

MEETING RECAP & ACTION ITEMS

Steering Committee Meeting #5

Thursday, August 25, 2016, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

at West Haven City Hall, 3rd Floor Conf. Rm., 355 Main Street

Key Decisions:

- ✓ **Revisions.** RBA will revise the POCD language presented to the Steering Committee in accordance with discussion points made during the discussion at the meeting.
- ✓ **City Strategies Workshop** will be held on Thursday, September 29 at the Savin Rock Conference Center (not September 22).

Key Action Items:

- Provide MS Word Versions for Steering Committee Review.** This will help facilitate review/editing, etc. I will post these on the PAP as they are ready. There will be separate documents for each section or parts of sections, according to the Table of Contents.
- Detailed Schedule to Completion.** RBA will work on filling in the blanks and providing specific detail on Assignments for the Steering Committee, such as when to expect a draft of a section, deadline for submission of review/comments.

Topics/Points Raised:

- ➔ **Photos in the Document.** Consider that we might need to get permission to use images of people in the report, such as those from the Savin Rock Festival “Big Idea Booth.”
 - Also be careful not to use photos with children unless we are specifically given permission.
 - For the UNH students picture, look for one in which students are involved in a neighborhood cleanup event.
- ➔ **Shoreline Fact Check.** Check on the shoreline length and whether it is indeed the longest publicly-accessible shoreline in the state.
- ➔ **West Haven’s Many Different “Identities.”**
 - First, include mention of the beach in the opening paragraph.
 - Also, in the next part, mention the “beach town” paragraph first.

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- Allingtown also is not just a suburb and actually a lot of the different parts of town include a mix of various ages of housing, etc.
- West Haven is known also as “the biggest small town.”
- ➔ **The Challenge.** Rework this section.
 - Include Allingtown.
 - Certain things are “stuck,” but other things are not really “stuck,” so broaden the characterization.
- ➔ **The Approach.**
 - Need to include how strategies should help preserve certain aspects and qualities of New Haven.
 - Include conservation of land along the shoreline as an important theme or principal with regards to coastal resilience and flooding.
 - Include more specific language about how institutions and developers who want to invest in West Haven can turn to the POCD and be able to see how its investment can be tied in with West Haven’s goals for conservation, revitalization, physical improvements, etc.
- ➔ **Other Suggestions.**
 - Mention Jersey Shore instead of New Jersey.
 - Youth sports programs and high school sports, not just the Blue Devils, are all supported by “Westies.”
 - In the prose about Route 1, remove the comparison to Orange. West Haven has certain physical constraints that are different from Route 1 in Orange. Maybe compare to Saw Mill Road.