What's Next Alexandria Online Principles Poll January 4-14, 2013
Suggested ideas for Principles/Describing Statements provided by respondents

Accessible and informed participation	
Those affected most by civic projects should be identified early.	Stakeholders need to be given informed options to research and protect their interests
Metrics should be submitted with all city projects and private de	Cost benefits should accompany all proposals
Econometric data should be provided for city departments	What does the department cost and what benefits does it provide

Civility	
Acceptance of Decisions	If all of the above plays out, once City Council has voted, no one should be allowed to sue in court or obstruct the decision in naby way.
Honesty	Telling the truth
"Civility" & "Inclusiveness and Equity"	think these principles should be actively pursued. I think all discussions should be moderated to allow
Practical	talk may be needed when the private, petty needs of a vocal few conflict with real, lasting solutions.
Do the best you can and then move forward.	included. As long as everyone has tried to follow the rules this person can't be allowed to stop a decision

Early Involvement	
Funding for civic projects should be identified early in process.	Funding discussion needs to be a part of the debate for public projects.
Budget	Be mindful of the budget when goals are e1pressed so that they do not e1ceed the budget for the issue.
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Inclusiveness and Equity	
Respect for the working class	Quit driving out the poor and working class by selling off the land to developers who tear down low-income housing and put in 10% set-aside for the people they drove out.
Points of view	change their point of view after dialog and discussion. Participants should not come to the table with
Inclusion of all stakeholders	Business owners often feel that planning efforts are guded by and tailored to residents, but business owners are also stakeholders and need to be active participants in the process.
Input Consolidation	In addition to considering the views of indivduals, a special effort should be to solicit and listen to the views of area associations. Associations such as the Seminary Hill and Seminary Valley .
Meaningful Engagement	
A Commitment towards Moving Forward	Too often, NIMBYism takes over attempts at being involved. All participants, whether members of the government or citizens need to be committed to the fact that things will change
Mutual Accountability	
Stewardship	foreseaable lifespan, and that the benfits, burdens and nature of each will change during that span.
Stewardship pt.2	We should take decisions that acknowledge our silent partnership with the second and third generations out that precede and follow.
Substantive technical content	Focus on process may lead to a consensus and not the solution to the problem. Process is fine but substance will insure that the process leads to correct technical solutions
Ethics	Decision makers and others of influence should represent themselves with honor and integrity with full disclosure of conflicts of interest (especially financial) to foster trust.
Simple Choices	All big new things are complicated, but the public should be presented with a simple story for each decision such as - green space vs less commerical ta1 revenue.
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We Create the Future	The future is not something we inherit -- it is something we create. We cannot rely on past success to insure future success, and we cannot take the future for granted. Successful

	communitieis don't just happen: they are built by dedication and hard work. Members of a community recognize a mutual interdependence; a reciprocal stake in each other.
Finality	There should be an end point after which decisions are made and the focus turns to e1ecution and less on re-litigating
Lessons Learned	how the project was handled and identification of any issues which may be mitigated for future project
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Set measurable goals and milestones	Set measurable goals, and set timely milestones where progress toward goals is assessed. If progress tmeasuredoward goals is not being met, reassess and change strategies.
Measure Success/Refine Process	Measurement systems will be established for each principle to determine success, allow for targeting of areas for process improvement, & for personnel performance assessment. For each project, measures will quantify citizen feedback via surveys - stratified by demographics e.g. age, economic status, geographic sector, resident vs. business, renter vs. owner.

Sustained Cooperation	
Partnership between community and City staff	Instead of the current distrust and lack of respect.
Collaboration	E1ample: Citizens working with staff prepare meeting agenda. Agenda should focus on measurable goals. Often meetings devolve into a public briefing by staff.
Big Picture	Discussions should be guided by an overarching vision for Ale1andria, integrating the many separate plans for neighborhoods and sectors within the city--not just consider issues in isolation.

Transparency	
City government employees and leaders should be honest brokers.	Individuals in city government or leadership positions with personal agendas or ties to certain issues should recuse themselves from involvement in those issues.
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Record Keeping	Each idea should be recorded in a public database and available online including the decision to pursue and reasons why or why not to prevent serial "ideas"

OTHER:	
Meeting Agendas	amount of time that will be devoted to each item. The objective for each item should be clearly defi
History Driven Educational Tourism (HDET)	Utilize the rich history of Ale1andria in a more effective, accessible way for tourists and even locals
I don't understand what the goal and point of this is.	
stop pitting neighborhoods against neighborhoods.an Ale1. process	This is Ale1.'s MO - if citizens from various neighborhoods don't agree with city staff/boards/commission members, they are labeled as "negative and always against" everything.
City Council members need to quit being hypocrites about the abov	You talk a good game as you sell off Arlandia, Beauregard, and Potomac Yard. We wouldn't need to raise more money for city services if we didn't cater to developers
appropriate participation but - people disagree and you can't	force them to be empathetic. Further, lets focus on those that are there, not seeking to bring in opinin of people unwilling to invest time to participate.
This process is going no-where as evidenced by 2 additional items	Mayor/council statements at installation for 2013 clearly indicate there will be no changes in the way Ale1. does business and will do what they want and not what citizens want.
the first session was a waste of time since no citizen participat	
Stop this madness now.	Its not going anywhere since city hall/city staff/developers will continue to run the show without citizen input.
none that I can think of	
No	