



Neighborhoods

When we value all of Alexandria's neighborhoods, we reach our full potential.

The Opportunity

Alexandria is blessed with an abundance of distinctive neighborhoods. Each has been affected by COVID-19. From flooding to housing, neighborhoods are dealing with a variety of issues. The best ways to make policy are to meet people where they are, and to listen to their good ideas. We need to make it easier for community members to share their diverse views, and to be part of solutions that impact their lives. That means we need more than one way for people to participate in public decision-making.

Goals:

- Celebrate, connect, and invest in our neighborhoods
- Expand opportunities for participation and co-decision making by individual residents and Civic Associations, including virtual engagements and methods that bring meetings to neighborhoods and to the people
- Create feedback loops that allow community members to see how their feedback is incorporated
- Facilitate a transparent process that helps community members understand how decisions were made
- Promote cultural inclusion and diversity

Let's Work Together

- How might we create opportunities to learn from people in all our neighborhoods to better understand their day-to-day challenges and concerns?
- How do we promote participation equity in the City's decision-making processes?
- How can we hold ourselves accountable to equitable processes and outcomes? How can we measure and track the impact of our neighborhood engagement efforts?
- Given the impacts of COVID, how can the lessons from this make the City more resilient?

Alyia's Approach

Alyia is committed to advancing equitable results. Alyia knows that the people who are affected by a problem are most likely to know what's needed to fix it. She is prepared to reach out, ask questions, hear all perspectives, and review the data. She will work with the community to marshal our collective imagination to figure out next steps and implement a plan.