

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Authorizing the City of New Haven to accept the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00), from 335 Orange Street, LLC, to be dedicated to Capital Pedestrian Improvements, for the “Audubon Square” Development Project at Orange Street and Audubon Street. (City Engineer)

REPORT: 1546-07

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

The City Engineer is submitting an Order to the Board of Alders to authorize the City of New Haven to accept Pedestrian Improvement Funds in the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) from 335 Orange, LLC to be dedicated to the construction of pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Orange Street and Audubon Street. 335 Orange, LLC, the developer of Audubon Square, met with the City of New Haven’s Department of Transportation, Traffic & Parking (“TT&P”) and the Department of Engineering to discuss addressing concerns regarding crossing safety and additional pedestrian traffic expected to be generated by the 269 residential unit development. The departments of TT&P and Engineering negotiated a one-time contribution of \$60,000.00 from 335 Orange, LLC to be dedicated to pedestrian safety improvements at the Orange Street and Audubon Street intersection adjacent to the Audubon Square project, the McQueeney apartments, and the Audubon Arts District. The funds will be held until the pedestrian improvements can be constructed at a time that avoids interference with the construction of Audubon Square.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The Order before the Board would improve pedestrian safety in an area that is undergoing massive transformation from a surface parking lot to a densely built residential, retail, and restaurant development that will significantly increase pedestrian activity in the area. 335 Orange, LLC’s contribution will help to enhance the pedestrian safety and the vitality of Downtown and the rapidly growing block bounded by Orange Street and the Audubon Arts District, Audubon Street, State Street, and Grove Street.

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: July 18, 2018
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: MDL.
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Deputy Economic Development Administrator