

## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:** CRESCENT STREET, Amend Appropriating Ordinance #4 in the FY2013 Capital Budget for Bowen Field renovations (Superintendent of Schools).

**REPORT:**1472-04

**ADVICE:** Approval

### BACKGROUND

Superintendent of Schools Reginald Mayo has requested an Amendment to Appropriating Ordinance #4 in the Fiscal Year 2013 Capital Budget in an amount of \$3,604,120 as the City's match to a State Department of Education allocation of \$7,995,880 for the renovation of Bowen Field on Crescent Street near Munson Street adjacent to Beaver Pond in Beaver Hills. The Commission has previously recommended approval to the Board (CPC 1469-19, 09/18/12) of a resolution authorizing the Board of Education to apply for a construction grant for this project, and the Board approved the request. In an unusual move the State Legislature approved an appropriation for the project prior to City approval of the grant application.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The complex currently contains a 6 lane track, a football field, a practice field, 2 concrete grandstands, showers and public toilets, all in somewhat deteriorated condition. The funding would be used to replace the current grass athletic field with an artificial turf field, construct a new eight lane track, renovate or replace the grandstands, renovate the gatehouse on Crescent Street, provide for new public restrooms, concession stand, new locker rooms and night lighting. Overall project cost is estimated at \$11.6 million.

Constructed in the 1950s, Bowen Field and associated appurtenances are still heavily used by a wide range of athletic programs for City schools and outside entities. As the scope of the project is ambitious, the project may be split into two phases so that all proposed work can be completed.

The Capital Projects Committee approved the request on November 14, 2012 for the issuance of general obligation bonds and making appropriations for certain school projects in the Five Year Capital Plan.

### ADVICE

The Commission which does not consider the issue of cost believes the renovation of the Bowen Field complex is in the better interest of the City and recommends approval.

**ADOPTED:** December 19, 2012  
Edward Mattison  
Chair

**ATTEST:**   
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA  
Executive Director