

Worksession

Agenda Item #	4
Meeting Date	October 13, 2008
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Approved By	

Discussion Item	Refinement and Closure on Discussion of Council Priorities
Background	<p>The Council has held a series of discussions to develop its priorities. On July 7, 2008, the Council agreed on three policy areas as focal points. As presently defined, these areas are:</p> <p><u>Sustainability</u> – Work in partnership with City residents, community organizations, non-profits, the business community, and other governmental agencies to ensure a Takoma Park that is financially, environmentally, and commercially sustainable for the City and its residents.</p> <p><u>Livable Community</u> – Work in partnership with City residents, community organizations, non-profits, the business community, and other governmental agencies to build a City that is more livable: vibrant, healthy, and safe, with convenient transportation for all of its residents.</p> <p><u>Engaged, Responsive, and Service-Oriented Government</u> – Ensure the delivery of high quality City services by engaging City residents, community organizations, non-profits, the business community, and other governmental agencies to understand the community's needs; being responsive to those needs; and measuring how we are doing at meeting those needs.</p> <p>The October 13 worksession will provide an opportunity for the Council to discuss these three policy areas and how to further refine them into an actionable strategic plan.</p>
Policy	The City Council is the policymaking making body for the City of Takoma Park and establishes organizational priorities through direction given to the City Manager.
Fiscal Impact	None—Discussion Only
Attachments	None
Recommendation	Staff recommends that the Council discuss in more detail the three policy areas which have been agreed upon as priorities and provide direction to staff relative to desired projects/initiatives.
Special Consideration	