

NEW HAVENCITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING AN EASEMENT AND WAIVER OF COMPENSATION AND APPRAISALS IN FAVOR OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A DRAINAGE OUTLET IN WEST RIVER MEMORIAL PARK

REPORT: 1502-14

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Before the Board is an Order authorizing Mayor Harp to waive the city's right to compensation and appraisals in granting an easement to the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) to relocate a drainage outlet into city-owned property in West River Memorial Park. CTDOT is in the planning stages of repairing the bridge carrying Derby Avenue/Route 34 over West River. Part of the project involves the elimination of the drainage outlet that creates maintenance problems and is in a generally inaccessible location under the bridge. CTDOT is proposing to relocate the drain to an outlet south of the bridge that is in a city-owned land and requires an easement to do so. CTDOT agrees to be responsible for maintenance of said drainage line. The city has a right to receive any and all just compensation for said easement to drain for highway purpose in compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The drainage outlet relocation will provide better drainage for the drainage shed east of West river Memorial Park at no cost to the city. There are no plans for any other developments in the easement area. The detailed plans should be reviewed by the City when available. The West River Watershed Coalition is concerned about alteration to the drainage in the West River and will contact CTDOT directly.

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: February 18, 2015
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST:


Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director