

11-13-14 Whitneyville Civic Association Meeting

- No more condos
- Make town economically self-sustaining using a variety of mechanisms other than taxes, i.e., fee for service, generating electricity and selling it back to power company or citizens
- Underground utilities. Have individual property owners purchase a fiber connection for their property much like sewer, gas and other utility connections are arranged.
- Town-wide Wi-Fi
- Create bike paths along Whitney Avenue
- Create street designs that allow pedestrians, bicycles, automobiles and mass transit to co-mingle within the right-of-way
- Dedicate a lane on Whitney Avenue to busses and/or other mass transit
- Allow boat, bike and pedestrian access around the reservoir
- Allow access to Lake Whitney!!!
- Rehab older buildings in town so that we use what we have and limit what has to be built new
- Improve maintenance of town buildings (especially the Whitneyville Branch Library)
- Create congregate housing that connects existing houses (beware of allowing student housing in such clusters)
- Involve underemployed youth in job training / mentorship / building maintenance
- Design parks, streets and buildings for all ages and abilities (see Home Haven, aka East Rock Village)
- Create a seniors helping seniors program to develop a list of available services, recommended businesses that do repairs, yard work, etc.
- Build a tea house on the lake
- Fill vacant storefronts and business areas
- Attract more businesses to Hamden
- Build / finish / connect sidewalks on Mather and Treadwell
- Implement traffic calming ideas from study done in 2012-ish
- Improve mass transit – types, schedules, safety and comfort, routes
- Solicit an Asian grocer for some of the space at Putnam Place
- Trader Joe's!!!
- Close Eli Street to traffic and make it part of the park
- Add street trees to Whitney Avenue
- Add trees to park at Eli / Whitney / Davis
- Add bus shelter to bus stop at park
- Add bocce court to park
- Add diversity to activities at Senior Center
 - Book clubs
 - Interaction with schools
 - Get middle and high school kids to shovel snow on sidewalks and rake yards of seniors
- Create variety of housing options by age, ability, income, etc.
- Make Board of Ed a community center
- Institute Community Policing with “beat cops”
- Paint the Whitneyville Branch Library
- More street trees
- Conduct workshops on environmentally friendly ways to landscape a yard

- Give landscaping rights to a local university like the Yale Forestry School to allow experimental and/or model landscaping
- Improve access to New Haven via mass transit
- Use existing parking lot on Whitney for economic development and find alternate location for commuter parking nearby
- Designate parking spaces around town as Zip Car spaces
- Investigate redesign of center of Whitney Avenue to allow on-street parking