting.

9. **Other Issues**

- a. *Committees*. Ms. Waters encouraged Commissioners to join a committee. Ms. Ludington reminded Commissioners that it is a City requirement for Commissioners to join at least one committee.
- b. *Dantzig Memorial*. Ms. Waters provided an update on the status of the effort to create a memorial for former Commissioners Sharon Dantzig.
- c. *DASH*. Mr. Kaplan updated Commissioners on the status of the DASH budget. Commissioners discussed issues related to the elimination and/or reduction of fares. Mr. Kaplan discussed certain changes to the DASH services.
- d. *Older Americans Month*. Ms. Waters reported on Older Americans month and noted that the theme is "communities of strength."

10. **Liaison Reports.**

- a. *Successful Aging*. Ms. Waters relayed information from Ms. Orlando regarding upcoming activities.
- b. *Alexandria Adult Day Services*. Mr. Wesley acknowledged staff for certain activities in support of first responders and essential workers.
- c. *Housing Affordability Advisory Committee*. Materials included.
- d. *Division of Aging and Adult Services*. Ms. Waters reported on presentations by Ms. Lynch and Ms. Anderson at a regional forum.
- e. *Human Rights Commission*. Materials previously distributed.
- f. *AHA*. Mr. Eiffert reported on recent fundraising efforts during Spring2Action.


- g. *Commission for Women*. Ms. Waters stated that there would be an event on sexual assault response on April 13, 2021, at 7 pm.
  - h. *AHA*. Mr. Eiffert reported on certain fundraising activities in connection with Spring2ACTion.
  - i. *AARP*. Ms. King reported that AARP Virginia is conducting Zoom sessions and is reviewing its meeting policy in light of the CDC guidance.
  - j. *St. Martins Senior Center*. Materials previously distributed.
  - k. *Senior Center @ Charles Houston*. Materials previously distributed.
  - l. *Senior Services*. Ms. Anderson encouraged Commissioners to attend a fundraiser on June 19, 2021.
11. **Guests**. Ms. Waters provided an opportunity for guests to make comments.
12. **Meeting Adjournment**. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Minutes will be presented at the June 10, 2021 meeting for approval.

*Minutes prepared by Michael Kreps, COA Secretary.*

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Committing  
to Race and  
Social Equity



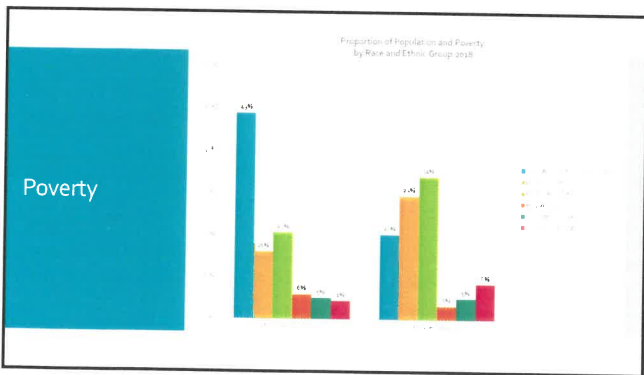
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Alexandria Equity  
Vision

In 2022, Alexandria is a caring,  
kind, compassionate, fair, just,  
and equitable City that supports  
affordable, livable, *community*  
for all.



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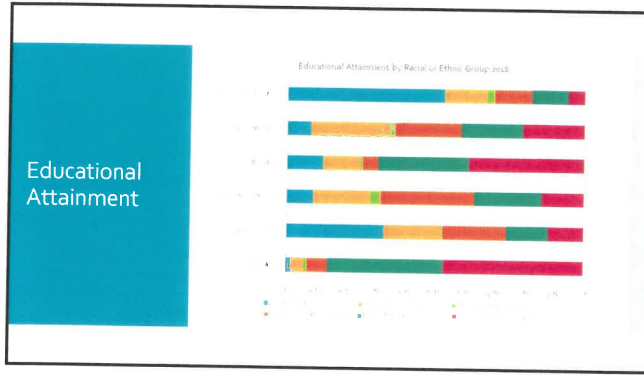
Population and Poverty  
by Racial or Ethnic Group

	White Alone	Hispanic or Latino	Black or African American	Asian Alone	Two or More Races	Some Other Race Alone
Percent of Total Population	49%	16%	20%	6%	5%	4%
Median Household Income	\$ 322,402	\$ 66,632	\$ 59,821	\$ 104,043	\$ 86,538	\$ 52,476
Percent of Poverty Made up by Racial Group	20%	29%	34%	3%	5%	8%

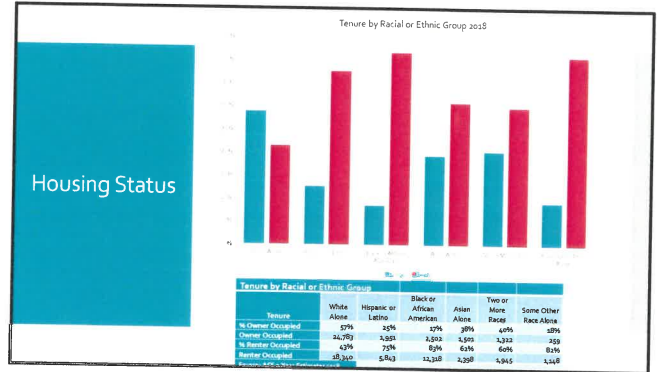
Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates  
2018

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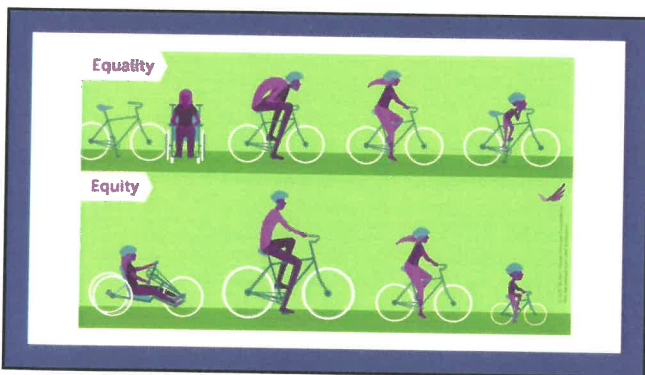
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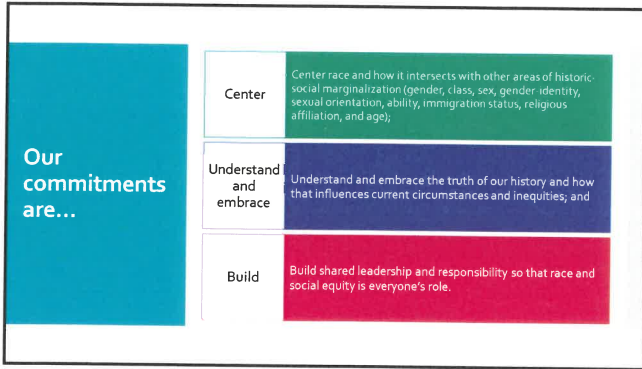


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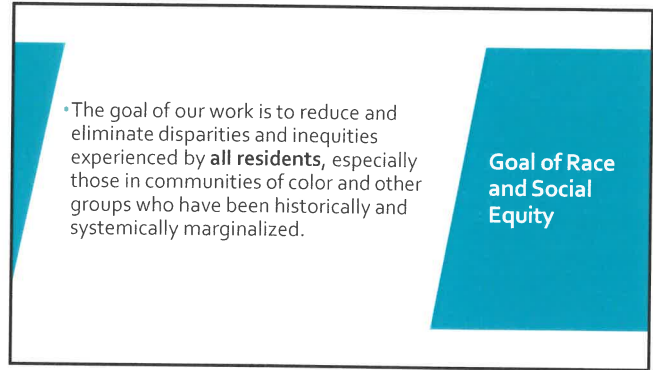
### Pillars of Race and Social Equity

- Shared Humanity
- Center race in intersectional approach
- Anti-racist
- *Multi-racial, anti-racist, intersectional community*

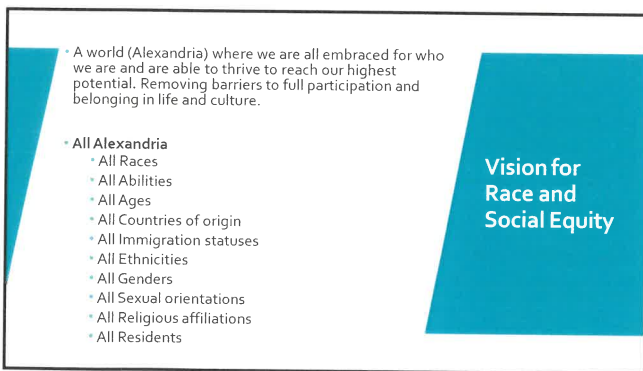
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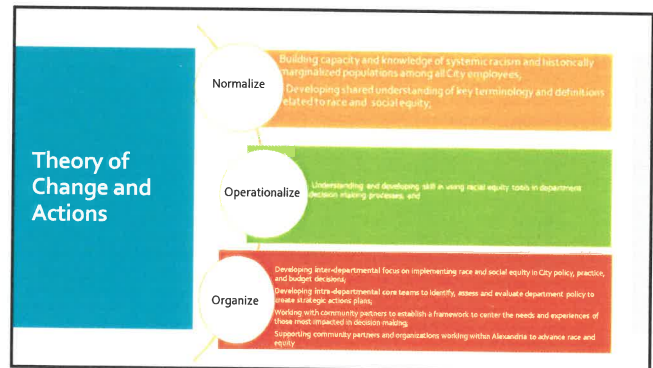
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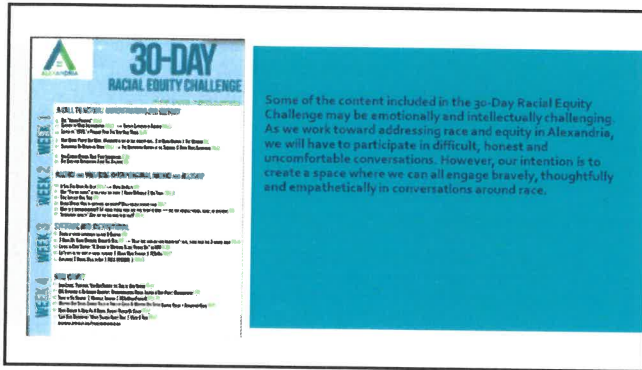
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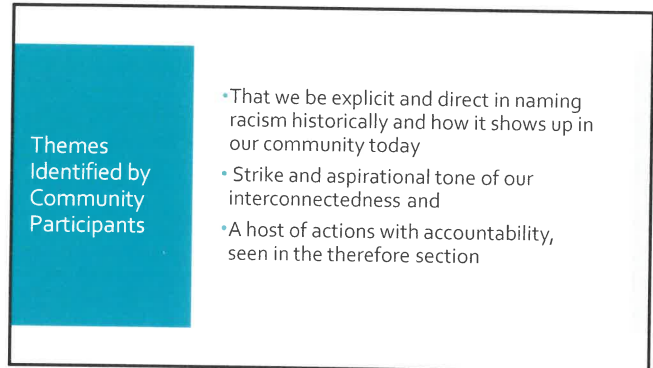


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Some of the content included in the 30-Day Racial Equity Challenge may be emotionally and intellectually challenging. As we work toward addressing race and equity in Alexandria, we will have to participate in difficult, honest and uncomfortable conversations. However, our intention is to create a space where we can all engage bravely, thoughtfully and empathetically in conversations around race.

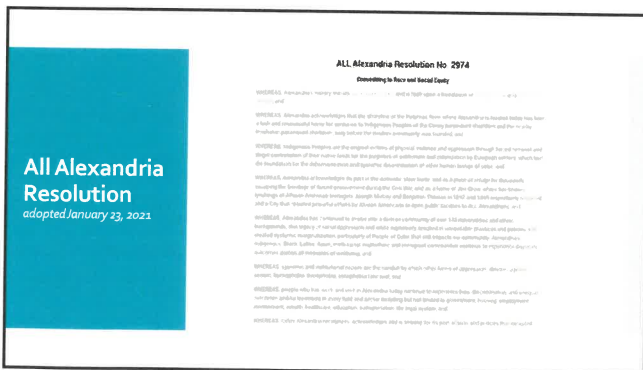
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### Themes Identified by Community Participants

- That we be explicit and direct in naming racism historically and how it shows up in our community today
- Strike an aspirational tone of our interconnectedness and
- A host of actions with accountability, seen in the therefore section

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### All Alexandria Resolution adopted January 23, 2021

**ALL ALEXANDRIA RESOLUTION NO. 2974**  
**Overcoming Bias and Racial Equity**

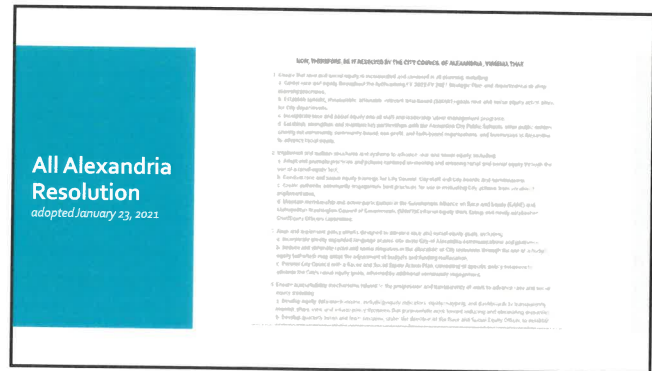
**RESOLUTION 1.** Whereas the history of bias and racial equity in Alexandria, Virginia, is a complex and multifaceted issue that has shaped the city's development and identity, and whereas the City of Alexandria is committed to creating a more equitable and inclusive community, it is the policy of the City to support and encourage the development of a more equitable and inclusive community through the following actions:

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Priorities

- Expanded Language Access
- Budget Equity Tool
- Equity in staff performance evaluations
- All Staff Training
- Community Engagement

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Questions



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Commission on Aging Nominating Committee – 4/30/21

Held via Zoom

Attendees: David Kaplan, Mary Lee Anderson, and Ray Biegun

Also Present: Terri Lynch

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm.

Committee members discussed notifications that were made to prospective nominees and finalized the slate of officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

David Kaplan

Chair

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Commission on Aging  
**FROM:** Bill Harris, Liaison to the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee  
**DATE:** May 6, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee Report

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic today's AHAAC meeting was held with ZOOM.

1. Chairwoman Michelle Krocker opened the meeting promptly at 6:30 PM.

2. Landmark Mall CDD Affordable Housing Plan

This presentation was number five of six to the public. Affordable housing will be provided for owners and renters. Units will be available to owners with 30% to 80% ami. Units for renters will be available to those with incomes of up to 60% of AMI. The project will be a catalyst for Alexandria West End and a gathering place for all. This 52 acre, 4 million square foot development will have rental housing and housing for sale. It will include housing for Independent Living seniors as well as those needing assisted living.

The developer will establish a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation to construct a \$13.8 million project using LIHTC funding. The aspirational goal is to have 10% be affordable. The project will be built above and beside the fire station. It will have 200 units of market rate AL and IL housing. 2% of the units will qualify for auxiliary Grant units.

I asked for 4% and was reminded the city had established 2% as the required minimum for AG units. Carter Fleming spoke on behalf of the need for affordable assisted living and said it was past time for the city to give stronger support to providing it. Jon Frederick also spoke strongly supporting the need and announced that Chesterbrook Residences was a sound financial example of how it could be provided. Eric Keeler, of the staff, stated the matter was being discussed by the office of housing staff.

The committee approved the plan.

#3 Alexa Powell presented an overview of Co-Living in Alexandria.

The idea of Co-Living is that non-related adults can share housing. Each adult would have a private bedroom with a bath or with a shared bath. The maximum number of adults allowed in a project would be six. The matter was presented for information only.

#5 AHDC Update on it's Arlandria Project and Consideration of Second City Predevelopment Loan -- Jon Frederick presenter.

This project being developed by AHDC is on the old Safeway site at West Glebe and Mount Vernon, along with three additional sites. The project will ultimately have 460 to 480 units, with 38,000 ft of non-residential space. The committee unanimously approved staff's recommendation for an additional loan.

#6. A report on Public hearing on FY22-26 Consolidated Plan and FY22 action plan was made by Kim Cadena of the staff.

The plan deals primarily with preventing and ending homelessness. Elderly housing is not mentioned because funding for it in this program is not available.

Miscellaneous announcements ended the meeting.

For any questions I can be reached at [wpharris@comcast.net](mailto:wpharris@comcast.net) or 703-684-6432