

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS Authorizing the mayor to accept certain renovations and improvements to the New Haven Animal Shelter and a grant and donated services from the Friends of the New Haven Animal Shelter, Inc. for said renovations and improvements funded by both a grant to the Friends of the New Haven Animal Shelter, Inc. from the John T. and Jane A. Wiederhold Foundation in the amount not to exceed \$95,000.00 and additional funding directly from the Friends of the New Haven Animal Shelter, Inc. (Department of Police Services)

REPORT: 1523-06

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

The John T. and Jane A. Wiederhold Foundation has awarded a grant of up to \$95,000 to the Friends of the New Haven Animal Shelter, Inc., a private non-profit organization established to support the New Haven Animal Shelter. This grant will be used to make renovations to the New Haven Animal Shelter facility. The improvements will provide a new, more convenient reception area, a new personnel office, space for a new cat facility, hardware improvements to select doors improving security and facilitating their use, and an enclosure to the visitor's pen. The grant includes a condition that the new cat facility be named after the Wiederhold Foundation, with a plaque recognizing its contribution to be affixed to the interior of the Animal Shelter. Any additional funds required to complete this project will be provided by the Friends of the New Haven Animal Shelter, Inc.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The New Haven Animal Shelter is located within Beaver Pond Park at 81 Fournier Street. This is an existing use on a City-owned parcel that is currently in the Park zone and is envisioned to remain as such in the Comprehensive Plan. As a semi-public use, the animal shelter is allowed by right in the Park zone, and the proposed improvements will enhance the value of the property.

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: October 20, 2016
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvang, AIA
Executive Director