

## **Voices for Bristol's Future Priority Themes**

### **Education**

#### **Obstacles**

1. Bureaucracy stifles creativity
2. One-size-fits-all mentality
3. Fund allocation not focused on positive outcomes

#### **Short-term Actions**

1. Website interactive, up to date, collaborative; student, teacher, community including the newspaper and other media
2. Fact sheet regarding how to get on the school committee agenda with issues
3. Exit interviews for dropouts and students in the GED program

#### **Long-term Actions**

1. More alternative education approaches (individual learning styles)
2. Develop relationship/partnership with all state universities
3. Encourage/improve parental involvement through Adult programs

### **Environment/Green**

#### **Obstacles**

1. Rapid growth/numerous variances
2. No financial incentive to develop "green"
3. Lack of education

#### **Short-term Actions**

1. Form conservation board w/ members of various environmental groups to establish and delegate environmental duties (advisory panel)
2. Form an alliance with other groups in other towns
3. Resolution in support of Kyoto Treaty to inspire

#### **Long-term Actions**

1. Update sewer treatment plans
2. School Committee should endorse/implement an environmental awareness part of the curriculum
3. Expansion of recycling program is a MUST

### **Economic Development**

#### **Obstacles**

1. Inconsistency" between Downtown and Metacom Avenue
2. No Economic Director or creative plan for waterfront of downtown development
3. Lack of effective transportation in and out of town.

#### **Short-term Actions**

1. Attend Town Board and Committee meetings to learn and make presence known
2. Survey availability and affordability of space for business

3. Establish a subcommittee to re-evaluate our Zoning regulations

### **Long-term Actions**

1. Develop a strategic plan (10 years) with measurable goals/objectives for implementation
2. Hire an Economic Development Director (or establish a committee)
3. Create/Offer better tax incentives to attract business

## **Waterfront**

### **Obstacles**

1. Funding to make this happen
2. Mooring analysis & determination to maximize full potential
3. No comprehensive watershed plan

### **Short-term Actions**

1. Proposal regarding the purchase of Robin Rug
2. Gather information and revisit grants and funding
3. Engage professionals: review other models (harbor commissioner) Jamestown; howto improve processes

### **Long-term Actions**

1. Expand power of harbor commissioner
2. Marina Plan; make public; seek alternates to marina plan
3. Keep people active; keep them motivated

## **Downtown**

### **Obstacles**

1. Lack of coordination of Committees, Leadership, Town Council
2. Lack of funding at all levels
3. Understanding of historic preservation/stewardship

### **Short-term Actions**

1. Increase participation in Downtown Advocacy groups
2. Support Downtown Condo development
3. Create “layman” term brochure on standards, requirements for planning and zoning, etc.

### **Long-term Actions**

1. Invest in infrastructure – sidewalks, lighting, parking
2. Reinitiate downtown school rehabilitation
3. Seek federal and state grants.

## **Recreation**

### **Obstacles**

1. Lack of Mobilization
2. Lack of Space/Buildings
3. Lack of priority placed on recreation

### **Short-term Actions**

1. Spread awareness of the need for a recreation/arts center
2. Form a committee... plan the work... work the plan

3. Publish monthly flyer that details events and opportunities

**Long-term Actions**

1. Create liaison position from art/recreation community who reports to/dialogues with Town Council and Community Government
2. Survey young people to determine areas of interest before developing events/programs
3. Communicate the plan and sustain interest