

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** authorizing the Mayor to apply for, execute, acknowledge, implement and deliver any and all documents as may be considered necessary or appropriate for the State Historic Preservation Offices Grant: Supplemental Certified Local Government grant. (Submitted by: Aicha Woods, Executive Director of City Plan)

REPORT: **1573-09**

ADVICE: **Approve**

BACKGROUND

The City Plan Department applied to the State Historic Preservation Office for a Supplemental Certified Local Government grant of \$20,000. The goal of the grant is to study possibilities for adaptive reuse in the River Street National Register Historic District, as well as other districts facing the similar combination of issues: Remediation of contaminated land, adaptation to flood risks, and rehabilitation of historic resources. The funds would be used to match the Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant.

The process will consist of hiring a consultant to conduct an economic feasibility study on potential reuse models, as well as engaging local stakeholders in assessing needs and desires for the area. The project will provide a set of models and practices that can be used in planning for areas with similar conditions: Historic importance, deteriorating physical conditions, and flood risk.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The City of New Haven Comprehensive Plan **New Haven Vision 2025** calls to:


“Adhere to a preservation-based philosophy to ensure high quality efforts across a broad spectrum of uses, depending on the financial viability of the situation” **Sec. IV-14**

Perusing funding opportunities to fund a feasibility study focusing on adaptive uses of historic resources, estimation of rehabilitation costs, cleanup regulations and costs, and adaptation to flood-related risk complies with the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: September 16, 2020
Ed Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Aicha Woods
Executive Director, City Plan Department