

**New Haven Comprehensive Plan 2035
Steering Committee Meeting #3**

Agenda

Tuesday, October 25, 2:00-3:30 PM

Online Via Teams- Connection Information below

1. Welcome and Introductions

Steering Committee members present:

Wildaliz, Laura, Anne, Jacob, Fatima, Esther, Donna, Brooke, Mark, Gretchen, Jasmine, Arlevia, Joshua, Dawn, Kevin

2. Review Mission Statement

The Plan is the people of New Haven's tool to create a promising shared future. The Plan will focus on the needs of the whole community and honoring voices and experiences, particularly of those who have been historically minoritized. The process of developing The Plan will be community-driven, representative, collaborative, and transparent. In the face of upcoming uncertainties, The Plan's concrete and actionable goals will serve as benchmarks for addressing systemic inequities and opening greater opportunities for all.

Comments:

Make the People first instead of the Plan. "The People of New Haven will use the Plan as a tool to create a promising shared future, focusing on the needs..."

Historically minoritized—not a familiar phrase. Alternate: "undervalued and excluded from facets of community life"

Wildaliz, Brooke, support the statement and support Gretchen's revisions.

3. RFQ Discussion /Selection Committee

Comments requested by end of week.

Comments shared by Laura:

- Plan should address "critical issues" for the City.
- Plan should address "core planning functions" such as affordable housing and urban and coastal resilience (Mark supports this re affordable housing)

Mark-Affordable Housing Taskforce plan for NH a better fit than the Regional Plan—that plan should be the starting point for the affordable housing piece of the Comp Plan. LCI will be presenting a five-year plan for affordable housing to the State that is based on Affordable

Housing Taskforce plan. LCI has meeting scheduled with Affordable Housing Commission—deciding between SCROG and ADT plans.

Whatever ends up being adopted should be integrated with Comp Plan.

Importance of integrating accessibility in Comp Plan and Affordable Housing Plan—going beyond minimum requirements.

Wildaliz-Should housing planning be included in required experience?

Anne-is that too specific for RFQ? Would this experience be explored in interview stage?

Jacob-If Urban Resilience is one of the required experience areas, housing should be included as well.

Anne reviewed the selection process and asked for feedback on the selection criteria and weights

Esther-equity-based instead of equity-led in engagement RFQ?

4. Discuss framework of Discovery Phase

Jacob presented the proposed selection committee representation

Gretchen said that the representative of GARE should also have a disability focus, or somebody on the committee needs to capture that focus

Could “Community Resiliency” be more explicit about the person representing physical resilience/environmental considerations?

Wildaliz-Representation of the Arts/Culture could be important

Same Selection Committee for both RFQs?

Yes because proposals may be cooperative or separate or one firm applying for both etc

Also we need to envision how teams would work together

5. Next steps – Involvement in Discovery Phase

Jacon presented a Discover Phase Preview that included a consultant scope and “critical paths” for engagement.

Gretchen what does “compile plans and build databook” include?

Data Haven will be supporting on this

Would existing plans be modified based on new feedback/information?

Not necessarily, but necessary modifications could be addressed in the Comp Plan

No comments on additional “critical paths” that should be considered

Esther-I don't know what this list of paths is for but it does not include a lot of really good content from the first steering committee meeting that could be considered a critical path.

Jacob presented what Discovery Phase Involvement could look like for the Steering Committee

Gretchen-how we keep people informed so they can engage when they are interested?

Dept Directors and Assistant Directors could loop in their staff and encourage them to join cocreation teams.

Laura brought up the Hubsite that will be coming for the Comp Plan. Also, Bridgeport let early engagement define the topics of the cocreation teams, created more interdisciplinary topic areas.