

## **TAG Executive Summary**

The Rockville Citizens Mayoral Transition Advisory Group (TAG) was asked to identify the important problems facing the City, recommend solutions and lay out implementation guidelines to achieve desired results. The TAG was also asked to identify how the possible solutions would impact the City budget, and how any additional costs could be offset.

The TAG performed its work from January 2008 to March 2008. This report contains the recommendations of the TAG for the following six key issues facing the City, along with possible solutions, timeline implementation, and ramifications to the City budget. The TAG considers these key problems to be of equal importance and assigns no priority to the particular order in which they are presented.

- Improve accessibility to parks and recreational facilities, and promote Rockville as a green city.
- Improve modes of public transportation and traffic flow patterns to relieve congestion and make the city more pedestrian friendly.
- Expand affordable housing and maintain the diversity of housing types for all income levels
- Increase and accelerate the promotion of city unity, common interests, and identity
- Improve and enhance relationships with and among city, county and state government agencies
- Enhance communications with citizens by improving existing and utilizing innovative communication mechanisms.

In some cases, the same or similar solution is proposed under more than one issue. This is because the issues are somewhat overlapping, and potential solutions could address more than a single issue. In addition to these six key issues, the "Additional Recommendations" section of the report includes suggestions for several important issues that were developed by individual members or subgroups of the TAG. Time constraints prevented the entire TAG from giving these the same attention as the six key issues. However, we urge the Mayor and Council to give consideration to these recommendations.

The TAG began by considering over 72 issues and then narrowed the scope to the list in this report. The initial list is included in the Appendix at the end of this report.

The TAG understands that these are recommendations. How they are addressed will be decided by the Mayor and Council.