

Westport Youth Commission  
Town Improvements Advocacy Group  
Skatepark Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2021

- I. Welcome guests, Noah Salpeter and Freddie Aldridge (frequent users of the Compo Skatepark) and do introductions.
  - a. Youth Commission was involved early on with the creation of the park
  - b. Need to understand the current use/conditions and wishes from the perspective of users
    - i. WYC does not have many member skaters
  - c. Noah and Freddie talk about the unsafe and deteriorating conditions
    - i. Photos shown of some of the equipment with holes, exposed nails, and warped wood
      1. Acknowledgment that the materials may be impacted by the beach conditions more than other types of materials (i.e. concrete might)
    - ii. Valerie and Tucker express concern over safety and liability of the deteriorating conditions
- II. Next Steps
  - a. Kevin will reach out to Parks and Rec to schedule a walk through of the park with WYC committee and skaters to assess the pain points and priority areas
    - i. First step is addressing safety of the current park
  - b. Noah and Freddie will gather supporters of skatepark improvements
  - c. Explore opportunities and needs (fundraising/finance/space) for redo of the park as a secondary goal after safety improvements are made in the interim.