

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS Authorizing the application to the State of Connecticut Department of Housing for 2017 Homeownership Development Project funding not to exceed \$2 million for the redevelopment of 596 and 598 George Street and authorizing acceptance of such grant in said amount or any lesser amount. (Livable City Initiative Executive Director)

REPORT: 1529-14

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

The subject properties are an 1800's brownstone consisting of two units that are separated by a party wall with individual lots and tax assessments. The property is located on the on the southeast corner of George Street and Orchard Street, across the street from the Hospital of St. Raphael. The properties are a contributing resource on the National Register of Historic Places. 596 George Street is a vacant three-family home, while 598 George Street is used as hospital office space. The grant would be used to fund the historic rehabilitation/restoration of the properties into two three-family brownstones and each sold to a homeowner occupant with rental units.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Rehabilitation of these deteriorating buildings for residential use is in line with the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan to increase home ownership rates within the city.

ADVICE

The Commission finds the Order in the best interest of the City and recommends approval.

ADOPTED: April 20, 2017
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director