

Town of Red Hook Comprehensive Plan - Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2025 7:30-9:00pm
Red Hook Town Hall

In Attendance

Committee: Laurie Husted, Dennis Kanuk, Chuck Mead, Hart Migdal, Sam Phelan, Tricia Reed, Julia Solomon (Chair), Doug Strawinski

Liaisons: Christine Kane (Liaison, Red Hook Town Board), Melkorka Kjarval (Liaison, Village of Red Hook)

Guests: Eric Pierson (Pattern for Progress), Tiffany Zezula (Pace Land Use Law Center)

Regrets

Jennifer Mañon, Ben Shute, Taun Toay (Liaison, Bard College)

Minutes

Minutes from the July 22nd meeting were approved.

Committee Updates

Agatha Bacelar has moved out of state and resigned from the Steering Committee. The committee does not have immediate plans to fill this vacancy.

Tricia Reed was approved as the Chair of the Community Engagement Subcommittee.

Discussion – Upcoming Community Engagement

Information generated during community engagement activities will be collected and analyzed by Pattern for Progress and will be shared with the Steering Committee periodically throughout the planning process.

Workshop #1 – Visioning Workshop

The committee discussed goals, format and venue for this activity, which will be held in October. It is intended to provide some basic information about the comprehensive planning process and listen to community ideas for the future of Red Hook. This workshop will focus broadly on vision, with future workshops focusing on goals and strategies. A digital survey mirroring the format of the workshop will be released after the workshop.

Kitchen Table Conversations

Pattern for Progress is working on developing a kit for potential Kitchen Table Conversation hosts. This will be distributed to the committee when ready. The purpose of these conversations is to provide a casual and accessible setting for conversation, which may make it possible to engage residents who will

not come to other engagement events. The importance of submitting information from the Kitchen Table Conversations back to Pattern for Progress was discussed, as was the process for training potential hosts who are not members of the Steering Committee or Community Engagement Subcommittee.

Other Community Engagement & Outreach

- Red Hook High School is interested in hosting a workshop for its students.
- A newsletter is in development and will be ready in time to promote the workshop.
- Additional outreach/communications will be needed to spread the word about the workshop.
- Hardscrabble Day is September 20th. The comprehensive plan will have a booth.
- The Community Engagement Subcommittee will begin to get organized, preferably in time to support Hardscrabble Day and/or the workshop.

Next Steps

Next meeting: September 23rd, 7:30-9:00pm

The September meeting will focus on ongoing and upcoming community engagement with particular focus on the visioning workshop.