# NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:** 189 SHELTON AVENUE, Land Disposition Agreement of Sliver Lot for

Driveway [Nelson].

**REPORT:** 1471-10

**ADVICE:** Approval with Condition

### **PROJECT SUMMARY:**

**Developer:** Mr. Calvin Nelson, Jr.

 Disposition Price:
 \$320.25

 Site:
 1,281 S.F.

 Zone:
 RM-2

**Use:** Additional Land

Financing: Private Subsidy: None

City Lead: Evan Tracthen

**Agency:** Livable City Initiative

**Phone:** 946-8373

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The City acquired this parcel and proposes to sell it to Mr. Calvin Nelson, Jr. who will maintain the parcel in conjunction with his adjoining lots at 185 Shelton and 137-139 Thompson Street. A recent site visit shows the odd-shaped lot bounded by the Farmington Canal Greenway and Thompson Street. The former single story commercial structure has been demolished and only the slab base remains. Staff notes there is ample space for a curb-cut access from Shelton Avenue.

#### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

Mr. Nelson's intent is to create a driveway access that will serve his neighboring properties and to buffer the lot with fencing. A proposed site plan was not submitted. For that reason staff notes this site is in the RM-2 zone where front yard parking (first 17' from Shelton Avenue) is prohibited per Section 29.C. of the New Haven Zoning Ordinance. The triangle shaped street block may compound the matter. To ensure compliance, a detailed site plan showing all proposed parking and driveway access must be submitted to the City Plan Department for review and approval.

Evaluation of the site was based on examination of the City Tax Map and a site visit as a survey. The City proposes to sell the sliver lot for \$320.25 and the estimated cost of improvements is not known. The Commission has not addressed the issue of price.

The proposed LDA is in keeping with the Livable City Initiative mission which is to reduce neighborhood density by merging parcels when possible in an effort to increase the average lot sizes, namely to provide off street parking, play space and additional side yards in neighborhoods where side yards are scarce.

## **ADVICE:**

Because the proposed sale will accommodate off street parking and green space the Commission finds the proposed reuse of the property suitable for the site in question and therefore recommends approval with condition:

1. A detailed site plan showing all proposed parking and driveway access shall be submitted to the City Plan Department for review and approval prior to issuance of a building permit.

**ADOPTED:** November 20, 2012

**Edward Mattison** 

Chair

Karyn M. Gilvarg A.I.A.

ATTEST:

Executive Director

