

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Approving the following downtown road closures on Friday September 15, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm in support of the third annual New Haven Grand Prix: Chapel Street (from Temple St. to High St.) , High Street (from Chapel St. to Elm St.), partial closure of Elm Street (from High St. to Temple St.), and Temple Street (from Elm St. to Chapel St.), and the closure of College Street (from Elm St. to Crown St.) from 12:00 pm on Friday September 15, 2017 to 12:00 am on Saturday September 16, 2017. (Director of Transportation, Traffic, and Parking)

REPORT: 1532-12

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

The New Haven Grand Prix is professional-level cycling event to be held in downtown New Haven. The third annual event will be held on September 17, 2017. The duration of this event will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with three twilight races around the upper green and the old campus of Yale University, including youth, women's, and men's races. A community festival will be held in conjunction with the race entertainment. This will include the New Haven Apizza Feast, Town Green Special Services business market & entertainment, as well as kids' activities from the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Trees and local partner organizations.

This event is about highlighting the bicycling and pedestrian-friendly culture, the fun and vibrant community, and the culture/food that New Haven is known for. All race proceeds help create a community where youth can learn and thrive through the sport of cycling in and out of schools across the state, including New Haven's programs.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Road closures are to take place from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Temple St. (from Elm St. to Chapel St.), on Chapel St. (Temple St. to High St.), on High St. (Chapel St. to Elm St.), and partial closures on Elm St. (High St. to Temple St.) Southbound traffic will be allowed on Elm St. from Broadway to Church St. as not to disrupt the through traffic. The corner of Temple St. and Chapel St. will be open to allow northbound Chapel St. motorists to turn left onto Temple St. On College St., from Elm St. to Crown St., will be the location of the planned community events mentioned above. Road closures for College St. are necessary from 12:00 PM Friday September 15, 2017 to 12:00 AM Saturday September 16, 2017 to allow for set up and break down of the festival.

A petition granting permission to close the aforementioned roads was signed by 25 downtown businesses located on or near the streets to be closed.

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: June 21, 2017
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director