

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept funding from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) for the improvements to East Rock Park under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Submitted by: Giovanni Zinn, City Engineer

REPORT: 1617-06

ADVICE: Approve.

BACKGROUND

As part of the State of Connecticut’s American Rescue Plan Act authorizations, the State Legislature designated \$1M in funding to be available for improvements in East Rock Park. These funds will be utilized to improve the park, its amenities, and fields, in a manner consistent with the guidelines of the ARPA. These funds are not from the City’s ARPA allocations.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

In accordance with Title I, Article XIII, Section 2(A) of the New Haven Code of Ordinances states, **"Every Ordinance or Resolution of the Board of Alders relating to the location and use of any street, bridge, boulevard, esplanade, square, park, playground, playfield, aviation field, parking space, public building, [grant funding], the facilities or terminals of any public utility, or the establishment or change in the boundaries of or regulations concerning zoning, shall be at once referred to the City Planning Commission and final action shall not be taken on any such Ordinance or Resolution until the commission shall have reported thereon, provided that the Board of Alders may establish by ordinance a period of not less than sixty (60) Days within which the commission shall file its report with the City Clerk and if no report is filed within such period the approval of the commission shall be presumed."** Accordingly, the Board of Alders seeks guidance regarding the proposed amendment.

The Board of Alder seeks guidance as to:

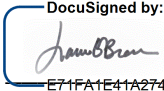
- Whether the proposal is aligned with the City’s Comprehensive Plan.
- The City’s Comprehensive Plan states, as a goal, to **“Connect residents to quality outdoor recreation.”**

ADVICE

The proposal is aligned with the City’s Comprehensive Plan because it:

- Improves outdoor recreation space
- Repairs deteriorated infrastructure

ADOPTED: October 6, 2022
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

ATTEST:  October 7, 2022 | 5:14 PM
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Laura E Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department